

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

an Act to authorize the business of Banking, have had the same under consideration, and

REPORT :

That the object of the bill is to place the bonds of the several Railroad Companies in the State upon an equal footing with other public stocks, and authorize their receipt by the Comptroller in the manner, and subject to all the requirements and conditions of other public stock, as provided in the Act of January, 1853 ; and, believing such legislation would tend to enhance their value, and result beneficially to the State, your Committee recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. EPPES,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

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

Mr. Hopkins, from the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following report :

The select committee to whom was referred that portion of His Excellency's Message relating to Indian affairs,

REPORT :

That they have had under consideration certain papers connected with the outbreak of the Seminole Indians, from which it appears war did actually exist upon the frontier, or that portion of our State better known as the reserve. Your committee cannot do less than express deep regret at the apathy and injustice done by the General Government whereby our citizens have been subjected in several instances to the scalping knife of the savage. And what is equally to be regreted that portion of our State, has been materially effected by this state of affairs, and emigration wholly ceased.

Your committee with the present data before them, are unable to state the precise number of Troops called out for the protection of the settlers immediately adjoining the reserve, or the length of time they were actually employed in the field, from the fact of the commanders of mounted companies having failed to present their rolls. Nor is it in the power of your committee to form anything near what may be the actual cost as to the pay proper, of the troops called into the field by his Excellency, and in like manner, are we ignorant what sum will be necessary to foot up other expenditures incident to the military operations in the field.

Your committee are in possession of the report of Major M. Whit Smith, herewith annexed. He commanded a Battalion of

Infantry, and through the agency of his Quarter Master, E. R. Ives, the muster rolls of most of the companies have been placed in the possession of your committee.

But it will be impossible from this very small data, (however correct,) to form an idea of what would be necessary to meet the expenses of the whole. The commander of this force received his appointment on the 13th of June 1856, prior to this date. Major Smith, then in the capacity of Adjutant General of Brigade, was appointed Quarter Master, and is entitled to pay in such capacity. Of the other officers, we are unable to say any thing for want of their reports.

In conclusion, your committee are of the opinion, the executive could not do less than order out a small body of troops. Very many strong reports we find were made of dangers present and increasing. Your committee are not prepared to endorse the whole of said reports.

In conclusion your committee are of the opinion, the troops called into the Military service of the State, should be paid, and that speedily. Also, that payment should be made within the several counties, where such service was done.

Respectfully submitted.

ED. HOPKINS,
Chairman.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
December 12, 1856. }

To Major M. WHIT SMITH :

Sir—Will you furnish me with such information as you may be in possession of relative to "Indian Affairs," during the past season?

Very Respectfully,

EDWARD HOPKINS,
Ch'n Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

To the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs :

Gentlemen—Your favor of the 12th was handed to me a few hours ago, and I cheerfully respond to the request made upon me, to furnish you with such information as I may have in my possession touching the late service against the Seminole Indians. The following statement, and accompanying papers, contain all the facts in my possession, touching said service, that now occur to my mind as being important to your purposes, as expressed in your note.

Very Respectfully,

M. WHIT SMITH.

On the 26th April, his Excellency, Gov. Broome, directed me to send a detachment of troops, under command of a Captain from one of the mounted companies of Gen. Johnson's Brigade, to Levy

county, "for the purpose of examining" and reporting upon the various rumors of Indians, originating in that county. In obedience to this instruction, I ordered Capt. A. J. T. Wright to organize, and proceed at once, with a detachment of not more than thirty men, and of the same date I appointed Edward R. Ives, temporary quartermaster and commissary for the detachment, and directed him to proceed in company with the detachment, and to provide subsistence and forage for the same. Copies of my orders to Capt. Wright are appended, numbered 1 and 2. The instructions of his Excellency, above referred to, however, were not committed to writing, but given verbally to me, he being unwell at the time, with the understanding that they were to be written out and forwarded to me by mail, which has been omitted.

Capt. Wright, on the 30th of April, set out with his detachment, consisting of twenty men, and one Lieutenant, L. F. Raulerson, and on the 6th of May, made the annexed report, (marked B.) This report I received at Alligator, on the 8th of May, and immediately forwarded it to his Excellency, accompanied by a note informing him that I had despatched ten men to the aid of Capt. Wright, etc. On the 10th of May, his Excellency sent me the two communications of that date, hereunto annexed, and severally marked from the Governor, May 10, 1 and 2.

On the 13th of May, I received these communications, and proceeded immediately to execute the orders and instructions therein contained. I accompanied the troops in person, and gave direction to the entire expedition. I found it very difficult, however, to obtain the troops. The season had so far advanced that the people were all engaged in cultivating their crops, or in other pursuits of a fixed character, for the year, and but few were willing to abandon their engagements and enter the service. In this emergency I accepted the services of a detachment from Alachua county, under command of Capt. Robert Youngblood, assigning him a Lieutenant's command. I also sent forward as many of Capt. Wright's company as could be concentrated, and ordered out Capt. A. A. Stewart, with as many of his company as could be gotten together and equipped. Neither of those companies could be filled up in time to meet the emergency, and I also accepted the services of a detachment under command of Enoch Daniels, assigning him a lieutenant's command. The numbers and dates of these several detachments, you will readily ascertain by reference to the muster rolls, now in the possession of the Quarter-Master General (Col. Hugh Archer, Jr.), except that of Enoch Daniels, herewith submitted. With those troops I proceeded to investigate the Gulf Hammock; but the citizens of Levy county, residing near the hammock, were so much alarmed at the reports of Indians, previously circulated, that I found it necessary, before proceeding to the examination of the hammock, to estab-

lish a line of posts outside of the hammock, and to do this required more troops than I could spare from active service in the hammock, and to meet this emergency, I directed Capt. Watson, of Columbus, to send me twenty-five foot-men, under a non-commissioned officer. Captain Watson sent me only thirteen men, they being all he could concentrate in time for the emergency. This detachment was disbanded and discharged as soon as their services could be dispensed with, on the 10th of June.

Mr. Filor moved that 300 copies of the report of the Select Committee on Indian affairs be printed, with the accompanying papers; Which was adopted.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 20, 1856. }

HON. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I herewith transmit the report of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, accompanied by the reports of the Treasurer and Salesman. From the report of the Treasurer, it will be seen that there is in his hands in bonds and other obligations drawing interest, one hundred and fifty thousand six hundred and twelve dollars and five cents, (\$150,612 05-100,) exclusive of interest, and the sum of ten thousand three hundred and 70-100 dollars, (\$10,300 70-100,) in cash.

The report of the Salesman shows a balance in his hands in bonds taken on account of lands sold, of eighty two thousand two hundred and forty eight 28-100 dollars, (\$82,248 28-100,) and the sum of two thousand one hundred and sixty five 32-100 dollars (\$2,165 32-100,) in cash, making in the aggregate in cash and bonds, the sum of two hundred and forty five thousand three hundred and twenty six 35-100 dollars, (\$245,326 35-100.) In addition to this sum, there is a claim for reclamation against the Federal Government for swamp and overflowed lands, sold between the date of the grant and that of the confirmation to the State for an amount not yet adjusted, but which may be safely estimated, including sales for cash and land warrants, at the sum of one hundred and seventy five thousand dollars, making a total of over four hundred and twenty thousand dollars, which is, and will be at some early day, applicable to the purposes of the trust.

The estimate of the State's selecting agent is, that including the everglades, the swamp and overflowed lands granted to the State will amount to at least sixteen million (16,000,000) acres. Of this amount, eleven million three hundred and fifty nine thousand nine hundred and fifty eight acres have been selected; nine million five hundred and eighty one thousand six hundred and nine acres con-

firmed to the State, and nearly seven million patented. The work of examination, confirmation and patenting has been progressing in Washington City in a most satisfactory manner, and no doubt is now entertained that nearly the entire list of our selections will be approved and patented at an early day.

The Tallahassee Railroad Company has provided for the interest that will be due on their bonds on the first of January, and as that Road has now been finished and is profitably employed, will doubtless continue such provision, adding thereto the sinking fund required by law.

I respectfully invite the attention of the General Assembly to the suggestion of the Trustees, on the subject of additional legislation to enable them to protect the land embraced in the trust from depredation and waste. The present law is deemed wholly insufficient for the purpose.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES E. BROOME.

TALLAHASSEE, December 13, 1856.

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida :

Sir—For the information of the General Assembly, I have the honor to communicate to your Excellency the following statement of the action of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund :

Under the law to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January, 1855, which constituted the Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, Register of Public Lands and Attorney General, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, these officers met on the 18th day of January, 1855, to consult and advise as to the duties which were thus imposed on them, and as to the best manner in which they could be discharged. In view of the importance of the interests confided to them, and of the necessity of keeping regular records of their acts, it became obvious that a regular organization into a Board, and the appointment of officers to discharge the varied duties incumbent on them was essential to the proper fulfilment of the requirements of the law. Accordingly the Board was duly organized, and at a subsequent day rules and regulations were adopted requiring the election of a President, Secretary, Salesman of land, and Treasurer of the Board, and assigning to each the duties properly devolving on them. The President is required to preside at all meetings, to sign all orders of the Board for the payment of money, to sign the minutes of each meeting and to perform such other duties as may be required of him. The duty of the Secretary is declared to be to record the minutes of the Board in a book to be kept for that purpose, and to countersign the minutes—to attest

all orders of the Board for the payment of money, to keep regular accounts, showing the amounts of all orders drawn by the Board, stating the particular heads of payment, to write such correspondence as may be necessary to be carried on by the Board, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him.

The Salesman is required to sell all lands vested in the Trustees under such rules and regulations as may be established by the Board—to keep and preserve all books, maps, charts, papers, documents and evidence appertaining to or concerning the said lands—to pay to the Treasurer as soon as received by him from time to time, for or on account of the lands vested in the Trustees, taking a receipt therefor. The Treasurer is required to receive all monies which by the rules of the Board are required to be paid over to him, or which by special order he may be required to receive, to pay out of said monies such orders as may from time to time be drawn upon him by direction of the Board, provided such orders be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary—to keep regular accounts of his receipts and payments, which shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Board—to invest the monies in his hands in such manner and in such securities as the Board may from time to time direct. He was also required to give a bond payable to the President of the Board and his successors in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, conditioned to discharge his duties faithfully, with securities to be approved by the Board.

In considering how and by whom these several offices should be filled, and as the law appointing the Trustees clearly contemplated "expense in the management and sale of these lands" and authorized the payment thereof, the Trustees determined to make the appointments from their own number, as well because there would be greater facility and despatch in business, as because the duties could be performed at a less compensation than if the appointments were otherwise made. Accordingly they selected out of their number a Salesman at a salary of six hundred dollars a year—a Treasurer at a salary of five hundred dollars, and a Secretary at a salary of four hundred dollars. These several amounts were considered but a just compensation for the services which had thus been required of these officers by the rules of the Board, and less perhaps than they could be obtained for under other circumstances.

Within the time prescribed in the fifth section of the act of 6th January, 1855, referred to, the Trustees were duly notified of the full acceptance of the provisions of the said act by the following Railroad Companies, viz: The Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, The Florida Railroad Company, The Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad Company, and the Tallahassee Railroad Company.

On the 17th January last, on the application of the Tallahassee

Railroad Company, and on being furnished with the evidence required by law, the Board resolved to endorse their guaranty on the Bonds of said Company amounting to one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, being at the rate of eight thousand dollars per mile for fifteen miles, and on the 2d July last, thirty thousand dollars of bonds additional, for the purchase of the necessary equipments, were guaranteed, being at the rate of two thousand dollars per mile for fifteen miles.

In September another application was made for our guaranty upon bonds issued by said Company for the purchase of the rail, spikes, &c., for the remaining five and three quarters miles, and the guaranty was accordingly given for forty-five thousand dollars.

Under the authority granted by the second section of the act of 1855, to invest the surplus monies in "stocks of the United States, stocks of the several States, or the Internal Improvement Bonds issued under the provisions of said act," the Trustees directed their Treasurer to purchase ninety of the Tallahassee Railroad Bonds of five hundred dollars each, amounting to forty-five thousand dollars, at ninety cents in the dollar, the first semi-annual coupon off, and on the 4th day of June, 1856, authority was also given to the Treasurer to purchase six thousand dollars more of said bonds at the same rates.

The Trustees were influenced to this course by the consideration that a home sale of these bonds would give them character and credit in the foreign money markets, as it would shew that here where the operation of the Rail Road enterprizes are supposed to be best known, there is confidence in their success and in their ability to meet their engagements. The Tallahassee Rail Road having been completed, and being now in successful operation, we have every assurance that the interest as well as the principal of its bonds will be promptly paid. The Trustees have also guaranteed of the Florida Railroad Company to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars for the structure necessary to cross from the West side of Nassau river to Amelia Island under certificates of the State Engineer, that the work had been completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner, subsequently, and on the 9th of September last, on the certificate of the State Engineer, that ten miles of the Road had been graded, and the cross ties furnished an additional number of bonds amounting to eighty thousand dollars were guaranteed to enable the company to procure the iron necessary for this portion of the Road, and I have the satisfaction of stating that we have since been advised, that the iron has been laid on these ten miles, and that the work on the remainder is rapidly progressing.

As in the case of the Tallahassee Rail Road Company, so in this. The Trustees authorized their Treasurer to purchase forty-five thousand dollars of bonds at ninety cents, believing that no injury could thereby result to the trust fund, but that an impulse would be given

to the operations of the company which would facilitate the final completion of the work.

Early after the organization of the Board of Trustees in proceeding to discharge that portion of their duties which relate to the sale of the lands, considered it best to conform to the rules which had been established by the State, and accordingly, they resolved that the Internal Improvement Lands, (as contradistinguished from the Swamp Lands,) should be sold in the same manner, and under the same terms as were authorized by the State laws previous to the passage of the act vesting them in the Trustees subsequently, and on the 5th day of December, 1855, for reasons appearing satisfactory to the majority of the Board, the price of such of these lands as are situated in Levy and Alachua Counties, was increased one hundred per cent, and of the remainder throughout the State fifty per cent.—It soon became apparent that some action should, if possible, be had by the Board for the disposition of the Swamp Lands, inasmuch as many of them valuable only for timber would be rendered unsaleable by the trespasses which would probably be committed upon them. It was however impossible, owing to the condition of the selections and to the want of confirmation of the larger portion of them, that any immediate step could be taken for their sale, and hence the offering of these lands was delayed until January last, when they were made subject to entry at a dollar and a quarter per acre, upon the same terms as were prescribed for the sale of other lands.

In determining upon the price at which these lands should be sold, the Trustees acted upon the suggestion, that some of them were fully worth a dollar and a quarter, and would readily sell at that price, and that as the most valuable passed out of their hands by sale, the price would be reduced, and thus by a gradual reduction each grade would bring its corresponding value, while no part would be sold for less than its real worth, which in all likelihood would have been the case if an average price of the whole had been adopted. The sales which have already been made would seem to justify the course which has thus been pursued.

I would suggest that the Trustees feel their powers inadequate to protect the lands under their charge from trespasses, and deem it a fit occasion to bring this matter to the attention of the General Assembly, to the end that they may enact such laws as in their wisdom may be deemed sufficient for the purpose.

Very respectfully, &c.

M. D. PAPY,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, November 1, 1856. }

His Excellency JAMES E. BROOME,
Governor of Florida:

Sir—I have the honor to herewith submit, through you, to the General Assembly, my report as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, commencing April 10, 1855, (the date terminating my last report upon the Internal Improvement Fund as Treasurer of the State,) and ending October 31, 1856.

Very Respectfully, your obedient servant,
C. H. AUSTIN,
Treas. Board Internal Improvement Fund.

The Treasurer in account with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida:

1855.		(DR.)	
April 10.	To balance per Report of April 9, 1855, viz:		
	As Treasurer of the State of Florida,		
	Cash,	\$22,250 88	
	Transferred to Trustees, land bonds,	12,777 98—	\$35,028 86
May 7.	“ am't rec'd fm D. S. Walker, salesman,	1,765 90	
June 4.	“ “ “ “ “ “	2,234 47	
July 7.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,210 24	
August 6.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,385 70	
Sept'er 3.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,519 50	
Oct'ber 1.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,496 21	
Nov'ber 6.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,936 54	
Dec'ber 4.	“ “ “ “ “ “	3,000 00	
1856.	“ “ “ “ “ “		
Janu'ry 2.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,856 99	
Febru'ry 7.	“ “ “ “ “ “	3,256 83—	3,133 00
March 4.	“ fm State of Florida on acc't loan		
“ 5.	“ “ “ D. S. Walker, salesman,	4,394 36	
April 5.	“ “ “ “ “ “	3,545 63	
May 5.	“ “ “ “ “ “	4,252 47	
June 5.	“ Tallahassee R.R. bonds, \$500 00 } Cash, 3,748 99 }	4,394 36	
July 5.	“ am't rec'd fm D. S. Walker, salesman,	2,840 76	
August 2.	“ Tallahassee R.R. bonds \$2,500 00 } Cash, 2,392 48 }	4,392 48	
Sept'er 2.	“ am't rec'd fm D. S. Walker, salesman,	2,038 24	
Oct'ber 7.	“ Tallahassee R.R. bonds, \$100 00		
“ “	“ Cash, 1,278 81		
			— \$46,754 12
	“ amount balance on interest account,		2,840 95
			<u>\$87,756 93</u>

1855.		(CR.)	
April 14.	By salary of officers, Salesman, Treasurer and Secretary,	\$ 199 97	
“ 30.	“ iron safe for Salesman's office,	145 00	
July 7.	“ quarter's salary of officers Salesman, Treas'r & Sec'y, “ Benet & Teusdale's bill of supplies furnished State Engineers in survey of canal of the St. Johns and Indian river,	375 00	
Oct'r 15.	“ desk for Salesman's office,	501 14	
“ 24.	“ postage,	15 00	
“ 31.	“ quarter's salary of Salesman, Treasurer and Secretary,	5 59	
1856.	“ “ “ “ “ “	8 38	
January 2.	“ “ “ “ “ “	375 00	
“ 17.	“ G. & J. Meginness' bill of stationery and candles, for Salesman's office,	375 00	
“ 19.	“ postage account,	49 49	
Feb'ary 2.	“ “ “ “ “ “	12 01	
“ 15.	“ McDougall & Hobby's bill for blank books for offices,	3 64	
“ 23.	“ Tallahassee Railroad bonds,	27 00	
“ 25.	“ Florida News bill for advertising,	45,000 00	
“ 27.	“ B. F. Allen's bill for printing for Salesman's office, “ The Sentinel and Alligator Advertiser's bill for adver- tising,	3 00	
March 25.	“ cash paid Randolph & Wells, on acc't selecting lands,	50 00	
“ 26.	“ McDougall & Hobby's bill for stationery for offices,	4,143 82	
April 1.	“ quarter's salary of Salesman, Treasury and Secretary,	11 97	
“ 28.	“ investment of \$40,500 of the Florida Railroad bonds,	375 00	
“ 30.	“ Randolph & Wells, on acc't selecting lands,	14,245 91	
“ “	“ paid postage acc't for Salesman's office,	856 18	
“ “	“ repairing safe for “ “ “ “	21 56	
May 15.	“ refunded D. T. Largo, land improperly entered,	1 50	
June 5.	“ Randolph & Wells, on acc't selecting lands,	29 46	
July 5.	“ postage acc't for Salesman's office,	2,500 00	
“ 10.	“ quarter's salary of Salesman, Treasurer and Secretary,	18 52	
“ 12.	“ \$6,000 Tallahassee Railroad bonds,	375 00	
August 5.	“ Randolph & Wells, on acc't selecting lands,	5,400 00	
Sept'ber 2.	“ “ “ “ “ “	600 00	
“ 2.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1035 79	
October 2.	“ “ “ “ “ “	353 78	
“ 27.	“ quarter's salary of Salesman, Treasurer and Secretary, “ postage account for Salesman's office,	624 76	
	“ balance, viz: Tallahassee Railroad bonds, \$2,600 00	375 00	
	Land bond, \$12,777 99	24 71	
	Less collected, 11,565 93—1,213 05		
	Cash on hand, 10,300 70—14,112 75		
			<u>\$87,756 93</u>
	To balance brought down, viz:		
	Loan to State of Florida,		30,000 00
	North Carolina bonds,	\$45,000 00	
	Less sold to Florida Railroad,	26,000 00—	19,000 00
	Florida Rail Road bonds,		45,000 00
	Tallahassee Railroad bonds,		53,600 00
	Gadsden County bond,		1,150 00

Calhoun " "	650 00
Land Bonds,	1,212 05
Cash on hand,	10,300 70
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	\$160,912 75

C. H. AUSTIN,

Treasurer of Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

STATE REGISTER'S OFFICE,
December 16, 1856.

Gov. JAMES E. BROOME,

*President of the Board of Trustees
for the Internal Improvement Fund:*

Sir—In compliance with the request of the Board, made on the 12th instant, I have to state that, from the 6th January, 1855, to November 1st, 1856, I sold of lands belonging to the Internal Improvement Fund, 44,474 10-100 acres, producing in cash, \$21,778 65, and \$40, 932 67 in bonds.

Balance cash on hand January 6th, 1855,	\$482 17	
Rec'd in cash, being first pay't for land,	21,778 65	
" on bonds,	31,854 22	
Interest on bonds,	209 40	
	<hr/>	\$54,324 44

DISBURSED.

Paid over to Treasurer,	\$52,101 08	
" for stationery,	48 04	
" " appraising land,	10 00	
Balance on hand,	2,165 32	
	<hr/>	\$54,324 44
Bonds on hand, January 6th, 1856,	\$73,169 83	
" received since " " "	40,932 67	
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Making	\$114,102 50	
Deduct cash received on bonds as above stated,	31,854 22	
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Balance on hand, November 1st, 1856, \$82,248 28

My reports to you of November 1st, 1856, stated that I had sold of swamp lands, from 23d January, 1856, to November 1st, 1856, 36,338 53-100 acres, producing in cash \$15,326 98-100, and in bonds \$33,052 43-100. This is an error. The sentence should have read thus: "I have sold of the swamp lands, which were brought into market on the 23d January, 1856, 31,848 07-100 acres at \$1 25 per acre, producing in cash \$15,326 98, and \$27,364 80 in bonds." In the statement of bonds on hand at that date, the

amount should be (\$82,248 28) eighty-two thousand two hundred and forty-eight 28-100 dollars, instead of \$88,715 01. The error occurred in copying.

Respectfully,

D. S. WALKER,
Register, &c.

Which was read, and 1000 copies of the Message and accompanying reports ordered to be printed.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Eubanks presented the petition of the citizens of Hernando County;

Which was read, and on motion was laid on the table.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Duncan introduced without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James N. Hendry, Sheriff of Hamilton County;

Which was read and ordered for to-morrow.

Resolution asking Congress to establish a Mail Route;

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, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Tracy and Welch—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A resolution asking Congress to grant lands to this State in lieu of the 16th sections in Forbes purchase, and the Arredondo grant, having passed the House with amendment,

On motion, the amendment of the House was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, the rule was waived, and 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, increasing the Salary of the Governor's private Secretary;

A bill to be entitled an Act, to amend an Act, to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

T. J. EPPES,

Char. Pro-tem, Com. on Engrossed Bills.

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

Came up on its second reading, being the special order of the day.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill—Mr. Tracy in the chair.

After some time spent in the consideration, on motion, the committee arose, and by their chairman reported the same back to the Senate without amendment;

Which report was concurred in, and,

On motion, was made the special order for Wednesday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida;

Came up on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the Senate agreeing thereto, it was put back on its second reading;

When Mr. Eppes moved to strike out the second section; which was adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out the word "Marshal," occurring in the first section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Sheriff;" which was adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out the fourth section; which was adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out the sixth section; which motion was adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved to strike out all after the word "year," occurring in the first section of said bill;

Which was not agreed to; and

On motion, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, Keitt and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins and Tracy—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 for the relief of James N. Hendry, Sheriff of Hamilton county;

Was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Duncan, was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts.

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

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

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

Mr. Fisher offered the following amendment, viz: "Provided, It shall not be within four miles of Griffith's ferry;

Which was adopted, and

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 22, 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 amend an Act to authorize County Commissioners to extend charters to bridges and ferries;

Resolution asking Congress to establish a mail route from Meltonville to Bayport;

Senate 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; and,

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to change the location of the county site of Calhoun county.

The House has passed Senate bill to be entitled an Act to protect the telegraphic wires and posts in the limits of the State, and for other purposes, with the following amendment, to-wit: Strike out the third section—in which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't serv't,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

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 8th, 1853;

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

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, that have not been offered for sale, to be appraised and offered;

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

A committee from the House of Representatives appeared, and requested that a bill to be entitled an Act to protect the telegraphic wires of this State, and for other purposes, be returned to the House.

On motion, Messrs. Eppes, Filor and Welch, were appointed a Committee to take charge of the bill, and,

Having returned from the House, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and asked to be discharged.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of Nassau ;
Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon the question of which the vote was ;

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt 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 authorize Elizabeth Bathlow to sell the real estate of the late Ephraim Guann, dec'd, of Marion county ;

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

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

Nay—Mr. Bird—1.

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 authorize the sale of certain lands lying on the Georgia line ;

Was read the third time 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, Tracy and Welch—14.

Nay—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 empowering the Register to sell Nathaniel Fowler a quarter section of land ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—12.

Nay—Mr. Eppes—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rule being waived, the Committee on Internal Improvements made the following report :

The Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an

Act granting to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, alternate sections of the swamp and overflowed lands, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, and herewith return it to the Senate and recommend that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

T. B. LAMAR,

Chairman Committee on Internal Improvements.

Which was received, and the bill read a third time, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy 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 entitled an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation ;

Was read a second time, and on motion was indefinitely postponed.

Upon the question of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Duncan and Hawes, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Keitt and Lamar—10.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins, Tracy and Welch—5.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Bird, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy 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 amend an Act, to authorize County Commissioners, to extend charters to bridges and ferries ;

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

House resolution to establish a Mail Route from Mellonville to Bay Port ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act, to divide the County of Duval ;

Was read the second time, and made the special order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Lamar offered a resolution providing for copying the laws of this session of the General Assembly.

On motion, the rule was waived, the resolution read the second and 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, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—15.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion, a call of the House was ordered, when the following gentlemen answered to their names :

Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar and Welch.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, half-past nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 23, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the business of Banking ;

A resolution relative to Captains Jernigan and Devall's accounts ;

A bill to be entitled an Act granting to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company alternate sections of swamp and overflowed lands ;

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 14th, 1855 ;

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

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

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 ;

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

House resolution asking Congress to establish a Mail route ;

Resolution providing for copying the laws of this General Assembly ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the better government of slaves in Monroe county.

The following bills which had passed both Houses and duly enrolled and signed by the presiding officers of the General Assembly, were transmitted to his Excellency the Governor for approval, viz :

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

A 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 ;

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 the Ocklockonee river ;

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

Mr. President presented the Petition of sundry citizens of Alachua county, on the subject of the location of the State Institution for the promotion of education at Micanopy ;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Eppes, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a 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, beg leave to

REPORT:

That in their opinion the bill is very objectionable, and should not pass. The main feature of said bill is to allow attachment writs