

questing me "to transmit, if compatible with the public interest, all information and correspondence relating to Indian affairs during the past year," has been received. I herewith communicate copies of so much of the correspondence as is deemed necessary to show fully the action of the Federal and State Governments, and the character and extent of the services performed by each, so far as the Volunteer force was concerned. This correspondence embraces the orders issued from this Department, except so far as they were communicated with my annual message. The orders extended by Gen. Jesse Carter, the State's special agent at Tampa—those made by Col. M. Whit Smith the commander of a special Battalion, with the reports of all commanders of companies, so far as they have been received at head-quarters. These show fully the circumstances under which I recognized certain volunteer companies on the frontier as in the service of the State, and subsequently caused them to be regularly mustered. The muster rolls, as far as they have been perfected, are on file in the office of the Quarter-Master General, together with such abstracts and duplicates as have been received, and will be communicated, if desired, or subjected to the examination of such committee of either or both Houses as may be appointed for that purpose.

In addition to the papers herewith communicated, there is on file a large amount of miscellaneous correspondence, relating directly or indirectly to the recent Indian hostilities, but which it is believed would neither be interesting or profitable to the Senate, and it is presumed was not intended to be embraced in the call for information. This, however, will be promptly sent in if desired, or will be handed to such committee as may be appointed by either or both Houses of the General Assembly.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read.
Also the following :

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

HON. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate :

Sir—I have approved and signed the following Senate bills :
"Bill for the relief of Isaiah Cobb ex-Sheriff of Santa Rosa county ;"
"An Act to declare Yellow River navigable."

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and
On motion of Mr. Eppes, 200 copies of the Message and accompanying documents were ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly ;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Hopkins moved that he be excused from any further duty as Chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs ;

Which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the vote taken to print the Governor's Message and documents was re-considered ; and the same were ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

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

The following bills which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Joshua Jesse Stafford to Joshua Jesse Sanford ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize James W. Bryant to establish a ferry across the St. Johns river ;

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

The Senate has rejected House bill to change the present mode of selling the State lands ; and also,

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

The Senate has passed the House bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of the Probate Courts of this State with the following amendment, viz : Strike out the Preamble to said bill.

The following bills which had passed both Houses and duly signed by the presiding officers, have been transmitted to his Excellency the Governor for approval, viz :

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

An Act to authorize Andrew Jackson Deens to establish a ferry across the Escambia river ;

An Act granting lands to trustees for the benefit of the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company ;

Also an Act to change the names of James Bell, Martha Ann Odham and Emory Odham.

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 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 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the several Judges of Probate in this State to sell real estate ;

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

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

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 Alabama and Florida, to aid in the construction of certain Railroads in said States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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 entitled an Act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors, approved December 22, 1854, having considered the subject, instruct the undersigned to

REPORT :

They see no good reason to increase the pay of jurors as fixed and provided by the Act of 1854.

By that Act grand and petit jurors are allowed the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, beside mileage of five cents, to be paid out of the treasury of the State, and your committee, in the absence of any reason or necessity for the same, feel reluctant to tax the State to a greater extent.

The bill referred to your Committee, is merely amendatory of the first Section of the Act of 1854, and provides an increase of pay to Jurors, to be taxed against the State, leaving intact the other clause in said Act, in reference to witnesses ; and your Committee believing that ample pay is already provided in the premises, recommend that said bill do not pass.

In the opinion of your Committee, the compensation now provided is ample ; and were it not, they see no reason for the discrimination as to the two classes, made by the bill under consideration.

For these reasons, your Committee recommend that said bill do not pass.

T. J. EPPES,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was read and the report concurred in, and,

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

Mr. Filor moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives to request that a bill to be entitled an Act in favor of the American Telegraph Company be returned to the Senate ;

Messrs. Filor, McElvy and McBride were appointed said Committee.

The Committee having proceeded to the House of Representatives, returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and asked to be discharged.

Mr. Filor asks the unanimous consent of the Senate to enable the Secretary to correct a clerical error in the bill entitled an Act in favor of the American Telegraph Company ;

Which was granted and said correction made.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 16, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir :—The House has rejected Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James N. Hendry.

The House has passed Senate 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 Lands, with the following amendment, to-wit: Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following :

That the Register of State Lands be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell to William S. Perry, of Alachua county, the north-west quarter of section sixteen, township ten, range twenty-two, south and east, belonging to the Common School Fund, at such price per acre as shall be determined upon by three disinterested persons to be appointed as hereinafter directed.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Register shall designate and appoint three disinterested persons residing in Alachua county, who shall appraise the land mentioned in the first section of this act and determine the price at which the same shall be sold according to the first section aforesaid, and upon the said William S. Perry complying with the law in reference to the sale of said lands, the

said Register shall execute to him a certificate of purchase or deed as the case may be, at the price determined upon by said appraisers.

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 amendment by the House concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, Mr. Cone was excused from attendance on the Senate until the 27th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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 Alabama and Florida, to aid in the construction of certain Railroads in said States;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the several Judges of Probate in this State to sell real estate;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Welch—14.

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 repeal 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;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Welch—13.

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 to provide for the payment of the debts of the State;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning limitations of actions;

Was read a second time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Welch—12.

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 incorporate a Bank in the city of Apalachicola;

Was read and made the special order for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvement in this State, approved January 6, 1855, so that those counties and corporate towns that have subscribed for stock in any of the Roads mentioned in said Act may be required to refund to their citizens respectively all monies paid by them as a Rail Road tax and for other purposes;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to alter and amend the law in regard to Auctioneers in this State;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to protect the inhabitants of Duval county from intrusions by sailors on the Sabbath day;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt and McBride—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brooks, Eppes, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy and Welch—6.

So the 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 benefit of Commerce;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of the county site of Manatee county;

Was read a second time, on motion 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, Brinson, Eppes,

Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Welch—15.

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 to legalize the will of John Perry deceased ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Register to sell the 16th sections in certain cases ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act, requiring the Register of Lands to have all the School Lands in Holmes and Calhoun Counties appraised and offered for sale.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Dell moved the following amendment, viz :

Strike out the word "and" between the words "Holmes and Calhoun," and insert immediately after the word "Calhoun" the words Alachua and Levy.

Mr. Eubanks moved to strike out the word "and" between the words "Alachua and Levy," and insert immediately after Levy, the words "and Hernando ;"

Which amendments were adopted, and the bill put upon its passage as amended, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick McElvy, McBride and Welch—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the rule was waived, and the Committee on the Judiciary made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred an Act in relation to Divorces, have had the same under consideration, and,

REPORT :

That they unanimously recommend its passage. The bill does not impair the existing statutes on the subject, further than to restrict the Act of 1853, in regard to a residency of two years in the State, so as to declare the same not applicable to bona fide residents for any cause of Divorce occurring subsequent to removal into the State. In this your Committee think the amendment desirable, and therefore instruct the undersigned to recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. EPPES,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize George Bell, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Eppes, Eubanks, Hopkins, Hawes, McElvy and Welch—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs Brinson, Fisher, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick and McBride—7

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. Eppes allowed to introduce, without previous notice, a bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Depositions ;

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower Watson Ashhurst, a minor, to act as deputy Clerk for the Courts of Duval ;

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

Were read and ordered for to-morrow.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Brinson was allowed, without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of spinning and manufacturing cotton goods, at or near the town of Madison, in the county of Madison, State of Florida ;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize the business of banking ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to declare the mode and manner in which stock in any incorporated institution in this State shall be subject to execution and attachment ;

Which bills were read, the rule waived, read the second time by their titles, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to extend the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, in certain cases, within this State, beg leave to

REPORT :

That the policy of said bill does not commend itself favorable to

your Committee, and they would recommend that it do not pass.— In the opinion of your Committee, the adoption of Justices' Districts was based upon considerations of convenience, as well to suitors as to defendants; giving to the first a speedy method of collecting their claims; and to the second, the privilege of trial where they reside, and they do not approve a change in this particular. Besides this, your Committee think that the expenses incident to suits by Justices of the Peace in places remote from their established Districts, would be attended with too great expense and result in no benefit whatever. In addition, your Committee find that the main objects of the bill are secured by right of action in the several circuit courts of our State by decision of the Supreme Courts making concurrent the jurisdictions of Circuit and Justices' Courts.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. EPPES,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

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

THURSDAY, December 18th, 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.

A call of the House was ordered.

The following gentlemen answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Myrick, McElvy, McBride and Tracy.

Mr. Welch offered a resolution relative to 16th sections;

Which was read and placed among the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 17, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

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

A bill to create and organize the counties of Lafayette and Taylor;

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the maintenance, care and custody of Lunatics or insane persons in this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act granting to the city of Pensacola, certain lands therein mentioned;

A bill to be entitled an Act to improve the navigation of the Suwannee river;

A bill to be entitled an Act to define the boundary line between Duval and Nassau counties;

A bill to be entitled an Act to supply the deficiency of the appropriation of the last fiscal year, for contingent expenses of the Supreme Court;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize N. A. Jameson to establish a ferry across the Santa Fee river;

A Resolution to provide for cleaning out the Ocklawaha river, for steamboat navigation;

Senate 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;

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to appoint Prosecuting Attorneys for the State, in certain cases and to amend 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; and,

Senate Resolution relative to the Graduation Act of August 4th, 1854;

The House has rejected Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Absalom S. Smith, Ira S. Rouse and W. W. Burke;

The House has concurred in Senate amendment to a bill to be entitled an Act further to define the duties of the Probate Courts of this State;

The House has ordered the printing of 80 copies of a bill to be entitled an Act to fix the price of the Internal Improvement and Swamp and Overflowed Lands, and to provide for the sale of said Lands to actual settlers in certain cases.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't serv't,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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