

An Act to authorize Mary Moreno to assume the management of her own estate ;

An Act to change the name of Joshua Jesse Stafford, &c. ;

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

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize Judges of Probate to appoint guardians for free negroes ;

An Act to authorize Harrison Fairbanks to establish a ferry across Ocklockonee river ;

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

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

Resolution relative to the establishment of a Land Office in the town of Milton.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the Sheriff of Madison County ;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Duncan, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Tracy and Welch—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks and Hopkins—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

FRIDAY, December 26th, 1856.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as chaplain.

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

The following bills which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly, and duly enrolled and signed by the presiding officers,

were transmitted to his Excellency the Governor for approval :

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Milton in Santa Rosa county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow William S. Perry to enter the N. W. quarter of section 16, Township 10, Range 22, of the Common School Lands.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act requiring the Register of lands to have all the School lands in Holmes and Calhoun counties offered for sale ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to fix the times of holding Courts in the Middle Circuit of Florida ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to secure the better execution of the Patrol laws ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to protect actual settlers and cultivators on State lands in this State ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to prevent unnecessary cost in suits at law in this State (as amended, viz : Section 1, 9th line after the word "consolidation" insert "in cases when consolidation is practicable, and in accordance with the principles of law and subject always to the discretion of the Court.")

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Filor introduced a Resolution for the protection of public property ;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage, upon the question of which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—13.

Nay—Mr. McBride—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

A resolution in relation to increasing the per diem pay of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Filor, Hawes, Keitt & Welch—6.

Nays—Messrs. Eubanks, Fisher, Hopkins, McBride & Tracy—5.

So the resolution was adopted.

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 for the relief of Nourse and Brooks ;

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

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the petition in regard to Orange county, was taken from the table.

The Committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report :

The Committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred a bill for the relief of John H. Patterson, Sheriff of Madison county,

#### REPORT :

That they have examined said bill and find it correct, and recommend the bill do pass.

GEO. D. FISHER,

Ch'n, pro tem. of the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish Common Schools ;

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

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

Having been made the special order of the day, came up on its third reading, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—None.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, McBride, Tracy and Welch—12.

So the bill was lost.

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

On motion of Mr Dell, the following amendment was ordered to be spread upon the journal :

To strike out the last amendment and insert the following :

A line commencing at the mouth of Doctors Lake, where it empties into the St. Johns river, running a North-west course for five miles, thence a due West course to the line of Columbia county, shall be the line between Duval and Baker counties.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, December 24, 1856. }

HON. PHILIP DELL,  
President of the Senate :

Sir—I respectfully present the following nominations, for the advice and consent of the General Assembly :

For Monroe county : Auctioneers—Joseph F. Parker, Christian Boyce, E. O. Gwynn, Henry Albany, Walter C. Mallory, John Boyle, Wm. H. Wall, Wm. H. Wall, jr., Wm. Curry, Benjamin Curry, Wm. Richardson, Henry Mulrennan, James Filor, Phillip J. Fontane. Commissioners of Pilotage—George Alderslade, Charles Home, Sr.

For Nassau county : Auctioneer—George L. Bryant.

For Duval county : Auctioneers—J. C. Heraming, Jas. O. Mat-tair.

Very Respectfully.

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and the nominations therein contained advised and concurred in.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 26, 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 locate the Seminary of Learning to be established West of the Suwannee ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the appointment of Inspectors of tar and turpentine in this State, approved January 6th, 1855 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the construction of the St. Johns and Indian River canal ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act authorizing Nathaniel Bryant to establish a ferry across the Suwannee River, at Shoal Town ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Daniel Young to establish a ferry across the Suwannee River, at or near the Ware House ;

Resolution asking Congress to grant the St. Francis Barracks to the city of St. Augustine ;

Senate 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 ;

Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the better government of slaves in the county of Monroe ;

Senate 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 ;

Senate Resolution providing for the copying of the laws passed by this General Assembly; and

Senate Resolution concerning 16th Sections in Walton county.

The House has rejected Senate bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of reclaiming overflowed or swamp lands in Volusia, Orange and Brevard Counties, and encouraging settlement and cultivation of the country.

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the resolution to adjourn sine die.

Very Respectfully,

**HUGH A. CORLEY,**

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was received and read, and the House bills placed among the orders, and the Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act explanatory of an Act to organize the county of Volusia, approved December 29th, 1854;

A bill to be entitled an Act to fix and locate the county site of Orange county;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Sumter county;

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the Volunteer Company of Hansford D. Dyches;

Which were received and placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred an Act for the relief of Nourse & Brooks of Franklin county, beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That they have examined the bill, and find it is for the payment of storage of State Arms and accoutrements for the term of nine years, and they believe the charge to be reasonable and legitimate, and would recommend its passage. Your Committee have before them the certificate of Col. R. J. Floyd, the Colonel of the Florida Militia for the Western Division of Florida, stating the correctness of the charge, and that the same was reasonable and proper, and for these reasons would recommend the passage of said bill.

Respectfully submitted,

**JAMES FILOR,**

Chairman.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Adin Eleazer Waterman, a minor, to contract and be contracted with;

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

Mr. Lamar, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on internal Improvement, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of those counties, cities and towns, which have subscribed, or may hereafter subscribe for stock in any railroad, or other work of Internal Improvement in this State, beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That they have examined the same, and are satisfied with the general features of the bill. They are of the opinion, however, that it is imperfect in its details, and obscure in its phraseology, and have, therefore, instructed the undersigned to report a substitute and recommend its passage.

Which is respectfully submitted.

**T. B. LAMAR,**

Chairman Com. Internal Improvement.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Nourse & Brooks;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—13.

Nays—None.

So the 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 the Sheriff of Madison county;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—11.

Nays—None.

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 road laws of Nassau county;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—11.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as amended.

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

On motion, the rule was waived, and the Committee on Finance made the following Report :

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation, approved December 15th, 1855, have examined the same, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying bill, in lieu of the bill referred, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES FILOR,  
Chairman.

Which was received.

Also the following :

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred House bill for the relief of Haley T. Blocker, Sheriff of Leon County,

#### REPORT :

That they have examined the same and find it correct, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. FILOR,  
Chairman.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Haley T. Blocker, Sheriff of Leon County ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride, Tracy and Welch—12.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. Duncan—2.

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 for the relief of Joel Walker, late Sheriff of Jefferson County ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Fitzwilliam B. Taylor of Jefferson county, to assume the management of his own estate ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act relative to associations organized to construct lines of Telegraph ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks,

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

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 locate the Seminary of Learning, to be established West of the Suwannee ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the appointment of Inspectors of Tar and Turpentine, in this State, approved January 6th, 1855 ;

Was read, the 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. Baker, Brinson, Duncan, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride, Tracy and Welch—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brooks, Eppes and Fisher—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Dell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to employ some person to perform the duties of Engrossing Clerk, and that he be paid out of the salary of the present clerk ;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of those counties, cities and towns, which have subscribed for stock in any railroad or other work of Internal Improvement in this State ;

Was read the third time, the rule being waived, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride, Tracy and Welch—14.

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 facilitate the construction of the St. Johns and Indian river canal ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride, Tracy and Welch—14.

Nay—Mr. Duncan—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 amend an Act entitled an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation ;

Came up on its second reading.

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on said bill—Mr. Filor in the Chair.

After some time spent in the consideration of the same, on motion, the Committee arose, and by their Chairman, reported the bill back to the Senate as amended ;

Which report was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Daniel Young to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river ;

Was read the first time, and on motion, the rule waived, read the second and third times, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Eubanks, Filor, Keitt, Lamar and Welch—8.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes and McBride—5  
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 an Act authorizing Nathaniel Bryant to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river at Shoal Town ;

Was read and ordered for to-morrow.

House Resolution asking Congress to grant the St. Francis Barracks to the city of St. Augustine ;

Was read, and on motion it was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the protection of creditors ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to define specifically the duties of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe county ;

Mr. Filor offered the following amendment: Strike out the words "Lunatics and insane persons ;"

Which was adopted.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—14.

Nay—Mr. McBride—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act explanatory of an Act to organize the county of Volusia, approved December 29th, 1854 ;

Was read the first time, and on motion, the rule was waived, read the second and third times, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride, Tracy and Welch—15.

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 fix and locate the county site of Orange county ;

Was read the first time, and on motion, the rule was waived, read the second and third times, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride, Tracy and Welch—15.

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 for the relief of Sumpter county ;

Was read the first time, and on motion, the rule was waived, the bill read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McBride, Tracy and Welch—15.

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 provide for the payment of the volunteer company of Capt. Hansford D. Dyches ;

Was read the first time, on motion the rule was waived, read the second and third times, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—11.

Nay—Mr. Duncan—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the Senator from Escambia was excused from attendance on the Senate after the 27th inst.

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

SATURDAY, December 27, 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 and resolutions which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road laws of Nassau county ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to define specifically the duties of the Board of County Commissioners, of Monroe county, with the following amendment, viz :

Strike out the words " to the maintenance of insane persons."

House Resolution asking Congress to grant the St. Francis Barracks to the city of St. Augustine ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Daniel Young to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river, at or near the warehouse;

House bill to be entitled an Act relative to associations organized to construct lines of telegraph ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the construction of the St. Johns and Indian river canal ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the appointment of Inspectors of Tar and Turpentine, in this State, approved January 6th, 1855 ;

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Haley T. Blocker, Sheriff of Leon county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Nourse & Brooks, of Franklin county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the Sheriff of Madison county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of those counties, cities and towns, which have subscribed, or may hereafter subscribe, for stock in any railroad, or other work of internal improvement, in this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act explanatory of an Act to organize the county of Volusia, approved December 29th, 1854 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to fix and locate the county site of Orange county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Sumter county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the Volunteer Company of Hansford D. Dyches ;

Resolution for the protection of public property ;

Resolution in regard to the pay per diem of the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives ;

Resolution for the division of Duval county.

Mr. Filor moved that the sixth joint rule and the forty-second Senate rule be rescinded ;

Which was adopted.

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 amend an Act entitled an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation, approved December 15th, 1855.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR,  
Chairman on Engrossed Bills.

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report the following bills as correctly Enrolled :

An Act to accept of lands granted by Congress to aid in constructing certain railroads in the States of Florida and Alabama ;

An Act to change the names of certain persons therein named ;

An Act further to define the duties of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund ;

An Act for the better government of Slaves, in the county of Monroe ;

An Act to prevent Slaves from hiring their own time, and for other purposes ;

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.

Also, the following Resolutions ;

Resolution providing for the copying of the Laws passed by this General Assembly ;

Resolution concerning sixteenth section, in Walton county ;

Resolution asking Congress to grant lands to the State in lieu of