

banks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes, Keitt and Lamar—3.

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 improve the navigation of the Suwannee river ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Duncan, Hawes, Keitt and Myrick—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Lamar, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—13.

So the bill was lost.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act, to regulate the Pilotage of the St. Johns Bar and River ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act, to change the location of the County site of Calhoun County ;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times 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.

House bill to be entitled an Act, to amend the several Acts in relation to suits by attachment in the Circuit Courts and before Justices of the Peace in this State ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act, empowering the Register to sell to Nathaniel Fowler a quarter section of land ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to repeal and annul the fourth section of an Act entitled an Act authorizing a Road tax in Hernand county, approved December 14th, 1855 ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the sale of certain lands lying upon the Georgia line ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Elizabeth Bathlow to sell the real estate of the late Ephraim Guann, deceased, in Marion county ;

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

A Resolution in relation to the accounts of Captains Devall and Jernigan ;

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

On motion of Mr. Hawes the Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 20, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the appointment of weighers of cotton and hay for the town of Jacksonville ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the location of the county site of Calhoun county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower Watson Ashhurst to act as deputy clerk ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow the several Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to hold extra terms, whenever, in their opinion, the public safety may require ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to create and organize the counties of Lafayette and Taylor ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to define the boundary line between Duval and Nassau counties.

The following House bill and resolution, having been rejected by the Senate, have also been returned to the House, viz :

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

House resolution to provide for clearing out the Ocklawaha river, for steamboat navigation.

Mr. Fisher moved that the House bill to be entitled an Act, granting to the City of Pensacola certain lands therein mentioned, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day ;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Tracy allowed to introduce without previous notice, a bill for the benefit of Nassau County.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Duncan introduced a bill to be entitled an Act, to repeal an Act, entitled an Act, to establish the ad valorem system of taxation ;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the Day.

Mr. Dell moved that the committee having charge of 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, be instructed to report upon the same ;

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report as correctly enrolled, An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia, to subscribe for stock in the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company.

Also, an Act to regulate Pilotage at the Port of Fernandina, in the County of Nassau, and the Port of Cedar Key, County of Levy.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. HOPKINS,
Chairman.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report :

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act, to raise a revenue for the State of Florida, and for other purposes, approved July 26, 1845, have instructed the undersigned to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

Also, a bill to be entitled an Act, increasing the salary of the Governor's private Secretary with the word "three" substituted for "five" in the fifth line of section 1, the passage of which, with this amendment, your committee also recommend.

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 bills as correctly Engrossed :

Abill 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 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Bank in the City of Apalachicola ;

A bill to be entitled an Act, to incorporate a Company for the purpose of reclaiming overflowed and Swamp Lands in Volusia, Orange and Brevard Counties, and encouraging settlement and cultivation of the country ;

A Resolution concerning 16th section in Walton County.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 19, 1856.

Hon. President of the Senate :

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to prevent unnecessary cost in suits at law, in this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to secure the better working of roads ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to divide Duval county, and to organize a new county, to be called Baker county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to require the Register of State Lands to have all the School Lands of Columbia, Marion, Levy, Hamilton, Hillsborough, Santa Rosa, Escambia, St. Johns, Alachua, Madison and Orange counties, that have not been offered for sale, appraised and offered ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorise Samuel A. Pearce to establish a ferry on Yellow river ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal the fifth section of an Act entitled an Act to organize the county of Sumter, approved January 8th, 1853 ;

Resolution asking Congress to establish a mail route ;

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

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

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the town of Milton, in Santa Rosa county, approved 23d February, 1844 ; and,

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to organize the county of Liberty.

The House has concurred in Senate amendment to a bill to be entitled an Act to amend and alter the law in regard to auctioneers in this State.

The House refuses to concur in Senate amendments to a 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.

The House has ordered the printing of eighty copies of a bill to be entitled an Act relative to associations organized to construct lines of telegraph.

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

Which was read and the accompanying bills which had passed the House were placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled an Act empowering the Register to sell to Nathaniel Fowler a quarter section of land ;

Was read the second time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to repeal and annul the fourth section of an Act entitled an Act authorizing a road tax in Hernando county, approved December 14, 1855 ;

Was read the second time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the sale of certain lands lying upon the Georgia line ;

Was read the second time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Elizabeth Bathlow to sell the real estate of the late Ephraim Guann, deceased, of Marion county ;

Was read the second time and ordered for Monday next.

A Resolution for the relief of Captains Devall and Jernigan ;

Was read the second time and ordered for Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act to organize the Supreme Court ;

Came up on its second reading, when Mr. Myrick moved to strike out the second section of the bill ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Myrick moved to strike out all of said bill after the enacting clause ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Myrick and Tracy and were :

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

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Eppes, Eubank, Filor, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—12.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved to fill the blank in the third line with the words "three dollars."

On the question of the adoption of said motion, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Myrick and Eppes, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—12.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins, Myrick, McBride and Tracy—6.

So the amendment to the bill was adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved that the words "or employ other counsel," occurring in section four, fifth line, of said bill, be stricken out ;

Which was adopted and the same amended.

On motion, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of Nassau county ;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

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

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

On motion, the rule was waived, and the committee on Finance made the following report :

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an Act to relieve from taxation all Vessels built and owned in the State have instructed the undersigned to

REPORT :

That although in their opinion the building of Vessels in this State is of great advantage, still under the constitution which provides that all taxes shall be equal and uniform, they cannot conscientiously recommend any species of property to be exempted, and have therefore instructed the undersigned to report the same back to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,
 Chairman.

The Rule being waived, the committee on Internal Improvement made the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred "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 Rail Roads in said States, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have examined the same, and hereby return it to the Senate and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR,

Chairman Com. Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Bank in the City of Apalachicola ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Myrick, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—14.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Keitt and Lamar—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, Mr. Hopkins was excused from attendance on the Senate, the balance of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act to exempt from taxation vessels owned and built in this State ;

Came up on its third reading, and, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an Act increasing the salary of the Governor's Private Secretary ;

Came up on its second reading, and,

On motion, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to divide Duval county, and organize a new county to be called Baker ;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

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 ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and McBride—12.

Nays—Messrs. Fisher, Myrick, Tracy and Welch—4.

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—13.

Nay—Mr. Myrick—1.

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 to amend the several Acts in relation to suits of attachments in the Circuit Courts, and before Justices of the Peace in this State ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to prevent unnecessary costs in suits in this State ;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A Resolution concerning 16th sections in Walton county ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Myrick, Tracy and Welch—12.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Lamar, McElvy and McBride—4.

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 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 ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, 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.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of reclaiming overflowed and swamp lands in Volusia, Orange and Brevard counties, and encouraging settlement and cultivation of the country ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Myrick, McElvy and Welch—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Duncan McBride and Tracy—4.

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 secure the better working of roads;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to require the Register of State Lands to have all the School Lands of Columbia, Marion, Levy, Hamilton, Hillsborough, Santa Rosa, Escambia, St. Johns, Alachua, Madison and Orange counties that have not been offered for sale, appraised and offered;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act, to authorize Samuel A. Pearce to establish a Ferry on Yellow River;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an Act to repeal the fifth section of an Act, entitled an Act, to organize the county of Sumter, approved January, 8, 1853;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

House resolution asking Congress to establish a Mail Route;

Was read the first time and ordered for Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the Senate excused Mr. McElvy from attendance on the Senate until the 27th instant.

On motion, Mr. Myrick was excused from attendance on the Senate during the present session after Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, a committee of three was appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives, to inform that body, that the Senate would be in readiness to go into the election of State officers at 1 o'clock of to-day.

Messrs Eppes, Lamar and Hawes were appointed said Committee;

Who having proceeded to the House and returned, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and ask to be discharged.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through a Committee from that body, informing the Senate that the House of Representatives would be in readiness to proceed to the election of State officers at half-past one o'clock.

Mr. Eppes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House resolution to go into an election of State officers at half-past one o'clock, of this day, be concurred in.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned to the House of Representatives,

and having entered the Hall, the President of the Senate, on motion of the Speaker of the House, took the Chair.

The President having stated the object of the joint meeting, the election of Secretary of State being first in order—the name of F. L. Villipigue being put in nomination,

The vote was as follows:

Senate.—For Villipigue—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—12.

Blank—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, McBride and Tracy—4.

House.—For Villipigue—28.—Total, 40.

Blank—7.—Total, 11.

The President declared F. L. Villipigue duly elected Secretary of State.

The President announced that the election of Attorney General was next in order.

Mr. Smithson nominated W. W. McCall.

Mr. McElvy nominated M. D. Papy.

The vote was as follows:

Senate.—For McCall—Messrs. Duncan Fisher, McBride and Tracy—4.

For Papy—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—12.

House.—For McCall—8.—Total, 12.

For Papy—26.—Total, 38.

Blank—1.—Total, 1.

The President declared M. D. Papy duly elected Attorney General.

The President announced that the election of Comptroller was next in order.

Mr. Cousins nominated J. T. Bernard:

Mr. McElvy nominated T. W. Brevard.

Mr. Lamar withdrew the name of Bernard.

The vote was as follows:

Senate.—For Brevard—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—12.

For Bernard—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher and Tracy—3.

Blank—Mr. McBride—1.

House.—For Brevard—26.—Total, 38.

For Bernard—9.—Total, 12.

The President declared T. W. Brevard duly elected Comptroller.

The President announced that the election of Treasurer was next in order.

Mr. McElvy nominated C. H. Austin.

Mr. Fisher nominated W. W. Harrison.

Senate.—For Austin—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—12.

For Harrison—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, McBride and Tracy—4. House.—For Austin—26.—Total, 38.

For Harrison—9.—Total, 13.

The President declared C. H. Austin duly elected Treasurer.

The President announced that the election of Clerk of the the Supreme Court was next in order.

Mr. McElvy nominated W. W. Scott.

Senate.—For Scott—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—12.

Blank—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, McBride and Tracy—4.

House.—For Scott—26.—Total, 38.

Blank—8.—Total, 12.

The President declared that W. W. Scott was duly elected Clerk of the Supreme Court.

The joint meeting then adjourned, and the Senators returned to the Senate Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the Senate adjourned until Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, December 22nd, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as chaplain.

The reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings, on motion, was dispensed with.

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 incorporate a Bank in the City of Apalachicola ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to raise a Revenue for the State of Florida ;

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 ;

Resolution concerning sixteenth sections in Walton county ;

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 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of reclaiming swamp and overflowed lands in Volusia, Orange and Brevard counties, and encouraging the settlement and cultivation of the country.

The following bill which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and signed by the proper officers of the same, were transmitted to his Excellency the Governor for approval, viz :

An Act to regulate Pilotage at the Port of Fernandina in the county of Nassau, and the Port of Cedar Key in the county of Levy ;

An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia county to subscribe for stock in the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company ;

An Act to allow Joseph M. Taylor, of Hernando county, to enter and pay for certain portions of the Common School Lands ;

An Act providing for the payment to the several counties of the interest arising from the School Fund, not heretofore drawn ;

An Act to authorize Mary Moreno, a minor, to assume the management of her own estate.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :
The Committee on Enrolled Bills

REPORT,

the following bills as correctly Enrolled :

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize Judges of Probate, in the several counties in this State, to appoint Guardians for Free Negroes ; also,

An Act to change the name of Joshua Jesse Stafford, to Joshua Jesse Sanford ; also,

An Act to prevent trading with free persons of color, in this State ; also,

An Act to authorize Harrison Fairbanks to establish a ferry across the Oclockonee river ; also,

An Act for the relief of Alexander Purviance, Absalom S. Smith, Ira S. Rouse and W. W. Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. HOPKINS,
Chairman.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred an Act to amend