

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A resolution to change mail route No. 6543 ;

Was read the second time; and,

On motion of Mr. McQueen, was passed over informally.

A bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in a printed bill entitled an Act to create the Counties of Suwannee and New River ;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law allowing appeals from the decisions of the Boards of County Commissioners in this State ;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

On motion, the rules being waived, Mr. McCall gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Mary King to Mary Hancock.

Mr. Lamar moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock ;

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

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McCall and McElvy—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Dell, Eubanks, Keitt, McQueen and Welch—9.

So said motion was lost.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

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MONDAY, December 5th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the reading of Saturday's Journal was dispensed with.

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 provide for the attendance of Slave Witnesses in capital cases.

By Mr. Keitt :

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a Ferry across the Ocala-waha River.

By Mr. Dell :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Spencer Price, of Levy county, to establish a Ferry from No. 4 on the mainland to the Western terminus of the Florida Railroad on Way Key thence across the Bay to the city of Atseena Otie.

The rules being waived, Mr. Dell introduced without previous force in this State in reference to costs in suits at Law and in Equity in the several Courts of this State ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

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

By Mr. Call :

A bill to be entitled an Act to prohibit the circulation in this State of Foreign Bank Bills of a less denomination than five dollars ; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act in addition to the several Acts concerning Pilotage at the Port of Fernandina.

By Mr. Jones :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Clerk and Sheriff in Washington county to hold their offices at or within five miles of the Court-house in said county.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the Senator from Franklin was excused from further attendance on the Senate until the 11th instant.

Mr. Nicholson gave notice that he would on to-morrow introduce the following bills, to-wit :

A bill to be entitled An act to amend 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, approved Dec. 21st, 1858 ; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act to prohibit trespasses upon Railroad Land Grants.

Mr. Nicholson also gave notice that he would at a future time ask leave to introduce the following bills, to-wit :

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish an Insurance Company in the city of Pensacola ;

A bill to be entitled an Act granting a charter to intersect the waters of the Perdido Bay and Grand Lagoon ; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act to prohibit insubordination among slaves.

Mr. Eppes from the Judiciary Committee made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act to amend an Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slaves, approved January 15th, 1859.

#### REPORT,

That they have examined said bill and recommend its passage, with the additional sections numbered 4 and 5.

T. J. EPPES,  
Ch'n Judiciary Committee.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any such person of African descent shall be arrested as aforesaid, and it shall appear on the examination that such person is not free but a slave, then such person of African descent shall not be discharged from custody, but shall be delivered into the possession of his or her owner, upon the said owner giving bond and security to appear at the next term of the Circuit Court for the county where said arrest has been made, and answer all indictments which may be found against said owner for allowing said person of African descent to go at large and trade as a free man, or for any other violation of the laws of this State concerning slaves, free negroes and mulattoes.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all children of African descent under the age of fourteen years, shall go into slavery with his, her or their mother, and become slaves for life to the same person, as the mother of said children; and when said children have no mother, then they shall be bound out as apprentices until they shall severally attain the age of eighteen years, when they shall become subject to all the provisions of this Act.

Which report was received, and the bills with its amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Eppes from the Judiciary Committee made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act in relation to evidence, report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

The same Committee to whom was referred an Act to amend an Act concerning Dower; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Laws now in force in

this State relative to ejectment suits; also, an Act in relation to Courts of Probate in this State; beg leave to report said bills back to the Senate and recommend their passage.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. EPPES,  
Ch'n Judiciary Committee.

Which report was received, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Claims and Accounts 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 Andrew J. Moore and Wm. S. Dilworth, ask leave to

#### REPORT,

That they have had the same under consideration, and believe the claim to be a just one, and recommend the passage of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McQUEEN, Chairman.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

MR. PRESIDENT:—

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize William F. Green, of Gadsden county, to contract and be contracted with;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Guardians, Administrators and Executors to invest the moneys of Wards, Testators and Intestates of Leon county, in Railroad Bonds of said county; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in a printed bill entitled an Act to create the counties of Suwannee and New River.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. LAMAR,  
Ch'n Com. on Engrossed Bills.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slave, approved January 15, 1859;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Call offered the following additional amendment :

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That so much of the first section of the Act to which this is an amendment as exempts said slave from being taken in execution for the debts of his or her Master or Mistress, be, and it is hereby repealed, and said slaves shall be subject to be disposed of in the same manner as other property is or may be.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, 100 copies of the bill, as amended, together with the report of the Judiciary Committee, were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lamar moved to amend by inserting; wherever the words "free persons" occur, the words "wholly or in part;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baldwin moved that a committee of three be appointed to solicit the opinion of the Attorney General on said bill;

Which was adopted.

Whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Baldwin, Call and McCall on said committee.

The rules being waived, Mr. McCall introduced without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Hugh Martin Newsoms to Hugh Martin Keen;

Which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Also, a bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Mary King to Mary Hancock;

Which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws now in force in this State, relative to ejection suits;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Courts of Probate 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 in relation to evidence;

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 the law allowing appeals from the decisions of the Boards of County Commissioners 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 for the relief of Andrew J. Moore and William S. Dilworth;

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 provide for the attendance of slave witnesses in capital cases;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a Ferry across the Ocklawaha river;

Was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Spencer Price, of Levy county, to establish a ferry from Number Four, on the mainland, to the Western terminus of the Florida Railroad on Way Key, thence across the Bay to the city of Atseena Otie;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act amendatory of the several acts in force in this State, in reference to costs in suits at law and in equity in the several courts of this State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the rules being waived, the Committee on Corporations made the following report :

The Committee on Corporations ask leave to report back to the Senate, an Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Alachua & Columbia Railroad Company and recommend that said bill be laid upon the table.

J. McR. BAKER,  
Chm'n Com. on Corporations.

Which report was received, and the accompanying bill laid upon the table.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act concerning Dower;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment :

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws now in force, which give to the widow a share of the personal estate of her deceased husband, in preference to the creditors of said husband, be and the same are hereby repealed. *Provided however*, this Act shall not impair the widow's claim to one year's support out of said personal estate, which year's support shall in no case, if an insolvent estate, exceed three hundred dollars in amount.

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in the printed bill entitled an Act to create the counties of Suwannee and New River ; Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—13.

Nays—Messrs. Call and Dell—2.

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 authorize Guardians, Administrators and Executors, to invest the moneys of Wards, Testators and Intestates, of Leon County in the Railroad Bonds of said county ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson, 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 authorize William F. Green, of Gadsden county, to contract and be contracted with ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—12.

Nay—Mr. Eubanks—1.

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 6th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the further 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 prohibit the circulation in this State of Foreign Bank Bills of a less denomination than five dollars.

The rule being waived, Mr. Call introduced the following bills without previous notice :

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning Replevin ; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the second Section of the third article of the Constitution of this State ;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

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

By Mr. Dawkins :

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of costs of plaintiffs in certain cases, in the Western Judicial District.

By Mr. Nicholson :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend 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 & Florida Railroad, approved December 21st, 1858 ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to organize a Fire Insurance Company in Pensacola, under the name of Pensacola Insurance Company ; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to prohibit trespasses upon Railroad Land Grants.

By Mr. Welch :

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower John W. Broxon and Isaac Broxon to assume the management of their own estates.

The rules being waived, Mr. Welch introduced without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

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

By Mr. Nicholson :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the pilot laws for the Bay and Harbor of Pensacola.

By Mr. Jones :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Edwin N. Evrett, in Washington county, to assume the management of his own estate.

Mr. Nicholson moved that a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Alexander Douglas and others therein contained, which by