

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Keitt, Eppes and Hawes.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Baker allowed to make the following report:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the city of Apalachicola, approved Feb. 2, 1838, and for other purposes;

#### REPORT:

That they have examined the same, and find that due and legal notice has been published in conformity to our Constitution of intention to apply for said amendment to the charter of the city of Apalachicola, and they therefore recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. McROBERT BAKER,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the seventh section of the thirteenth article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act, entitled an Act, to repeal the 5th section of an Act to organize the county of Sumter, approved Jan. 8, 1853, approved Dec. 27, 1853;

Was read the first time, and upon motion, was laid upon the table until Wednesday next.

A bill to be entitled an Act in addition to an Act to provide for the payment of the debts of the State, approved Dec. 27, 1856;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McElvy, McQueen and Welch—11.

Nays—Messrs. Dell and Nicholson—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 to amend an Act to provide for the employment of a clerk in the office of Comptroller of this State, approved Jan. 8, 1853;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Eubanks and Hawes—6.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Jones, Keitt, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—7.

So the bill was lost.

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

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 4, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. Dubose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Keitt, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

Pursuant to previous notice, the following bills were introduced and placed among the orders of the day:

By Mr. Call:

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal the third section of the sixth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the eighth section of the sixth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Call allowed, without previous notice, to introduce

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Act organizing a separate Supreme Court;

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

Mr. Keitt made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges to whom was referred, a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, approved January 1st, 1857, entitled an Act to locate the Seminary of Learning to be established west of the Suwanee, ask leave to make the following report, viz:

That in the opinion of the Committee, it is an initiatory step to the raising of the institution to a high position as a Seminary of Learning; that it will be likely to meet the fancies and prejudices of many persons on the subject of education; that it will tend to stimulate the Board of Education to greater efforts to increase the corps of teachers, and enlarge the course of instruction, and by that means add to

the popularity and dignity of the School ; that it will have a tendency to induce many of the young men of the State to complete their education at home, surrounded by home influences, and home sympathies, and thus better prepared to understand and sustain the interests of the State.

W. J. KEITT,  
Chairman.

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

The following message from the Governor was received and read :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Jan'y. 4, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,  
President of the Senate :

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

*For Clay County :*

Auctioneer—John Haas.

*For Hillsborough County—at Tampa :*

Auctioneers—James McKay, Benjamin A. Johnson.

*For Duval County :*

Auctioneers—John G. Butler, John C. Hemming, Aaron W. De Costa, Jesse A. Bush, H. H. Phillips, Archibald Collins, Charles De Waal and Theodore Flotard.

*For Port Wardens, at the Port of Jacksonville :*

Hiram N. Gookin, Francis A. Poullen, Micheal Hearn, I. Henry Burton and Frederick C. Barrett.

*For Port Wardens, at the Port of Apalachicola :*

Frederick Fuller, Edward Williams, John L. McFarlain, Henry Swain, Charles Robinson, Francis Pike.

*For Commissioners of Pilotage, at Bay Port :*

Thomas C. Ellis, Ciprian T. Jenkins, Chas. Parsons and James R. Nicks.

*For Commissioners of Pilotage, at the Port of Apalachicola :*

Capt. Geo. Buckman, Benj. Ellison, Samuel Benezet, Robt. Myers and Francis Allender.

*For Cotton Weighers, at Apalachicola :*

Thomas Methews, Chas. J. Shepard, Robert H. Goodlett, Reuben L. Harrison, Simon K. Bull and Henry K. Simmons.

*Duval County :*

Timber Surveyors—Gregor McG. Breadalbae, Charles E. Lunt  
Ethelefred Barrs.

*Vessel Fumigator, at St. Johns Bar :*

Stephen Arnau.

Very Respectfully,  
M. S. PERRY.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the nominations therein made were concurred in.

Mr. Nicholson made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report the following bills as being properly engrossed, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the seventh section of the thirteenth article of the Constitution of this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Apalachicola, approved Feb. 2, 1838, and for other purposes ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the eighth section of the thirteenth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. W. NICHOLSON,

Acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. McElvy made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills, beg leave to report as correctly enrolled the following bills and resolutions :

An Act providing a Charter for the City of Fernandina ;

An Act to authorize William Cannon to establish a Ferry across the Suwanee river ;

An Act to amend section one, clause two, of the Attachment Laws of this State, approved Feb. 15, 1834 ;

An Act to consolidate the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector, and of Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wakulla county ; also

Resolution as to the report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, as to the Governor's message ; and

Preamble and Resolution in relation to Isaac Welch and others.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. G. McELVY,  
Chairman.

Which was read, and the same ordered to be transmitted to the Governor.

Mr. Welch made the following report :

The Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of a large number of persons residing in the Counties of Santa Rosa and

Walton, praying that a new County may be organized from said Counties, to be called Almirante County,

REPORT:

That they have carefully read and considered the grounds set forth in the petition, and believing that the convenience and interests of the persons living within the limits defined, and whose names are attached to said petition, would be greatly and materially improved by bringing the courts of justice nearer to their houses, affording a more speedy and economical administration of the laws; the Committee in order that the prayer of the petitioners may be granted, respectfully submit the accompanying bill with a recommendation that it be passed.

ISAAC WELCH, Chairman.

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

Mr. McElvy made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to amend an Act to incorporate the town of Quincy, approved February 12th, 1837,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find in the provisions of the same no feature differing materially from the several Acts of incorporation of the towns and cities of this State; the principal provision being simply intended to extend the territorial limits of said town. In connection with this point, the question arises as to the right to extend the corporate authority over persons contrary to their expressed will, as evidenced by a petition signed by three individuals living in the vicinity of the present corporate limits, and within the space over which it is proposed to extend the corporate authority. Your Committee recognizing to the fullest extent, individual rights, both of person and property, are nevertheless impressed with the rights and duties which individuals and communities owe to each other socially and relatively, and hence are of the opinion, that when a town or city by increase of wealth and population grows beyond its original limits, it is not only right, but the duty of the community to come under the same corporate authority to share in its benefits, and also in its necessary burdens; that persons thus living actually within a town or city, but outside of the corporate limits, are governed by ordinances, in the enactment of which they have no voice, and should therefore, demand the extension of the corporate authority over them, and whenever this authority imposes burdens upon them out of proportion to the protection which it affords—in other words, whenever its benefits are not equal

the duties it requires, it is an evidence of a mal administration of the laws, and the remedy is in a change of rulers. From these considerations coupled with the fact, that the bill under consideration provides for the payment for all damages that may be sustained by any person or persons by reason of extending and opening the streets through their private property.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. McELVY,  
Chairman.

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

Mr. Nicholson made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the claims of J. C. Crosby, late Sheriff of Escambia County, praying that he be remunerated for services rendered, and actual expenditures by him, paid out for the apprehending and committing to jail certain persons implicated as negro stealers in said County of Escambia, have had the same under consideration, and having minutely examined the bill of items in account presented, find that it is a matter of no little importance to the petitioner as well as to the State, therefore, requires a judicial and impartial investigation.

Your Committee do further state, that in examining the said bill of items in account presented, they find the greater part of said account already provided by law, but several other items not being provided for, yet believing them just, in as much as they were necessary and indispensable to the end, that justice might be obtained.

The undersigned are of the opinion, that the account as presented shall be properly audited, and that the petitioner be paid for his services and for expenses paid out, and that full justice should be done as well to the State as to the petitioner, and the whole matter undergo a thorough investigation. Your Committee beg leave to report the whole matter back to the Senate, and ask that it be referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts for their action.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. NICHOLSON,

Which was read.

Mr. Call made the following report:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaiah D. Hart, of Duval county, praying that the name of his grand-daughter, Mary Ellen Beers, be changed to Mary Ellen Hart, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

GEO. W. CALL,  
Chairman.

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

The rules were waived, and Mr. Eppes allowed without previous notice to introduce

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the disposal of lands granted by Congress to the State of Florida, to aid in the construction of certain Railroads.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporate the City of Apalachicola, approved Feb. 2d, 1838, and for other purposes;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

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 incorporate the town of Quincy, approved Feb. 12, 1837;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rules were waived, and resolutions allowed to be in order.

Mr. Keitt introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that in the opinion of the Senate, it requires fourteen of its body to constitute two-thirds (2-3) of the same.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Annex the words "when the Senate is composed of 21 members."

Mr. Keitt offered the following, as a substitute to the preceding resolution and amendment:

*Resolved*, That the Senate legally consists of twenty-one members.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Annex the words "when there are that number present."

Mr. Lamar offered the following as a substitute for the preceding resolutions and amendments:

*Resolved*, That a majority of the qualified members of the Senate constitute a quorum to do business.

On the question of the adoption of the last substitute, the yeas and nays were called for, by Messrs. Keitt and Hawes;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Jones, Lamar and McQueen—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—9.

So the substitute was lost.

Mr. Lamar moved to take up the previous question;

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were called for, by Messrs. Call and Walker;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—12.

Nays—Messrs. Baker and Nicholson—2.

So the motion was adopted.

After some discussion the Chair decided that the "previous question" was the resolution offered by Mr. Keitt.

Mr. Call appealed from the decision of the Chair;

And upon the question, "shall the decision of the Chair be sustained;"

The yeas and nays were called for, by Messrs. Keitt and Eppes;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—12.

Nays—Messrs. Call and Nicholson—2.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the "previous question" as decided by the Chair;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar and McQueen—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Jones, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—8.

So the resolution was lost.

The rules were waived, and standing committees allowed to make reports.

Mr. Baker made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of those counties and towns which have subscribed, or may hereafter subscribe for stock in any Railroad,

or other works of Internal Improvement in this State, having considered the same, report as follows, to-wit :

1. That the word "rendered" in the 13th line, 2d section, be stricken out, and the word "redeemed" be substituted, and in the 2d line, 2d page, the word "in," be changed to "it."

2. That the provisions of this bill is intended to protect County and Corporation, or Town and City subscriptions to the stock of our several Railroads. That such stock should in the transactions of the several Railroad Companies of our State be duly represented *pro rata* with other stock in said Roads.

3. Your committee are fully of the opinion that every legal, constitutional and advisable guard and protection should be thrown around, not only the use but the abuse of those controlling the stock and vested interests, not only of the original Corporators and Stockholders, but also the State and Internal Improvement interest, as well as the stock taken by the several counties, towns or cities of our State.

Your committee therefore recommend that said bill do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

J. McR. BAKER,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

Also the following :

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved Jan. 6, 1855 ;

#### REPORT :

1. That we think said bill is in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of this State.

2. That your Committee are of opinion that the Legislature has the legal and constitutional right to amend and strengthen the efficacy of any previous Act not inconsistent with the ultimate rights and reserved equities of the State.

3. That the proposed bill conflicts with no vested rights of any Corporation or Company, and is in accordance with the principles and suggestions of the Committee on Internal Improvements by whom said bill was presented.

4. The provisions of said bill will operate only as a guard and protections upon the part of the State, and cannot properly be construed prejudicially to any party or parties cognizable by our laws.

Your Committee therefore recommend that said bill do pass as

presented by the standing committee of the Senate upon Internal Improvements through their Chairman.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. McR. BAKER,

Chm'n Com. on Corporations.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the 8th section of the 13th article of the Constitution of the State of Florida ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

Nay—Mr. McElvy—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 the 7th section of the 13th article of the Constitution of this State ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

Nay—Mr. McElvy—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize W. Rogers to establish a ferry on St. Johns River ;

Was read a second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—12.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Eppes allowed to introduce the following resolution :

"Resolved by the Senate, That in the passage of Bills granting charters, or for the incorporation of any company in this State, or making any alteration therein, it requires fourteen votes of the Senate under the present organization of said body ;

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time.  
Mr. Call moved, that it lay upon the table until half past 3 o'clock,  
P. M.;

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs.  
Call and McElvy;

Which were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Call, McElvy and Nicholson—4.

Nays—Messrs. Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Mc-  
Queen and Welch—8.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Baker moved that the resolution be communicated to the At-  
torney General, and that he be requested to communicate his opin-  
ion to the Senate as to propriety, &c., of its provisions;

Which was adopted.

Ordered that a copy of the same be transmitted to the Attorney  
General.

The following bills were read a second time and ordered for a third  
reading on to-morrow:

House bill to be entitled an Act to confer upon the Justices of  
the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, authority to issue writs of  
*habeas corpus*, &c.;

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize John J. McMillan  
to establish two ferries across the Suwanee river, and one across the  
Santa Fee River;

House bill to be entitled an Act amendatory of the Act of 1845,  
concerning roads and high-ways.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Governor to ap-  
point officers in certain cases;

House bill to be entitled an Act to allow Solicitors' fees in certain  
cases;

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city  
of Tampa.

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to organize a new county from  
Territory now embraced in the counties of Santa Rosa and Walton;

Was read first time, and upon motion, the rules were waived, read  
second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third read-  
ing on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Mary Ellen  
Beers to Mary Ellen Hart;

Was read first time, rules waived, read second time by its title,  
and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution for adjournment;

Was read a second time, and upon motion of Mr. Eppes, was laid  
upon the table until the 11th January.

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, approved Jan-

uary 1st, 1857, entitled an Act to locate the Seminary of Learning  
to be established west of the Suwanee;

Was read a second time, and upon motion, passed over informally.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

#### SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

Upon calling the roll, it being found that a quorum was not pre-  
sent, a call of the House was ordered and the Sergeant-at-arms sent  
after the absent members.

The President announced that there was a quorum present.

House bill to be entitled an Act giving certain powers to Execu-  
tors, Administrators and Guardians;

Was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Judi-  
ciary.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Calvin Nobles, of  
Levy County;

Was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Fi-  
nance and Public Accounts.

House resolution requiring the Trustees to reimburse the State  
Treasury certain moneys;

Was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Finance  
and Public Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act to extend the time for collecting tax-  
in this State;

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third  
reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to declare certain statutes in full force  
in this State;

Was read a second time, and referred to a select committee con-  
sisting of Messrs. Eppes, Call and Baker.

Joint resolution in relation to the eligibility of the Judges of the  
Circuit Court to the office of Judge of the Supreme Court of this  
State;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Eppes, Eubanks, Keitt, Mc-  
Queen, Nicholson and Walker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Hawes, Jones, McElvy and Welch—5.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representa-  
tives.

An Act to amend the Act organizing a separate Supreme Court;  
Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

House bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the disposal of lands granted by Congress to the State of Florida to aid in the construction of certain Railroads;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements, and 80 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of those counties and towns which have subscribed, or may hereafter subscribe for stock in any Railroad or other work of Internal Improvement in this State;

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State approved Jan. 6, 1855;

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The following bills were read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the eighth section of the sixth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal the third section of the sixth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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

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WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. Dubose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

The following message from the Governor, was received and read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Tallahassee, January 5, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

Sir : I herewith return without my approval, the Joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives resolving that :

"WHEREAS, by the Act entitled an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved the 6th January, 1855, a sum of money and a guaranty of lands are appropriated to aid in the construction of a Canal between the St. Johns and Indian rivers, with the proviso that the said sum of money, shall not be expended by the Trustees, until the same can be done without materially impairing the value of the fund for Railroad purposes; And Whereas, in the opinion of the General Assembly, that period has now arrived : Therefore,

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be, and they are hereby requested to proceed with the construction of the Canal, and to expend the said sum of money therein, in the manner which to them may seem most judicious."

I would gladly have filed this Joint Resolution among the public archives without my approval or disapproval, that it might be preserved as the evidence of the opinion of both Houses upon an important matter of public interest, but, under the seventeenth section of the third article of the Constitution, I think I am required to express my assent or dissent upon this resolution as if it were a bill.

I cannot conscientiously say, that the time has arrived when the sum of four thousand dollars per mile in cash, can be applied to the construction of this canal without impairing the efficiency of the Internal Improvement Fund for Railroad purposes. The amount of cash in hand belonging to that Fund, according to the Treasurer's report to the present session, is only \$14,895 99. The amount of cash receipts from all sources for the two years ending November 1, 1858 is \$86,000; of this sum, about \$21,000 was appropriated to the locating agents, leaving say \$65,000 in cash receipts for two years.—The amount of Internal Improvement Bonds already issued to the Railroad companies, (other than to the Tallahassee Railroad Company, which pays its interest,) is about one million of dollars, running at 7 per cent interest. As yet, none of the companies (except the Tallahassee Railroad Company,) has contributed anything towards the payment of interest, and the Fund is not only liable for the interest on the million already issued, but must be prepared to provide for the interest on all the like bonds hereafter to be issued.

To agree to this Joint Resolution, I must believe that the cash receipts of the Fund will be very greatly increased every year, or that the Railroad Companies will for the future provide for the interest on their bonds.

I am not satisfied that we shall be so fortunate as to realize either of these results. I would be most happy to be able to give my assent to the Resolution as the construction of the Canal is an enterprise which I think is worthy of public aid, and which I am ready to promote with all the power vested in me. I cannot however, as-