

An act to organize the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Very Respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.
Also the following:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Jan. 15th, 1859. }

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bills, viz:
An act regulating Constable 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 5th Section of an act entitled an act to organize the county of Sumter, approved Jan. 8, 1853, approved Dec. 27, 1856.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Speaker adjourned the House until the fourth 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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On account of Contingent expenses,	3,066 02
do Criminal Prosecutions,	11,936 72
do Jurors and Witnesses,	15,520 26
do Post Mortem Examinations,	580 00
do Indian Hostilities of 1856,	1,487 45
do " " " 1849,	52,060 99
do Exp's of State Boundary Line,	30 00
do Presidential Election,	743 00
do Repairs of Capitol,	148 93
do Census of Children,	82 00
do Repairing picture of Washington,	30 00
do Maintenance of Lunatics,	1,458 60
do Exp's of negotiating State Bonds,	345 50
do State Debt,	29,120 99
do Taxes refunded—Revenue 1856,	224 13
do Sixth General Assembly,	48 00
do Cont'g exp's 7th Gen'l Assembly,	4 90
do Eighth General Assembly:	
For pay of members &c.,	14,435 89
" Contingent expenses,	666 92
" Printing,	5,332 60
" Copying Laws,	100 00—25,035 41—\$164,015 12

The receipts at the Treasury for the year ending on the 31st day of October, 1858,
amount to \$91,924 11

To wit:—From License Tax,	\$1,700 71
" Fines,	989, 45
" Auction Tax,	831 13
" Revenue 1855,	904 90
" " 1856,	1,269 38
" " 1857,	83,784 59
" " 1858,	2,168 75

On account of State Bonds, 266 20—\$91,924 11

The Warrants issued for the same period amount to \$68,772 33

To wit:—Judicial Department—	
On account of Salaries,	\$18,327 78
" " Cont'g't Exp's of Supreme Court,	1,977 35—20,305 13

Executive Department—

On account of Salaries,	4,900 00
" " Governors Residence,	500 00— 5,400 00

Military Department—

On account of Salaries,	300 00
" " " fitting up Army	16 00— 316 00

On account of Contingent expenses,	3,675 55
do Criminal Prosecutions,	11,648 16
do Jurors and Witnesses,	16,962 35
do Post Mortem Examinations,	573 50
do Indian Hostilities of 1847,	7,780 72
do Repairs of Capitol,	1,985 32
do Maintenance of Lunatics,	2 85
do State Library,	75 00
do Expenses of State Engineer,	47 75— \$68,772 33

SCHOOL AND SEMINARY FUNDS.

The following are the receipts for the year ending 31st October, 1858.

On account of School Fund,	\$8,447 82
do Seminary do,	2,842 53
do Interest of School do,	464 00
do do Seminary do,	80 00—\$11,834 35

Warrants drawn for same period are as follows, to-wit:

School Fund, for Register's Salary,	700 000
Seminary Fund, " " "	700 00
Interest of School Fund, pay of Teachers,	2,135 90
Paid Judges of Probate,	4,014 40—6,150 30
Interest of Seminary Fund, East Fla.	
State Seminary	1,490 00
West Florida State Seminary,	1,745 00— 3,235 00—\$10,785 30

The following are the receipts for the year ending 31st October, 1858:

On account of School Fund,	19,072 86
" " " Seminary do,	4,296 38
" " " Interest of School Fund,	13,167 96
" " " " Seminary Fund,	1,732 76—\$38,269 96

The warrants drawn for same period are as follows, to-wit:

School Fund, for Register's Salary,	700 00
For Register's travelling expenses,	1,45 00
For investment by Comptroller,	9,701 06—10,546 06
Seminary Fund, for Register's Sal.,	700 00
For Register's travelling expenses,	145 00
For investment by Comptroller	993 94— 1,838 94
Int't of School Fd. for pay of Teachers,	2,344 01
For Judges of Probate,	5,484 14—7,828 15
Interest of Seminary Fd., for East Fla.	
State Seminary,	2,090 97
do West Florida Seminary,	3,805 53—5,896 50— \$26,109 65

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Gross Revenues of 1856 and 1857.

COUNTIES.	1856.		1857.		Increase.		Decrease.		
	Dolls.	Ct	Dollars.	Ct	Dollars.	Ct	Dollars.	Ct	
Escambia.....	3,295	53	3,255	74				39	79
Santa Rosa.....	2,881	24	3,383	60	502	36			
Walton.....	873	85	929	99	56	14			
Holmes.....	360	10	332	59				27	51
Washington.....	1,138	01	1,092	57				45	44
Jackson.....	8,936	80	9,053	33	216	53			
Calhoun.....	946	73	800	48				146	35
Franklin.....	2,991	04	3,027	69	36	65			
Gadsden.....	7,783	17	6,946	52				841	65
Liberty.....	878	08	945	75	67	67			
Leon.....	14,257	45	14,365	72	108	27			
Wakulla.....	2,488	32	2,336	57				151	65
Jefferson.....	8,584	13	8,368	62				215	51
Madison.....	7,218	71	6,389	38				829	33
Taylor.....	No ret'n.		No ret'n.						
Lafayette.....	"		"						
Hamilton.....	2,415	89	2,483	71	67	82			
Columbia.....	4,835	63	5,240	41	404	78			
Alachua.....	6,223	34	6,025	00				198	34
Duval.....	4,178	71	4,307	83	129	12			
Nassau.....	1,232	45	No ret'n.						
St. Johns.....	1,594	20	1,615	42	111	22			
Putnam.....	1,462	83	1,449	29				13	54
Marion.....	5,163	33	5,197	36	34	53			
Orange.....	288	69	437	70	149	01			
Volusia.....	734	02	604	72				129	30
Brevard.....	No ret'n.		No ret'n.						
Sumter.....	910	82	"						
Levy.....	708	38	726	76	18	38			
Hernando.....	1,755	96	1,817	99	62	03			
Hillborough.....	1,830	01	1,383	54				446	47
Manatee.....	No ret'n.		650	14					
Monroe.....	1,921	75	1,933	16	71	41			
	97,704	17	95,162	08	2,035	92		3,084	88

As regards the matters of revenue &c., I beg leave respectfully to refer to my last Report and the suggestions therein made. The comparative statement of Revenues 1856 and 1857 herewith shows a falling off in the Revenues for the latter, which will be more than supplied when all the returns are made. The most of those not received are delayed by reason of imperfections in their authentication. These failures to make returns in proper season are much too frequent, and I suggest that a proper remedy in such cases is much needed.

On the first day of January 1857 the State of Florida was indebted

of the School and Seminary Funds, on account of sundry loans at different periods, for principal and interest, the sum of fifty-eight thousand seven hundred and thirty-three 80-100 dollars. A settlement of this debt was had by the Governor's turning over to the Comptroller fifty-nine thousand dollars in Bonds of this State, issued under the Act of the last General Assembly, and by the Comptroller's paying the difference between the debt and the amount of Bonds (\$286,20) on account of State Debt. Of the Bonds thus purchased forty-eight thousand three hundred and five dollars were held on account of principal and the balance on account of interest. On the 16th November following, in order to fund the interest accounts so as to provide means for distribution to County Schools and the two State Seminaries, the Comptroller drew his warrants upon the School and Seminary Funds respectively for amounts sufficient to purchase the Bonds held on account of interest, and paid into the Treasury the proceeds of such sale on account of Interest of School and Seminary Funds respectively. Thus was settled the account between the State of Florida and the School and Seminary Funds, and those between the principal and interest Funds.

The great monetary crisis of last winter greatly embarrassed the Rail Road enterprises of our State, and I was appealed to for aid from the resources of the School and Seminary Funds. Accordingly, with the concurrence of the Executive, I exchanged forty-eight thousand dollars in Bonds of the State of Florida, at their par value, for the 7 per cent Rail Road Bonds of this State, the principal of which is secured by lien upon the road-bed, iron equipments, depots, franchises &c., and the interest guaranteed by the Internal Improvement Fund of this State—a fund deemed amply sufficient for this purpose even should the Roads fail to pay any portion of their interest, and in no way dependent upon the faith of Corporations or States, but is directly amenable to our own Courts. These Bonds were received at eighty cents in the dollar, and thus was added twelve thousand dollars to the principal of those Funds. In addition to this, the pledge of the Trustees of the Board of Internal Improvements was obtained, that whenever desired they would redeem said Rail Road Bonds by paying over in their stead the notes or bonds of planters and others held for lands sold, and which were secured by lien upon the lands. Subsequently I exchanged with the Trustees of the Board of Internal Improvements fifty thousand dollars of these Rail Road Bonds for a like sum in Bonds of the Tallahassee Rail Road, a completed Road with an established business and in a prosperous condition, and one which has promptly paid the interest upon its Bonds from the first issue, and which Bonds it was understood had never been sold for less than ninety cents in the dollar and up to this time cannot, it is believed, be purchased for less than that price.—By this transaction the Rail Road enterprises were relieved from dis-

pressing embarrassments and the School and Seminary Funds, not only saved harmless, but in my judgement materially benefited.
T. W. BREVARD, Comptroller.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURY OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE,, November 1st, 1858. }

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

Sir:—I have the honor to present herewith, and through you to the General Assembly, reports, exhibiting the transactions at this office from the period of November 1st, 1856, to October 31st, 1857, and from November 1st, 1857, to October 31st, 1858; also, reports for the same periods, upon the School Fund, and the Seminary Fund.

Very Respectfully,
C. H. AUSTIN, Treasurer.

The Treasurer, in Account with the State of Florida :

1857.	DR.		
Nov. 1.—	To	balance per report of Nov. 1, 1856,	\$6,537 56
" "	"	amount received on revenue, 1852,	309 64
" "	"	" " " " 1854,	258 62
" "	"	" " " " 1855,	3,561 62
" "	"	" " " " 1856,	78,658 29
" "	"	" " " " 1857,	899 97
" "	"	Licenses,	3,747 67
" "	"	Fines,	2,517 44
" "	"	Auction Tax,	1,368 99
" "	"	State Boundary,	71 00
" "	"	Rent Account,	75 00
" "	"	from U. States, on act. Indian hostil's,	64,084 06
" "	"	Sale of State Bonds,	50,250 00
" "	"	Gov. Broome, on act. Indian War of 1856	25,994 04
" "	"	Gov. Broome, for So. Wes. Rail Road Bank,	29,020 79
			\$267,354 69

1857.	CR.		
Nov. 1—	By	amount of Comptroller's warrants paid, and other disbursements, viz :	
		Jurors and State Witnesses,	\$16,096 51
		Criminal Prosecutions and contg exps of Ct Court,	11,974 41
		Eighth General Assembly,	20,234 61
		Sixth " "	48 00
		Adjourned	4 90

Amount brought forward,	\$48,858 43
Executive Department,	6,111 33
Judicial	21,594 44
Military	555 50
Contingent expenses Supreme Court,	2,000 00
Contingent Fund,	3,371 78
Maintenance of Lunatics,	1,458 60
Post Mortem Examinations,	546 50
Presidential Election,	677 00
Taxes Refunded,	224 13
Indian Hostilities,	28 56
Repairs of Capitol,	149 13
Census of 1855,	118 61
Treasury Certificates,	3,181 05
State Boundary,	30 00
Subsistence and Forage claims,	40,830 17
South Western Railroad Bank,	29,020 79
State Script Indian War of 1849,	48,927 49
Indian War of 1856,	25,865 20
Expenses of State Bonds,	445 70
Balance Cash on hand,	33,860 27
	\$267,354 69

The Treasurer in Account with the School Fund :

1856.	DR.		
Nov. 1.—	To	Balance per report of this date,	
		Land Bonds	334 22
		Cash,	5,814 58—\$6,148 80
11.	"	Amt. received from D. S. Walker Register,	329 40
Dec. 2—	"	" " " "	306 35
1857.			
Jan. 7.—	"	" " " "	451 00
10.	"	" " " "	613 22
20.	"	" " " "	562 00
Feb. 4.—	"	" " " "	74 50
4.	"	" " " "	1,156 34
Mch 2.—	"	" " " "	851 53
	"	" " " "	556 10
Apr'l 10.—	"	" " " "	1,578 87
May 6.—	"	" " " "	394 18
June 6.—	"	" " " "	375 39
July 4.—	"	" " " "	171 40
Sept. 9.—	"	" " " "	208 48
Oct. 5.—	"	" " " "	819 06
		on interest Account,	2,834 00
			\$17,430 62