

bles' fees for summoning juries of inquest, and attendance on the same ;

Was read a second time.

The amendments recommended by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances were adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed as amended, for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the rules were waived to allow Mr. Baker to introduce a petition from the citizens of Sumter county ;

Which was read, and referred to a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Baker, Eubanks and Dawkins.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company to be called the Alachua & Columbia Railroad Company ;

Which was read, 80 copies of the same ordered to be printed, and the bill referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Resolution asking of the Governor information concerning the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company, and for other purposes ;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read second time by its title, and referred to a special Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Dawkins, Call and Eppes.

House bill to be entitled an Act explanatory of an Act to organize the county of Volusia, approved Dec. 29, 1854 ;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to a select Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Baker, Lamar and Call.

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to prevent slaves from hiring their own time, and for other purposes, approved 27th Dec., 1856 ;

Was read a third time, and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Fisher and Hawes—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—13.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an Act amendatory of the existing Acts as to garnishment in this State ;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—17.

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 repeal an Act to regulate and define the duties of County Commissioners of Calhoun county ;

Was read the first time, the 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. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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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TUESDAY, December 21st, 1858.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. Dubose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day :

By Mr. Fisher :

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal section 24, of an Act entitled an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State.

By Mr. Baker :

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Gen. Benjamin Hopkins ;

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

By Mr. Duncan :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the existing laws in relation to criminal prosecutions in this State.

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

By Mr. Eppes :

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Gulf City and Interior Railroad Company ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Julius L. Wyman;  
By Mr. Walker :

A bill to be entitled an Act to consolidate the offices of Sheriff and of Tax Assessor and Collector, and of Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Circuit in the county of Wakulla.

Mr. Eppes asked leave to withdraw the petition of the citizens of Apalachicola, asking the passage of a bill removing restrictions to the commerce of their city ;

Which was granted.

Mr. Dell presented a letter from D. C. Ambler, with other papers ; Which, upon motion, was referred to a Select Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Hawes, Dell and Baker.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, he was excused from acting on the Joint Select Committee, and Mr. Nicholson substituted in his place.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, he was excused from acting on the Joint Select Committee, and Mr. Welch substituted in his place.

Mr. Duncan introduced a Resolution for the relief of Wm. Bassett ; Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

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

A bill to amend an Act to organize the County of Liberty ;

An Act to amend an Act regulating Pilotage at the Port of Fernandina in the County of Nassau, and Port of Cedar Key, County of Levy ;

An Act giving to the Judge of Probate of Santa Rosa County the powers of a Justice of the Peace in certain cases ;

Resolution requesting the establishment of a Mail Route.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. McELVY, Chairman.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

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

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

An Act to legalize the Will of Christian Spillman, of Santa Rosa County ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of Constable's fees for summoning jurors of inquest, and attendance on the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC WELCH,

Acting Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

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

The following report was received from the Select Committee :

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution ask-

ing of the Governor information concerning the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company, and for other purposes, ask leave to

#### REPORT :

That they have considered the same, and recommend the passage of the Resolutions, by striking out the last Resolution.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Chairman Select Committee.

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

Also, the following :

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act explanatory of an Act to organize the county of Volusia, approved December 29, 1854, have instructed the undersigned to

#### REPORT :

1st. That said bill appears clearly to carry out and definitely define the intention of the Act of December 29, 1854.

2d. That this Act, under the circumstances of the case known to some of your committee, provides the only legal source of remedy to the parties interested in said bill.

3d. That as said bill contains no unconstitutional provisions, and as the Legislature of this State has constitutionally and inherently the right and privilege of consistently explaining and defining by new or amendatory Acts, such laws as may have been heretofore enacted, and as said bill was unanimously passed by both Houses of the last General Assembly : Therefore, your Committee respectfully recommend that said bill do pass.

J. McROBERT BAKER,  
Chairman Special Committee.

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

The following bills were read a second time and ordered to be engrossed :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Wm. Cannon to establish a Ferry across the Suwanee River ;

A bill to be entitled an Act making appropriations to purchase books for the Judicial Library ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Circuit Courts of this State, to change the names of persons residing therein.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Dec. 18th, 1858. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,  
President of the Senate :

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

The bill reported by the Joint Committee of the two Houses "to be entitled an Act to divide the county of Duval, and organize a new county to be called Clay county," with the following amendment, viz: Strike out all of section 10 down to, and including the word "State," and insert in lieu thereof the words "the said county of Clay shall be entitled to one of the Representatives to the General Assembly of the State which the county of Duval has at present constituted."

Very Respectfully,  
R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House Representatives.

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Dec. 20th, 1858. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,  
President of the Senate :

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a Company, and to facilitate the construction and equipment of a Railroad from the St. Johns river to St. Augustine, under the style of the St. Johns Railway Company.

Very Respectfully,  
R. B. HILTON,  
Clerk House Representatives.

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

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 20th, 1858, }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,  
President of the Senate :

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

Senate bill entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the volunteer companies of Capt. Hansford D. Dyches and other companies herein named ;

Senate resolution for the relief of John Broward and A. S. Baldwin ; and

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Elizabeth Barthlow to sell the real estate of Ephraim Guinan, deceased, of Nassau county.

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

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

The following message from the Governor was received and read :  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 21, 1858. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,  
President of the Senate :

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

An Act to repeal the first section of an Act to secure the better execution of the Patrol laws ;

An Act prescribing the manner of making returns of elections for electors of President and Vice President of the United States ;

An Act more definitely defining the boundary between the counties of Lafayette and Taylor ;

Joint resolution in relation to fractional sections on the State line ;

An Act amending the charter of the City of Pensacola for the purpose of extending the powers of the City to aid in the construction of the Alabama and Florida Railroad in Florida ;

An Act to create and organize the counties of Suwanee and New River ;

An Act to change the name of Abraham Dupont Zylstra ;

A resolution calling the attention of the General Government to the feasibility of laying a Telegraph wire between and from Bermuda and Fayal Islands in the Atlantic Ocean, to the respective coasts of Europe and America with a view of connecting the Southern States directly with Europe ;

Resolution for the relief of B. F. Allen ;

An Act to authorize William McRae to trade free from taxation in this State ;

An Act to authorize Daniel B. Coker to build a toll bridge across the Santa Fee river.

Very Respectfully,  
M. S. PERRY.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Tido S. Lottman, of Santa Rosa County ;

Was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Executive Department.

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 regulate the rates of Pilotage at the Port of St. Marks;

House resolution for the relief of J. C. McArther;

House Resolution asking Congress to make an appropriation to keep in repair the old Spanish Forte at St. Augustine, known as Fort Marion;

House bill to be entitled an Act to divide the County of Duval and organize a new County to be called Clay County.

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 attachment laws of this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act to consolidate the offices of Sheriff and of Tax Assessor and Collector, and of Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Circuit Court in the County of Wakulla;

House bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the appointment of weighers of Cotton;

House resolution for the purchase of a safe for the Comptroller's Office;

House bill to be entitled an Act to separate the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector in and for the County of Calhoun;

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to allow owners or commanders of boats to peddle on the Choctawhatchie River, approved January 8, 1853;

House bill to be entitled an Act to remove in part, obstructions to commerce at Key West;

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Elizabeth Barthlow, to sell the real estate of Ephraim Guinan, deceased, of Marion County;

Resolution for the relief of William Bassett;

Resolution for the relief of Benjamin Hopkins.

Joint resolution appointing a day for the election of a Clerk of the Supreme Court, and Comptroller and Treasurer of this State;

Was taken from the table.

Mr. Baker moved to strike out "Tuesday the 14th inst." and insert in lieu thereof "Wednesday the 22nd inst. at 11 o'clock;"

Which motion was adopted.

Upon the question of the passage of the resolution the vote was;

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—16.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed, consisting of Messrs. McElvy, Eubanks and Walker to inform the House of the passage of the resolution.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Julius L. Wyman;

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

An Act to amend the laws of this State relating to Divorce;

Came up on its second reading.

Mr Call moved to strike out all after the first section;

Which motion was adopted, and 80 copies of the bill ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for the incorporation of the Mexican Gulf steamship and Inland Trading and Navigation Companies in Florida;

Was re-committed to the Committee on Corporations.

Resolution relative to the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Was read a second time, and 80 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

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

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time and on motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend article third, sections fourteen and twenty-three of the Constitution of the State of Florida, and article fifth, section sixteen of the Constitution of the State of Florida, so as to give the Election of Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and of Attorney General of the State to the people.

Was read a second time, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Revision of Constitution.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Gulf City and Interior Railroad Company;

First reading dispensed with, rules waived, read a second time by its title, and on motion, was referred to the Committee on Corporations, and 80 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Milton to elect a Public Weigher of Cotton;

Was passed over informally.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish Common Schools, and to repeal certain acts in relation thereto, approved Jan. 1st, 1853;

Was read a second time, and on motion, was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company to construct a Railroad from a point on the Florida Railroad in East Florida, to Tampa Bay, under the style of the Florida Peninsula Railroad Company;

The rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Columbus R. Alexander;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to secure the fees of Circuit Court Clerks, in certain cases;

Was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate a company to facilitate the construction and equipment of a Railroad from the St. John's river, to St. Augustine, under the style of the St. John's Railway Company;

Reading first time dispensed with, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Road Laws, so far as relates to Santa Rosa county;

Was read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Fisher, Duncan and Keitt.

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment of Constables' fees for summoning Juries of Inquest and attendance on the same;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

Nay—Mr. Dell—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

Resolution asking of the Governor information concerning the Pensacola Georgia Railroad Company;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—16.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the Secretary of the Senate certify a copy to his Excellency the Governor.

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act, relative to depositions taken under commission, approved Jan. 1855, 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, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker 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 incorporate the City of Lake City, Florida;

Second reading dispensed with, and

On motion, the rules waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, McElvy, McQueen, Walker 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 legalize the Will of Christian Spillman, of Santa Rosa county;

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

Nay—Mr. Call—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 in relation to Judges of Probate;

Came up on its third reading;

It was moved to portpone said bill indefinitely.

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Dell, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—13.

Nays—Messrs. Call and Hawes—2.

So said bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

Was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

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

Nays—Messrs. Dell, Duncan and Fisher—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 11, 1851 ;

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

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

5. Nays—Messrs. Dell, Duncan, Fisher, Keitt, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Walker—8.

So said bill was lost.

Joint resolution for the relief of John H. Keadle of Gadsden County ;

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

Yeas—Messrs. Call, McElvy, Walker and Welch—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Fisher, Hawes, Keitt, McQueen and Nicholson—10.

So said resolution was lost.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to secure the payment of Magistrates' and other officers' fees in criminal prosecutions, not now provided for by law ;

Was read a second time, and

On motion, the rules be waived to read the bill a third time by its title ;

Which was objected to.

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Dell, and were :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Dell, Duncan, Fisher, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—9.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes and Keitt—5.

So said motion was adopted ;

And the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act explanatory of an Act to organize the County of Volusia, approved Dec. 29th, 1854 ;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

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

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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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WEDNESDAY, December 22d, 1858.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. Dubose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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

By Mr. Hawes :

A bill to be entitled an Act appointing 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.

By Mr. Call :

A bill to be entitled 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.

By Mr. Duncan :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the existing laws in relation to criminal prosecutions in this State.

Mr. Dell introduced a resolution in relation to Isaac Welch and others.

Mr. Eubanks presented the petition of Joshua Stafford ;

Which was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Eppes made the following report :

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act in relation to and amendatory of the several acts concerning Pleading and Practice in Civil and Criminal cases ;