

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

On motion, the Senators from Escambia and Walton, were excused from further attendance on the Senate after to-day.

House bill to be entitled an Act to suspend in part, the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians, &c.;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slaves;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Keitt, McQueen, Walker and Welch—11.

Nays—Messrs. McElvy and Nicholson—2.

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 increasing the salary of the Governor of this State;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker and Nicholson—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—12.

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, 10 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, January 15, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

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

The following message from the Governor was received:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
TALLAHASSEE, January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

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

*Manatee County:*

Auctioneer—Wm. H. Whitaker.

*Holmes County:*

Auctioneer—Harrison Hagin.

*Jacksonville, Duval County:*

Auctioneers—James O. Mattair, Theodore Flotard, Charles Summers, Aaron W. DaCosta, Charles W. Blanchard, Thomas Patterson, Heuman Holleyman and Pulaski Broward.

Port Warden—Samuel Fairbanks, in place of F. C. Barrett, who declines the appointment.

Very Respectfully,  
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and the nominations therein made, concurred in.  
Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
TALLAHASSEE, January, 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the Senate:

T. W. Brevard, Sr., Francis Eppes and D. P. Hogue a Board, of Education, for the Seminary at Tallahassee.

S. M. G. Garey, Jno. M. McIntosh and Dr. Tommey, a Board of Education, for the Seminary at Ocala.

Theodore W. Brevard, Jr., Adjutant and Inspector General.  
C. H. Anstin, Paymaster General.

Very Respectfully,  
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and the nominations therein made, concurred in.  
Also the following:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Jan. 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bills and resolution:

An Act entitled An Act to amend the several Acts in force in this State, in relation to proceedings in criminal cases;

An Act to amend the seventh section of the Constitution of this State;

An Act to authorize John J. McMillan to establish two Ferries across the Suwanee river and one across the Santa Fee river at the place where said river enters the Suwanee;

Resolution requiring the Trustees to re-imburse the State Treasury certain monies;

An Act to change the name of Mary Ellen Beers to Mary Ellen Hart;

An Act to appoint Prosecuting Attorneys for the State in certain cases, and to amend an Act approved 11th Dec. 1855, entitled an Act to change the mode of compensation to the several Solicitors and Prosecuting Attorneys in this State;

An Act to authorize John McClamma to establish a Ferry across the Suwanee river, at Troy;

An Act to confer upon the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, authority to issue writs of Habeas Corpus;

An Act to authorize W. Rogers to establish a Ferry on St. Johns river;

An Act for the relief of Calvin Nobles, of Levy county;

An Act in relation to quarantine for the town of Jacksonville;

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;

Resolution relative to the drainage of the Swamp and overflowed lands on the Oclawaha river;

An Act to amend the charter of incorporation of the town of Jacksonville;

An Act for the benefit 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;

An Act to amend an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6, 1855;

Joint resolution as to the report of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives as to the Governor's Message;

Resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the erection of a Custom House and Marine Hospital at Jacksonville, and in the city of Apalachicola, in Franklin county;

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Quincy, approved Feb. 12, 1837;

An Act for the relief of Thomas C. Ellis; and

An Act to incorporate the city of Atseena Otie.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The following Message from the House of Representatives was received:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and resolution:

A bill to be entitled an Act making an appropriation for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year 1858-59, and for other purposes;

An Act to incorporate the City of Lake City, Florida; amended as follows:

First section by striking out the words "one mile" and inserting "a half mile South, East and West, and three quarters of a mile North;"

Also seventh section, by striking out the words "three hundred" and inserting "one hundred," and the words "three months" and insert "ten days;"

Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the protection of public property;

And have rejected

Senate bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act relative to depositions taken under commissions, approved Jan. 11, 1853, and for other purposes;

And have indefinitely postponed the consideration of the following Senate bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to dower;

A bill to be entitled an Act to organize a new county from territory now embraced in the counties of Santa Rosa and Walton.

And have passed

Senate resolution for the relief of Elias E. Blackburn.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, the accompanying House bills placed among the orders of the day, and the Senate bills passed without amendment ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representatives have reconsidered and passed Senate bill to be entitled An Act granting to the Alabama and Florida Railroad company alternate sections of the swamp and overflowed lands.

Very respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House Representatives.

Ordered that the accompanying bill be enrolled.  
Mr. Welch made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled bill, report as correctly enrolled the following bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the salary of the Governor's private Secretary and define his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC WELCH,  
Acting Chm'n Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Also the following :

*Mr. President :*

SIR : The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed ;

An Act in relation to the different lines of Railroad encouraged by the Act approved January 6, 1855 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the several Judges in this State to correct errors committed by the several Solicitors of the Circuit Courts in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC WELCH,  
Acting Chm'n of Com. on Engrossed Bills.

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

Mr. McQueen made the following report :

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom has been referred, a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Julius L. Wyman, ask leave to

#### REPORT :

That they have faithfully and impartially examined all claims presented to them during this session of the General Assembly, and find that the Senate have passed most of the claims your committee have reported against, which places us in an unenviable position as a committee ; we therefore return this bill back to the Senate as it was presented to us, and recommend the Senate to take such action as in its wisdom it may deem best for the interest of the party concerned and the State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McQUEEN,  
Chairman.

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

On motion of Mr. Call, the vote on a bill to be entitled an Act to increase the salary of the Governor, was re-considered, and the same placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed consisting of Mes-

srs. Call, Keitt and Eppes to ask of the House the return of the above named bill.

Which committee returned, reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

A committee from the House appeared and requested the return of a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act in relation to making returns of elections to the Secretary of State.

The rules being waived, Mr. McElvy made the following report :

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

An Act for the relief of William Crawford, a lunatic, confined in the lunatic asylum of South Carolina ;

An Act in relation to county commissioners ;

An Act to amend an Act to establish the *ad valorem* system of taxation ;

An Act to amend An Act to establish common schools, and to repeal certain Acts in relation thereto ; and

An Act to incorporate the New Port and Gulf Railroad Company.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. McELVY,  
Chairman.

Which was read.

Also the following :

The Committee on Enrolled bills report as correctly enrolled the following bill and resolution :

An Act granting to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company alternate sections of the swamp and overflowed lands ; and

Resolution for the relief of Elias E. Blackburn.

Respectfully submitted

L. G. McELVY,  
Chairman.

Which was read.

An Act making appropriation for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year 1858-'59, and for other purposes ;

Was read the first time, rules waived and read a second time ;

On motion, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole on the consideration of said bill—Mr. Hawes in the chair.

After some time spent in the consideration thereof, the committee rose and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the Senate as amended.

On motion, the amendments recommended by the committee were adopted, and the bill read a third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dell, Eppes, Fisher,

Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Walker and Welch—12.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins and McElvy—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was received :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859.

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : I am instructed by the House of Representatives to return to the Senate

House bill to be entitled an Act increasing the salary of the Governor of this State ;

Which is herewith transmitted.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act increasing the salary of the Governor of this State ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Eppes, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar and McElvy—9.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Dell, McQueen, Walker and Welch—5.

So the bill passed—titled as stated.

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was received :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Tallahassee, January 15, 1859.

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House has passed the Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the business of Banking, with the following amendments, to which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully invited :

"Sec. 1. Sixth line, after the word "organized," insert the words, "or to be organized ;" same section, ninth line, after the word "bank," insert the words "to an amount equal to the amount of their respective stocks."

Strike out the third section and substitute the following : "*Be it further enacted*, That the guaranteed bonds of the several Railroad

companies of this State, the county, city, or town bonds, which have been or may hereafter be issued under the provisions of an Act to provide for and encourage a Liberal System of Internal Improvements, approved January 6, 1855, and the bonds issued or guaranteed by other States of the United States, shall be received by the Comptroller when properly presented and transferred to him by any banking company or association, organized or to be hereafter organized, under the Act of which this Act is an amendment, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue and countersign for the use of such banking company or association, the circulating notes provided for by the second section of an Act to authorize the business of banking, approved January 8, 1853, for the full amount specified upon the face of said bonds, stocks, and securities so filed and transferred.

*Be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws in any manner conflicting with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Very respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the amendments adopted by the House concurred in.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House has this day passed the Senate Resolution to obtain the sense of the People of West Florida in regard to annexation to Alabama, with the following amendments :

Strike out the word "*West*" in the eight line of the preamble ;

Strike out of the body of the Resolution the words : "*in the counties lying West of the Apalachicola river ;*"

And insert in the eighth line the words : "*of West Florida,*" after the word "annexation ;"

The House have also changed the title, so as to make it read : "Resolution to obtain the sense of the people of Florida in regard to the annexation of West Florida to the State of Alabama."

Very respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read.

On the question shall the House amendments to the enclosed bill be concurred in, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs Call and Walker ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Eppes, Fisher, McQueen, Walker and Welch—7.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar and McElvy—6.

So the amendments were concurred in.

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

On motion, the Senate took a recess for fifteen minutes.

At the expiration of that time the Senate resumed its session.

There not being a quorum present, the Sergeant-at-Arms was sent for absentees.

The President announced that there was a quorum present.

The following message from his Excellency the Governor, was received :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

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

*Monroe County :*

Commissioners of Fisheries—Frederick Filer, Wm. Lowe.

*Volusia County :*

Commissioners of Fisheries—Jno. D. Sheldon.

*Duval County :*

Commissioners of Fisheries—Henry E. Holmes, John G. Butler.

*Commissioners of Fisheries for the Port of Atsena Otie :*

Joseph R. Betton, E. H. Richards, N. P. Willard, H. B. Kelsey, S. A. Edwards.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and the nominations therein made, concurred in.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen and Walker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Fisher and Welch—3.

The President announced that the bill was lost.

Mr. Call appealed from the decision of the chair, and upon the question shall the decision of the chair be sustained, the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Dell, Fisher, Keitt and Welch—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Eppes, Hawes, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen and Walker—7.

So the decision of the chair was sustained.

Ordered that the rejection of said bill by the Senate be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an Act to suspend in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians, &c ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dell, Eppes, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—13.

Nay—Mr. Baker—1.

So the bill passed—titled as stated.

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

Upon motion, Mr. Eppes was allowed to withdraw a bill for the relief of Julius L. Wyman.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

*Sir* : The House of Representatives have passed the following bills :  
Senate bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Sheriff of Santa Rosa county to collect road tax :

Senate bill to be entitled an Act regulating Constables' sales in the counties of Jackson, Washington, Holmes, Santa Rosa and Walton, amended by striking out Santa Rosa where it occurs in the bill, and inserting Gadsden and Liberty.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, the amendments adopted by the House to the enclosed bill concurred in, and the same ordered to be enrolled as amended.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

*Sir* : The House of Representatives have passed the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Constitution of the State of Florida relative to sessions of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House of Representatives.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly ;

Was read the first time, rules waived, and read a second time.

Mr. Keitt moved to strike out the words "second Monday of November" and insert "the third Monday of November;" strike out "forty days" and insert "thirty days;"

Upon the question of the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Keitt and Eppes ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Call, Eppes, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Walker and Welch—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Dell, Fisher McElvy—6.

So the amendments were adopted.

The bill as amended was then read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen and Welch—11.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Fisher, McElvy and Welch—4.

The President announced that the bill was lost.

Mr. Call appealed from the decision of the chair, and upon the question shall the decision of the chair be sustained, the vote :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Fisher and Welch—4.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Call, Eppes, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen and Walker—9.

So the decision of the chair was not sustained and the bill was announced as past.

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

Mr. Eppes moved to reconsider the vote taken on the sustainment of the decision of the chair with regard to a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company ;

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Eppes, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen and Walker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Dell, Fisher and Welch—4.

So the vote was reconsidered, and on the question should the decision of the chair be sustained, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Dell, Eppes, Fisher and Welch—4.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Hawes, Keitt, McElvy and McQueen—7.

So the decision of the chair that the said bill was lost, was not sustained.

The President announced that the bill had passed.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

Sir : The House has passed the accompanying Resolution.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House of Representatives,

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

Joint resolution for adjournment ;

Was read a first and second time, (the rules having been waived.)

Mr. Call moved to strike out 12 o'clock P. M. and insert 59 minutes after 11 ;

Which motion was adopted.

The resolution was then adopted as amended.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to compel Railroad Companies to pay for all cattle or other live stock killed upon their respective roads ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Fisher, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, 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 Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

## THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.  
There being no quorum present the Sergeant-at-Arms was sent after the absent members.

The President announced that there was a quorum present.  
The following message from the Governor was received and read:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
Tallahassee, January 15, 1859. }

HON JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bills, viz:  
An Act to change the name of Alexander Rawlerson;  
Resolution asking Congress to grant an acre of land in Fort Brooke, Tampa Bay Florida, for a Post Office and Custom House;  
An Act to fix and define the boundary line between the Counties of Duval and Nassau;  
An Act to amend the charter of the city of Tampa;  
An Act to authorize Samuel H. Chisolm, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;  
An Act to authorize John H. Bryan to establish a ferry across the Suwanee river;  
An Act to change the names of Lemuel Shaw, George Shaw, T. G. Shaw, Uriah Shaw, Francis M. Shaw, Rebecca Shaw, and Wm. J. Shaw;  
Resolution asking aid to improve the navigation of Choctawhatchee river;  
An Act amendatory of the Act of 1845 concerning roads and highways;  
An Act to equitably divide the taxes collected in Duval and Clay Counties for County purposes;  
Resolution asking Congress to establish a new Collection District to be called the District of Tampa;  
An Act providing for the incorporation of the Mexican Gulf Steamship and Inland Trading and Navigation Companies in Florida;  
An Act to authorize Joseph Lyttleton Hale, of Leon County, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;  
An Act to authorize Wm. J. Gaines, a minor, of Santa Rosa County to contract and be contracted with;  
An Act for the relief of Josiah Gates and other persons therein named, citizens of Manatee County;  
An Act to authorize Walter Lloyd Bond, of Jefferson County, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate;  
An Act more effectually to protect our citizens residing on State lands along the State line;

An Act for the relief of Otis Fairbanks;  
An Act to increase the salary of the Governor's Private Secretary, and define his duties.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Mr. McElvy made the following report:  
The Committee on Enrolled Bills report as correctly enrolled the following bills and resolution:

An Act to incorporate a bank in the city of Fernandina;  
An Act to amend an Act to authorize the business of banking;  
Resolution to obtain the sense of the people of West Florida in regard to annexation to the State of Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. McELVY,  
Chairman.

Mr. Dawkins moved to suspend the Joint Rules of the General Assembly;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Keitt;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Fisher, McElvy and Welch—7.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen and Walker—7.

So the motion was lost.

The orders of the day were resumed.

Mr. Lamar introduced (the rules being waived) a resolution for the relief of C. H. Fisher;

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read a second and third time, and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen and Walker—11.

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 to authorize the several Judges in this State to correct errors committed by the several Solicitors of the Circuit Courts in this State;

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

Yeas—none.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell,

Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—12.  
So the bill was lost.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize W. D. J. Collins to establish a ferry across the Escambia Bay ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, and Walker—11.

Nay—Mr. Welch.—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was received :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

SIR: The House of Representatives have passed a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Wm. B. Watkins.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1858, }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of Senate :

SIR: The House have passed Senate resolution in relation to the payment of the Territorial Bonds.

Very Respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House of Representatives.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act declaring the East Prong of Cold Water Creek navigable to the mouth of Wolf Creek ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Walker and Welch—12.

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 for the relief of Wm. B. Watkins ;  
Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second and third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—11.

Nay—Mr. Fisher—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

An Act in relation to different lines of Railroad encouraged by the Act approved January 6, 1855 ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Fisher, McElvy and Welch—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rules having been waived, Mr. McElvy made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report as correctly enrolled :

An Act for the relief of those Counties which have subscribed for, or may hereafter subscribe for stock in the several Railroads in this State.

Respectfully submitted.

L. G. McELVY,  
Chairman.

Joint resolution for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas ;

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

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Walker and Welch—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar and McQueen—8.

So said resolution was lost.

A bill to be entitled an Act to consolidate the offices of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff in the County of Sumter ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Call and Dawkins—2.

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 half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

Mr. McElvy made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report as correctly Enrolled :

An Act to incorporate the Gulf City & Interior Railroad Company  
Respectfully submitted,

L. G. McELVY.

Which was read.

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
Tallahassee January 15, 1859. }

Hon. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

Sir : I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions, viz :

Resolution to obtain the sense of the people of Florida in regard to annexation of West Florida to the State of Alabama ;

An Act to amend an Act to amend an Act to authorize the business of Banking ;

An Act for the relief of James M. Smith of Gadsden county ;

An Act increasing the salary of the Governor of this State ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to establish common schools and to repeal certain Acts in relation thereto ;

An Act in relation to County Commissioners ;

An Act making an appropriation to supply the deficiency in the appropriation for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses ;

An Act to authorize persons residing on lands within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States to vote, and for other purposes ;

An Act to repeal an Act approved Dec. 31, 1850, entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act for the protection of fisheries on the coast of Florida, approved Dec. 17, 1845 ;

An Act to change the time for holding elections for Justices of the Peace ;

An Act to incorporate the New Port & Gulf Railroad Company ;

An Act to amend the eighth section of the sixth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida ;

An Act granting to the Alabama & Florida Railroad Company alternate sections of the swamp and overflowed lands ;

An Act providing for the appointment of Port Wardens at Fernandina and Cedar Key ;

An Act approved Dec. 22, 1854, entitled an Act to amend an act to provide for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses, approved Jan 8, 1848 ;

An Act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to establish the *ad valorem* system of taxation ;

Resolution for the relief of Elias E. Blackburn ;

An Act the better to define the boundary lines of the county of Putnam ;

An Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slaves.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

The following message from the House of Representatives was received :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

Hon. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

Sir : The House of Representatives have passed the following, viz :

Senate Resolution for the relief of C. H. Fisher.

Very respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Ordered that the accompanying resolution be enrolled.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

Hon. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

Sir : The House of Representatives have passed the following Senate bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act providing a charter for the City of Fernandina.

Very respectfully,

R. B. HILTON,

Clerk House of Representatives.

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

The following message from the House of Representatives was received :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 15, 1859. }

Hon. JOHN FINLAYSON,  
President of the Senate :

Sir : The House of Representatives have passed Senate bill to be entitled an Act regulating the times of holding Courts in the Eastern and Middle Circuits.

Very respectfully,  
R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. McElvy made the following report :  
The Committee on Enrolled bills report as correctly enrolled :  
An Act to define and fix the duties of Sheriffs and Tax Collectors in this State in the sale of lands, and establish more certainly the validity of Tax Deeds ;

Resolution for the relief of C. H. Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. G. McELVY.

The following message from the Governor, was received :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Jan'y. 15, 1859. }

Hon. JOHN FINLAYSON,  
President of the Senate :

Sir :—I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions, viz :

- An Act to incorporate a Bank in the City of Fernandina ;
- An Act to incorporate the Gulf City and Interior Railroad Company ;
- An Act to compel the Railroad Companies to pay for all cattle or other live stock killed upon their respective roads ;
- An Act to authorize Wm. B. J. Collins to establish a ferry across Escambia Bay ;
- An Act suspending in part, the law prohibiting intercourse with the Indians in this State ;
- An Act declaring the east prong of Cold Water Creek navigable to the mouth of Wolf Creek ;
- An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company ;
- An Act for the relief of William B. Watkins of Sumter county ;
- Resolution for the relief of C. H. Fisher ;
- An Act concerning the agencies of Banks of other States, located in this State.

Very respectfully,  
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Lamar, the thanks of the Senate was tendered to the President, for the very able, impartial and dignified manner with which he has presided in its deliberations ;

Which motion was unanimously adopted.

The President in the following appropriate remarks, returned his thanks to the Senate :

*Fellow Senators :*

Allow me most sincerely to tender you my thanks for the compliment just paid me.

Engaged as we have been, Senators, in the discussion of questions of the most intense and exciting interest to our Constituents—questions in the solution of which, within the limits of our State, there is no man too great—no man too small to be indifferent. It was therefore, not to have been expected, neither desired, that there should not have been an earnestness which may have produced irritation—perhaps temporary alienation ; but all this must pass away before the consciousness that each of you, Senators, was but struggling to advance or defeat such measures as you believed would promote or injure the best interest of our State. In this country popular applause is the only reward of the faithful public servant. Is it not most natural then that he should seek to win and justly prize the same? Yet, Senators, we may sometimes be called upon to sacrifice this legitimate object of ambition to tread the rugged path of duty. God give me strength ever thus to act, though every friend forsake and I be doomed to tread that path alone. The relationship which has thus long, and on my part so pleasantly existed, is now about to terminate. When elevated by your kindness to the position I now occupy, is was my whole desire to execute the powers of my position honestly, faithfully and impartially. How far I have been able to do so is for you to decide. On my part, as your presiding officer, I have been treated with respect and kindness. It would be strange under such circumstances if I could now part with you, Senators, without felling much regard and thereby showing emotions at thus bidding you farewell.

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, January 15, 1859. }

Hon. JOHN FINLAYSON,  
President of the Senate.

Sir : I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions, viz :

- Resolution relative to draining Main Savanna, in Brevard county ;
- An Act giving certain powers to Executors, Administrators and Guardians ;

An Act to define and fix the duties of Sheriffs and Tax Collectors in this State in the sale of lands for taxes, and establish more certainly the validity of tax deeds;

An Act for the protection of public property;

An Act to authorize the Sheriff of Escambia county to collect road tax;

Resolution to provide for the payment of interest on certificates issued for interest due on scrip issued under an Act to provide for the payment of Capt. Sparkman's, Parker's and other volunteer companies for service in the year 1849, approved Jan. 7, 1853;

An Act to organize the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Also the following ;

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, January 15, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : I have approved and signed the following bills, viz :

An Act regulating Constables sales in the counties of Jackson, Washington, Holmes, Santa Rosa, Walton, Gadsden and Liberty ;

An Act regulating the time for holding the Court for the Eastern and Middle Judicial Circuits ;

An Act to incorporate the City of Lake City, of Florida ;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to repeal the fifth section of an Act entitled an Act to organize the county of Sumter, approved January 8, 1853, approved Dec. 27, 1856.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

At 59 minutes past 11 o'clock, the Senate in pursuance to the joint resolution, declaring that hour the hour of adjournment, adjourned to meet again the 4th Monday in November next.

## DOCUMENTS

### ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

#### COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, November 9th, 1858. }

To His Excellency MADISON S. PERRY,  
Governor of Florida :

Sir—In conformity to the requirements of law, I herewith submit my Report upon the Finances of the State for the years ending on the 31st days of October, 1857 and 1858 :

The receipts at the Treasury for the year ending on the 31st day of October 1857, amount to \$245,649 90

To-wit:—From License Tax,	\$3,747 67
“ Fines,	2,517 44
“ Auction Tax,	1,289 78
“ Revenue of 1852,	309 64
“ “ 1854,	258 62
“ “ 1855,	3,561 62
“ “ 1856,	78,657 27
“ “ 1857,	899 97
“ Rent of Office in Capitol,	75 00
On account of Indian War of 1856,	10,907 04
“ “ “ “ “ 1849,	64,084 06
“ “ “ State boundary line,	71,00
“ “ “ State debt,	29,020 79
“ “ “ Premiums and commissions,	250 00
“ “ “ State Bonds,	50,000 00—\$245,649 90

The Warrants issued for the same period amount to \$164,015 12

To-wit:—Judicial Department—

On account of salaries, \$17,616 66

“ “ “ Cont'g expenses, of  
Supreme Court, 2,183 88—19,800 54

Executive Department—

On account of salaries, 5,604 23

“ “ “ Gov. Residence, 506 94— 6,111 17

Military Department—

On account of salaries, 300 00

“ “ “ Rent of Armory, 250 00

“ “ “ fitting up Armory, 130 50— 680 50

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