

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—13.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to adjourn until 12 o'clock on Wednesday;

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and McCall;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Hawes and McCall—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—13.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to adjourn until 55 minutes past 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning;

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and McCall;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call and McCall—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning;

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and McCall.

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Hawes and McCall—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—13.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Lamar moved to adjourn until half past three o'clock to-morrow evening;

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Lamar and Walker;

On which the vote was,

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Eubanks, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Walker and Welch—11.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Eppes, Hawes, Keitt and Nicholson—5.

So the motion was adopted, and

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, half-past three, P. M.

TUESDAY, December 13th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Dell moved that the bill to be 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, be placed first among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Eppes introduced,

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Apalachicola and Columbus Steamboat Company; also

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Apalachicola and New Orleans Steam Navigation Company;

Which, on motion of Mr. Eppes, were placed second among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Welch introduced,

A bill to be entitled an Act for the purchase of Arms for this State;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the election of Register of State Lands; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act declaratory of the sense of this General Assembly as to the Grant of United States Lands for Railroad purposes.

Mr. Lamar moved to waive the rules to allow him to introduce,

Joint Resolution to empower the Governor to sell certain Bonds;

On which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baker and Walker;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

Nays—None.

So the rules were waived,

And the resolution was read the first, second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Eubanks, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—15.

Nays—Messrs. Dell and Duncan—2.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Call offered the following resolution :

A resolution calling on the Governor for information in regard to the appointment of Henry Wells as Agent to select lands for the different Railroads.

Mr. McCall moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "wholly unnecessary and uncalled for"

Mr. Dawkins offered the following amendment :

Strike out the preamble, and strike out the word "Senate" wherever it occurs in the resolution, and insert the word "Legislature" in lieu thereof.

Pending which, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, December 14th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Call moved that the Journal of yesterday be corrected by spreading at large upon the same the following preamble and resolution, offered by him on yesterday, viz :

WHEREAS, The Governor of this State has informed this General Assembly that he did on the 7th of September last, appoint Henry Wells an agent to select for the different Railroads other lands in lieu of those that might have been disposed of by the United States previous to the passage of the Act of Congress, approved May 17th, 1856, granting lands to this State to aid in the construction of said railroads; *And Whereas*, It was the opinion of many members of the Senate that said lands had already been selected by agents appointed by a former Governor, which selections had been approved by the proper authorities at Washington, and list of said lands certified to the different railroads, under which list the said companies had taken possession of said lands and were proceeding to sell the same, and that in consequence, the appointment of said Henry Wells as such agent, was not only wholly unnecessary and uncalled for, but will have a tendency to embarrass the said companies in their land sales—to

throw a cloud upon their titles, and thus materially retard the final completion of said roads; therefore,

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to communicate to this Senate, what steps had been taken by his predecessor or himself in reference to the selection of said lands previous to the 7th September last—how far any previous agents may have gone in the discharge of their duties—what action has been had by the authorities at Washington in reference to such selections, and what lands remain to be selected; also that he communicate to this Senate, copies of any correspondence between himself or his predecessor and the authorities at Washington, in reference to said selections, and the particulars of the contract, if any, with the said Henry Wells, and the amount of compensation to be allowed him for his services in selecting.

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baker and McCall

Upon which the vote was :

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

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Dawkins, McCall, McElvy and Welch—5.
So said motion was adopted.

Mr. McCall moved that the vote taken upon the bill for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas, be reconsidered and placed among the orders of the day;

Which motion was adopted, and,

On motion of Mr. Baker, the bill was placed back upon its second reading.

Mr. Call moved that the Secretary of the Senate be and he is hereby instructed to number the several orders of the day, in the regular order in which they were placed among the orders, and that he do hereafter read said orders in regular rotation, except when otherwise directed by the Senate;

Which motion was adopted.

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

By Mr. Duncan :

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Joseph D. Smith to assume the management of his own estate;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Wm. Day and L. B. McTyer, Clerk and Sheriff of Hamilton county; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Jasper.

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

By Mr. McCall :

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for filling vacancies in the office of Register of State lands; Also,