

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

the sixteenth sections in Forbes' Purchase, and the Arredondo grant, and all other grants.

EDW. HOPKINS,  
Chairman.

Which was received.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Duncan, Eubanks, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Tracy and Welch—11.

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

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the Senate receded from the Senate amendment to the House bill to be entitled an Act requiring the Register of Lands to have all the lands in Holmes and Calhoun counties, appraised and offered for sale.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish Common Schools, and repeal certain Acts in relation thereto ;

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—Messrs. Brooks, Baker, Duncan, Eubanks, Fisher, Hopkins, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Filor, Hawes and Keitt—6.

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 river ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar and McBride—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brooks, Duncan, Fisher, McElvy, Tracy and Welch—6.

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 authorize Fitzwilliam B. Taylor, of Jefferson county, to assume the management of his own estate ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Baker, Duncan, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Welch—11.

Nays—Messrs. Fisher, McBride and Tracy—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 for the relief of Joel Walker, late Sheriff of Jefferson county ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Baker, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, 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 amend an Act authorizing Daniel Bryant to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river, at Shoal Town ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Baker, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride and Welch—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act for the protection of creditors,

#### REPORT :

The title of said bill by no means expresses its object. Upon examination of the same, your Committee ascertained that it proposes a restriction upon the laws of dower, and the allowance provided for widows, upon the death of their husbands, and they do not favor the amendment. In their opinion, the policy of our laws, while liberal to females, are sufficiently restricted for the protection of all

persons concerned, and they would recommend that said bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. J. EPPES,  
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

On motion, the report was concurred in, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish the ad-valorem system of taxation, approved Decembsr 15th, 1855 ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Baker, Duncan, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride, and Welch—13.

Nay—Mr. Eppes—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the Senate took a recess until half past 11 o'clock.

#### HALF-PAST 11 O'CLOCK.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Lamar, McElvy and McBride, were appointed to wait upon the House, to inform that body that the Senate had rescinded the sixth joint rule ;

Said Committee having returned, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and asked to be discharged.

Mr. Filor offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Printer to the Senate be, and he is hereby required, to cause to be mailed, to the address of each Senator, their respective proportion of the printed copies on Internal Improvement and Indian Affairs ;

Which was read and adopted.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
December 27, 1856. }

HON. EDWARD HOPKINS,

Chairman Special Committee, &c. :

Sir—Your note of the 22nd inst., has been received. It is true that on the 26th of April, being much indisposed, and not at the Ex-

ecutive office, I requested Col. M. Whit Smith to write a note to Capt. Wright, and request him to proceed without delay to Levy county with a detachment of volunteers of not more than thirty men, and scour the Gulf Hammock, &c. When that note was written, the whole duty required was performed, and I had at the time, not the most distant idea of engaging the services of Col. Smith in an official capacity, and no word of the order or request was made.

On the 10th of May I put him under orders, as is shown by copies of communications heretofore furnished. In the orders then extended, I fixed no rank. His military rank disconnected with the Johnson Brigade as such, was that of second Lieutenant, a commission which he held in Captain Wright's Company ; and as I had not ordered the Brigade into the field, I suppose he would hold his original rank in this temporary and independent service. On the 13th of June, I appointed him one of my aids for the purpose of giving him rank, and charged him with additional duties, as is seen by my general order of that date, a copy of which has been furnished the Senate. For the various services under this order, it will be seen that I stipulated to allow him a Major's pay.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read and ordered to be printed among the correspondence on Indian Affairs.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Hawes allowed to introduce, without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a ferry across the St. Johns river, at or near Buffalo Bluff ;

Which was received and read.

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. Brinson, Eppes, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Tracy and Welch—11.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A Committee from the House of Representatives, consisting of Messrs. Penn, Gettes and Arnau, of that body, appeared, and presented the following Resolution, viz :

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That the sixth rule of the Joint Rules of the General Assembly, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, a Committee was appointed to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him of the intention of the Senate to adjourn at 5 o'clock ;]

Messrs. Brooks, Welch and Baker were appointed said Commit-

tee, who having returned, reported that they had performed their duty, and asked to be discharged.

House bill to be entitled an Act making appropriations for the expenses of the Government for the fiscal year, 1857, and for other purposes ;

Came up for consideration, and, being read,

On motion, the rule was waived, read the second and third times by its title, and was put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

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

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Hopkins and Hawes—3.

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 incorporating the St. Augustine and Picolata Railroad Company ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride and Tracy—12.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Ellen E. Branch ;

Which 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. Brinson, Baker, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride and Welch—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Dell offered,

A Resolution for the relief of John B. Cason and David Gray ;

Which was read, and on motion, the Resolution was read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

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

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

Nays—None.

So the Resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the St. Augustine and St. Johns river Railroad Company ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride and Welch—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House Resolution for the relief of Lieut. John Addison and others ;

Was read, and on motion the rule was 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, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, Tracy and Welch—11.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, McElvy and McBride—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 incorporate Marion Lodge, in the town of Ocala, in the county of Marion, East Florida ;

Was read, 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—Messrs. Baker, Brinson, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride, Tracy and Welch—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to turn over forty muskets to the Ancient City Guards ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor,

Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McBride and Tracy—12.

Nay—Mr. Duncan—1.

So the Resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House Resolution relative to taking the census of Baker county ;  
Was read and rejected by the Senate.

House bill to be entitled an Act to benefit Commerce ;

Was read the first time, 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. Brinson, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy and Tracy—10.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Hopkins and McBride—4.

So the bill 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.

House bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of Lucinda Hunter and James Newman, and for other purposes ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, 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.

House Resolution in favor of H. M. Derick ;

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. Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, McElvy and Tracy—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt and McBride—6.

So the Resolution was lost.

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

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

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brooks, Baker, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hopkins, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, 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 regulate the cost for advertising Sheriff sales in public newspapers ;

Was read, and on motion, indefinitely postponed.

A Committee from the House appeared and returned to the Secretary the bill to be entitled an Act making appropriations for the expenses of Government for the fiscal year of 1857 ;

On motion, the said bill came up for consideration.

Mr. Dell moved that "\$4,500" be stricken out and insert the following : \$5000 for slips and Journals of the present General Assembly.

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill transmitted to the House as amended, with the request for the concurrence of the same to the said amendment.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the following report from the Committee on Enrolled bills received :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to

### REPORT :

That they have examined an Act granting a charter to the American Telegraph Company ; and a bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of Commerce, and find them correctly enrolled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ED. HOPKINS,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
December 27, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate :

Sir—I respectfully recommend the following officer for the advice and consent of the General Assembly :

For Columbia county.—Auctioneer—Reuben H. Charles.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. BROOME:

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 27, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir—The House has passed a resolution for the relief of H. M. Derrick.

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

Which was read with the accompanying resolution,  
On motion the rule was waived, read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Eppes, Eubanks, Filor, Hawes, McElvy and Tracy—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Duncan, Fisher, Hopkins, Keitt and McBride—6.

So said resolution was lost.

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 27, 1856. }

Honorable President of the Senate :

Sir—The House has passed the following bills and resolution, viz :  
Resolution relative to taking the census of Baker county ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to regulate the cost for advertising Sheriff sales in the public newspapers of this State ;

A bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Perdido Railroad Company ;

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

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to regulate pilotage at the port of St. Marks ;

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

Senate bill to be entitled an Act concerning limitation of actions ;

A bill to be entitled an Act making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year 1857, and for other purposes ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporating the Picolata Railroad Company.

The House has passed Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James N. Hendry, Sheriff of Hamilton county, with the following amendment: Strike out "Treasurer" and insert "Comptrol-

ler ;" in which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

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

Which was read, and the Senate bills which had passed the House were ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, the Senate concurred in the House amendment to the bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James N. Hendry, Sheriff of Hamilton county ; and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
Tallahassee, December 27, 1856. }

Hon. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate :

Sir—I respectfully recommend the following officers for the advice and consent of the General Assembly :

For Nassau county.—Commissioners of Pilotage—Henry Simmons, James E. Meddaugh, Julian E. Acosta, Joseph Finnegan, John H. Gunby.

For Leon County.—Cotton Weighers—Robert Heir, Jno. P. Cole. Auctioneer—John R. Lloyd.

For Monroe county.—Commissioners of Pilotage—Alexander Paterson, Frederick Filor, John Curry, Sr.

Very Respectfully,  
JAMES E. BROOME.

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

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Tracy, McElvy and Baker were appointed to wait upon the House and request the return of the bill to be entitled an Act making appropriations for the expenses of the Government for the fiscal year of 1857 ;

The Committee returned from the House and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them and asked to be discharged.

On motion of Mr. Duncan, the rule was waived, and he allowed to introduce without previous notice, a Resolution in favor of James Werter ;

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

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

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 of 15 minutes.

The Senate resumed its session.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 27, 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 benefit Commerce ;
  - A bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of Lucinda Hunter and James Newman, and for other purposes ;
  - A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the St. Augustine and St. Johns River Railroad Company ;
  - Resolution for the relief of Lieutenant John Addison and others ;
  - A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate Marion Lodge, in the town of Ocala, in Marion county, East Florida ;
  - Resolution authorizing the Governor to turn over forty muskets to the Ancient City Guards ;
  - Senate bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Bank in the city of Apalachicola ;
  - Senate bill to be entitled an Act increasing the salary of the Governor's Private Secretary ;
  - Senate 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 ;
  - Senate resolution for the division of Duval county ;
  - Senate resolution for the protection of public property ;
  - Senate resolution in relation to the accounts of Captains Jernigan and Devall ; and
  - Senate resolution to allow double per diem to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- The House has passed Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the better protection of property, with the following amendment: Strike out the 1st section ; in which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.
- The House has rejected Senate bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize the business of Banking.
- The House has concurred in Senate amendments to the following bills, viz :

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

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

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

Which was read, and the Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

A Committee from the House appeared and requested the return to that body of the bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the business of banking in this State ;

On motion, the Senate appointed Messrs. Hopkins, McBride and Fisher a Committee to return said bill, who were put in possession of the same, and having returned from the House reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and asked to be discharged.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the Senator from Hamilton was excused from further attendance on the Senate after 5 o'clock.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, December 27, 1856. }

HON. PHILIP DELL,

President of the Senate :

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

Duval county : Auctioneer—Charles Summers.

Sumter county : Auctioneer—Allen J. Cassady.

Very Respectfully,  
JAMES E. BROOME.

Which was read, and the nominations therein advised, and consented to.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 27, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir :—The House has passed the following Bills :

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

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

Senate 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 ;

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

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

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to locate the county site of Orange county ;

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

The House has concurred in Senate amendment to a bill to be entitled an Act to define specifically, the duties of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe county.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't serv't,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also, the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 27, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir:—The House has passed the Senate bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize Banking with amendments, to-wit: the addition of two sections to said bill; which amendments are therein enclosed.

The concurrence of the Senate therein is respectfully requested.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and on motion the Senate concurred in the House amendment to the accompanying bill, which was ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 27, 1856. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir:—The House has passed Senate bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Ellen E. Branch ; and, Senate Resolution for the relief of John B. Cason and David Gray.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill and Resolution ordered to be enrolled.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to empower Adin Eleazor Waterman to contract and be contracted with ;

House bill to be entitled an Act requiring the Register of Public Lands to have all the lands in Holmes and Calhoun counties appraised and offered for sale ; which bill the Senate receded from an amendment adopted on the 17th December, 1856 ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to establish Common Schools, and repeal certain Acts in relation thereto ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to locate the Seminary of Learning, to be established west of the Suwannee river ;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joel Walker, late Sheriff of Jefferson county ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Daniel Bryant to establish a ferry across the Suwannee river, at Shoal Town ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a ferry across the St. Johns river, at or near Buffalo Bluff ;

House bill to be entitled an Act making appropriations for the expenses of Government, for the fiscal year of 1857, and for other purposes ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporating the St. Augustine and Picolata Railroad Company ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Ellen E. Branch ;

Resolution in favor of John B. Cason and David Gray ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the St. Augustine and St. Johns river Railroad Company ;

House Resolution for the relief of Lieut. John Addison ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate Marion Lodge, in the town of Ocala, in the county of Marion, East Florida ;

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to turn over forty muskets to the Ancient City Guards ;

House Resolution relative to taking the census of Baker county ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to benefit Commerce ;

House bill to be entitled an Act to change the names of Lucinda Hunter and James Newmans, and for other purposes ;

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

Resolution in favor of James Westcott.

On motion, the Senate concurred in the House amendment to the bill entitled an Act in favor of the American Telegraph Company ;

Mr. McElvy offered the following Resolution :

Be it Resolved by the Senate, That the thanks of this body are justly due, and are hereby tendered, to his Honor, Phillip Dell, President, for his courteous bearing, and able and impartial discharge of the responsible duties of his office ;

Which was read and adopted ;

Upon which the President returned his thanks to the Senate in an appropriate address.

Mr. Tracy moved that the thanks of the Senate be tendered to the Secretary of the Senate, Assistant Secretary, Doorkeeper, Messenger and Sergeant-at-Arms, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties ;

Which was adopted.

At 5 o'clock the Senate adjourned, sine die.

APPENDIX.