

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended put up on its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Enbanks, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the bill as amended be certified to the House of Representatives.

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

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

No quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Lamar, the Senate adjourned until half-past 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, December 15th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the further reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. McQueen moved that a resolution to change mail route No. 1643, be placed first among the orders of the day;

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Call, House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Susan Croom to manage her own estate was placed second, among the orders of the day.

The following communication from the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, was received:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
NEW YORK, November 26th 1859. }

To the President of the Senate,

Tallahassee Florida.

The undersigned Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, being duly authorized to address the Chambers, Associations, ect., in the cotton-growing States, respecting sandy and fraudulently packed cotton, beg leave to request your attention to these matters.

It may be of little use to discuss the question whether sandy cotton is the result of negligence or fraud, because it has had its day, and like other detected adulterations, will probably cease. A few remarks however, seem necessary.

The origin of it is comparatively recent; for there was no appreciable quantity of sand in the great crop of 1839—1840, although an unusually large quantity of cotton was then picked from the ground. The great increase of the evil during the last three years is to be ascribed in part to the short supply of our cotton in 1857 and 1858, and to the scarcity of Surat cotton in the latter year, which facilitated the sale of almost any quality, however inferior; but the abundant supply of both in 1859, together with the still increased quantity of sand, began to stop the demand for it at Liverpool last spring. Shippers may have contributed to promote the evil by purchasing freely and carelessly, but they were deluded by the Liverpool valuations of last winter; perhaps, also, the greater prevalence of transit sales in this city, where the sand is necessarily more or less shaken out of the sample papers, may be charged with a portion of the blame, as, by facilitating the operations of speculators, it probably retarded the rejection of sandy cotton in the Southern markets.

These things have no doubt tended to promote negligence on the part of planters, and naturally led to the state of affairs named by an extensive planter, whose remarks were substantially as follows, viz: that he continues to use flues, although in the last few years more and more planters have given them up; that he has been urged to do so too, for the reason that sandy sold within one fourth cent per pound, of clean cotton, and contained barrels and barrels of sand and dust which his flues would exclude.

The false or fraudulent packing of cotton is a different subject and requires special attention.

Of late years factors in New Orleans, Mobile and other cotton ports have refused to pay European and Northern claims for false packing, unless the planters' mark is stated in the certificate, however clear the evidence that they had sold the Cotton to the claimant.

This has naturally operated as one form of premium to fraud; and the reported repeal of the laws of some States which required the planter to mark his name upon each bale, may be regarded as another

er; for it will not be questioned that whatever obstructs the detection of fraud is an encouragement of it.

As it is equally true that whatever facilitates detection operates as a prevention of offences, so the important question to be solved is the best mode of detection; and any information that you can give on this point will be gladly and thankfully received by the Chamber of Commerce here.

Before making any suggestions, we feel that it may be deemed unnecessary or quixotic for us, as merchants, to devise means of protecting the factor against the planter, because we can legally enforce recovery from the former by returning the defective bale to him from Lowell or Manchester, without proving more than its purchase from him. Still the heavy expenses of such return might be a great hardship to the factor, and therefore certificates (being also more convenient) have generally been employed instead. Nevertheless, if false packing can be prevented, neither difficulties nor claims can occur.

It therefore appears to us that some kind of mark, to be affixed by the planter, is needed for tracing the cotton to its source; and as his external mark cannot be relied upon, because, being the first placed upon the bale it is naturally the first to be defaced, some internal mark seems necessary, and can, we suppose, be used with less trouble than any other. It would be easy for him to have the requisite number of cards printed with his name, plantation, County, State and year of growth, leaving his own number of the bale to be filled up in writing, and to put three such cards in different places near the centre of each bale while it is being packed; then compel the factor in his turn, if practicable, to mark every bale which he sells with the name of his firm. This outside mark will run less risk of defacement than if imposed at the plantation, and, together with the year of growth and planters' number upon the card, will check misuse of the cards by the spinner. It might be better if the planter would mark his name on the bale in addition to placing his cards inside.

In suggesting these things, we do not contemplate any departure from the natural order of recourse, viz., the buyer upon the seller—we rather offer them for consideration, and though well satisfied of their propriety, perhaps you can devise amendments of a practical nature to facilitate their operation. If no satisfactory plan can be arranged, we see nothing for it but a general resolution of buyers on both sides of the Atlantic to return the defective bale, in which case we suppose that some experience in paying \$25 charges in place of \$5 or \$10 damages, will convince the factors that some better plan is needed.

It may be asked why special legislation is more necessary for detecting frauds in cotton than in other articles. The answer is easy

and conclusive. In the case of sugar, tobacco, rice, flour, grain, liquor, manufactured goods, &c., there is little or no difficulty in examining quality thoroughly before completing purchase and delivery, or in tracing the fraud to its origin; but in cotton, practically speaking there can be no such examination, nor discovery of the offender; in fact a square bale of cotton can only be thoroughly examined by breaking it up, or, in other words, by the spinners.

For this reason, it is impossible to establish, an "Inspection of Cotton;" and fortunate it is, that the trade cannot be so burthened and that so much confidence must necessarily be placed in the honesty of the planter. For as this confidence is amply justified by the result, as respects an immense majority of planters, so may their active co-operation be counted upon to pass the necessary laws through their Legislatures:

M. MAURY.	} <i>Special Committee of the Chamber of Commerce N. Y.</i>
H. W. BOGERT.	
H. O. BREWER.	
T. TILESTON.	
F. L. TALCOT.	

Witness the seal of the Chamber of Commerce.

By order of P. PERIT, *President.*

J. SMITH HOMANS, *Secretary.*

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, was ordered to be spread upon the journal, and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, with instructions to report resolutions:

The following special message from his Excellency the Governor, relative to the circulation of incendiary documents among slaves in this State, was received:

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

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

Charged as the Executive of this State with the protection of the interests of the State of Florida, I deem it to be my duty under the Constitution and my Oath to call your special attention to the fact that incendiary efforts are being made in this State by distributing amongst our people through the United States mail, private matter inciting negroes to rebel, or make insurrection and inculcating resistance to the right of property of masters in their slaves. A few days since a book of this treasonable character, entitled "Compendium of the impending crisis of the South, by Hinton Roman Helper, of North Carolina," addressed to the Governor of Florida, was received by me, through the Post Office, at Tallahassee. It is a matter of

public notoriety that a number of members of Congress of the United States, are endorsers and circulators of this treasonable book, and thus we have the fact established that members of Congress (said to number more than sixty members) are inciting insurrection and resistance among the slaves in the State of Florida, by advancing money to circulate this treasonable matter, and which they or their agents have sent into the State of Florida.

I call upon you as the representatives of this sovereign State, to aid me in vindicating the honor of the State, and to assist me in requiring of the General Government that the Constitution of the United States shall be enforced, and that the State of Florida shall be protected under that instrument. I would therefore recommend that you pass a law similar to that passed by the State of Virginia, preventing incendiary publications from being distributed through the United States mail. And that you further enact such laws, as to you shall be deemed adequate to the mischief, for the punishment of any person, who shall circulate any abolition paper of any character, whatever, or who shall in any way incite resistance by any slave or slaves to their masters, or shall interfere with the relation of master and slave with intent to injure the institution of slavery as it exists in the State. I would further recommend that the General Assembly shall pass a joint resolution addressed to our Senators and Representative in Congress, instructing them to demand that any member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, who has aided in causing this book to be distributed, or circulated, and sent into the State of Florida, thereby inciting insurrection in the State of Florida, shall be expelled from the Congress of the United States. And that our Senators and Representative be instructed to prefer charges against each and every member of the Congress of the United States, who has in any manner whatever aided in circulating, or in causing this treasonable book to be sent into the State of Florida, and cause such person or persons, to be arraigned before the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States of America. And that the General Assembly select a suitable person to convey said joint resolution to our Senators and Representative in Congress.

The framers of this Government never intended that these who incite the committing of treason, murder and conspiracy in a sovereign State, should be worthy of occupying seats from which they should enact laws for the government of this nation, and have provided a power in Congress, for their expulsion. Let the State of Florida first endeavor to have her rights under the Constitution enforced, and when denied let her people determine the course to be pursued.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and on motion, was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Keitt, McQueen and McElvy.

The rules being waived, Mr. McCall moved that the resolution calling on the Governor for information in regard to the appointment of Henry Wells, as agent, to select lands for the different Railroads, be taken up;

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Call moved that the resolution be put upon its passage;

The question was first taken upon the motion of Mr. Dawkins to strike out the Preamble;

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

And were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Eubanks, Jones, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, Nicholson and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, McQueen and Walker—6.

So said Preamble was struck out.

The resolution as amended was then put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

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

Nay—Mr. Welch—1.

So the resolution was passed.

The question being on the title of the resolution, Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the title by inserting the word "joint" before "resolution";

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

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Jones, McCall, McElvy, Nicholson and Welch—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Hawes, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen and Walker—10.

So said motion was lost; and,

On motion Mr. Dell, the resolution as amended, ordered to be certified to his Excellency the Governor.

The rules being waived, Mr. Lamar moved that Mr. Eubanks be excused from attendance for the balance of the Session;

Which motion was adopted.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That in the opinion of this General Assembly the payment by the Trustees of the Internal

Improvement Fund, of the sum of \$82,473 46 to Messrs. Henry Wells and A. M. Randolph, from the proceeds of the sale of Swamp Lands, has been made without authority of law, that under the contract between Thomas Brown, then Governor of the State of Florida, and the said Henry Wells and A. M. Randolph, for selecting and classifying the said lands, the said Wells and Randolph were required fully to complete their work by selecting and classifying all of the Swamp Lands, and by making out lists of said Swamp Lands, and suitable books and plats, and depositing the same in the office of the Register of State Lands before any payment whatever should be made them, and that after said book was completed the accounts of the said Henry Wells and A. M. Randolph were to be audited by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the amount allowed by said Comptroller, and no other paid to the said Wells and Randolph. That it appears from the report of said Trustees that all of the said lands have not been selected, none have been classified, none of the said books, maps and plats have been filed in the office of the Register of State Lands, the accounts of said Wells and Randolph have not been audited and allowed, and consequently they were not entitled to any pay.

Further, That from an examination of the contract between the said Governor Brown, and Wells, and Randolph, it appears to be extremely doubtful whether the said Wells and Randolph are entitled to any pay for any lands except such as they may have personally examined and classified, that there is no evidence that any lands have been so examined and classified, and that consequently the said Wells and Randolph were entitled to no pay whatever.

Further, That it admits of very great doubt whether the said Wells and Randolph are entitled to pay for those Swamp Lands (including the Everglades and other large bodies of Overflowed Lands) which were designated to the State by the United States authorities without the intervention of said Agents; and that in that event the whole pay of the said Wells and Randolph will not exceed over \$20,000, instead of the enormous sum of \$82,473 46, which has thus been advanced to them without such acts of law.

Further, That it appears from the report of said Trustees that the default of the said Agents, Wells and Randolph, in filing their affidavits of the character of the Swamp Lands which have been sold by the United States Government since the passage of the Act of May 17th, 1856, is the real reason why the amount due the State for reclamations on account of said lands has not heretofore been paid; and that in the opinion of this General Assembly said affidavits were not filed because the said Agents had not made the personal examination of said lands required by their contract, which, if it had been made would have enabled them to make said affidavits, and that said default alone constitutes a sufficient violation of their con-

tract in the part of said Wells and Randolph to require its annulment by the said Trustees.

Resolved, further, That in view of the foregoing premises the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be, and they are hereby required to take all necessary and proper steps to annul the said contract with Wells and Randolph, and to recover from them all sums of money which may have been illegally paid on account of said contract; also, to recover from said Wells and Randolph all books, papers, plats, maps and documents of every nature and description which may have been prepared by them, or otherwise come into their possession under pretence of executing the said contract herein before referred to, and that for that purpose the said Trustees are hereby authorized to use the name of the State of Florida, or to proceed in their own name as the case may require.

Resolved, further, That the said Trustees be, and they are hereby authorized to take all the necessary and proper steps to carry out the provisions of the several Acts of Congress and of this State in reference to the selection and classifying of the Swamp Land granted to this State by Act of Congress.

Copy of a contract made with HENRY WELLS, and A. M. RANDOLPH, as State Agents to select the Swamp Lands.

In accordance with the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled, "An Act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits, approved September 28th 1851, and of an Act of the General Assembly of Florida passed in conformity therewith, entitled an Act to secure the swamp and overflowed lands lately granted to the State, and for other purposes, approved January 24th 1851." I Thomas Brown, Governor of the State of Florida, by and under the power and authority therein conferred, have agreed and do hereby enter into contract with Henry Wells and Arthur M. Randolph, of the State of Florida, as agents on behalf of the said State, to execute the duties contemplated by the aforesaid Acts, and under the instructions which have been given or which may hereafter be given, by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the United States, to the Surveyor General of Florida, in any other form. In the performance of this work, the said Henry Wells and Arthur M. Randolph, covenant and agree to use all due and proper diligence in securing and classifying the lands lately granted to this State, designated as "Swamp or Overflowed Lands." The basis of their operations will be the Township Maps which they will obtain from the office of the Surveyor General; and from the several local land offices in the State, the number

of all entries or lands previously disposed of by the General Government, and will test the accuracy of the Topography by examination on the ground, correcting all important errors and noting the true line of overflow. Every legal subdivision embraced within such line will be entered in a note book to be kept in the following form:

Selection.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Area.	Remarks.
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From these lists and the eye, draughts, diamagrams, or if necessary, actual measurements made in the field, will be compiled maps, one of every Township, exhibiting the Topography as corrected, the line of overflow, private entries, grants, reservations and lands already owned by the State. On return to the office of the Register of Public Lands, of this State, the note books containing the lists as above specified, an entry for each legal subdivision, and a complete set of Township maps, made with accuracy and sufficient neatness to be forwarded to Washington as originals from which the final copies are to be made, will be the performance of this contract; and the duties herein agreed to be performed, and the obligations into which the said Henry Wells and Arthur M. Randolph have entered and will entitle them to received eight mills for each acre of "Swamp and overflowed Lands," selected and returned by them and confirmed to the State by the authorities at Washington, as contemplated by the Act of Congress before recited. And it is hereby stipulated and agreed, by the authority in me vested, that the said Henry Wells and Arthur M. Randolph shall be allowed and entitled to receive eight mills per acre for all the "Swamp and overflowed Lands" which they shall secure and return with the proper note books, entries, maps, &c., as herein before stipulated, and which shall be confirmed to the State, to be audited by the Comptroller of this State, and "paid out of any monies received from the sale of said Lands," as provided by the Act of the General Assembly before recited. To the true intent and meaning whereof, the parties have jointly subscribed this contract and agreement in duplicates.

THOMAS BROWN,
HENRY WELLS,
ARTHUR M. RANDOLPH.

Mr. Call moved that the resolutions offered by him, and the contract between Governor Brown and Wells, and Randolph, referred to in the report of the Trustees, be spread upon the Journals, and the resolutions placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow;

Which motion was adopted.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, to-wit:

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to organize a Fire Insurance Company in the city of Pensacola.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. NICHOLSON,
Act. Ch'n.

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

The Committee on Enrolled bills made the following report:

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

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

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 Atseena Otie;

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a ferry across the Ocklawaha River;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Andrew J. Moore and William S. Dilworth;

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; and

Resolution relative to the establishment of the boundary line between the State of Georgia and the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. McELVY, Chm'n.

Which report was received.

Mr. Eppes asked that the rules be waived, to allow him to make a motion;

Which was granted.

Mr. Eppes moved, that

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Apalachicola and New Orleans Steam Navigation Company, be placed respectively third and fourth in the orders of the day;

Which was adopted.

The rules being waived, Mr. Duncan introduced the following bills, pursuant to previous notice:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the city of Jasper;

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 William Day and L. B. McFyer;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 14th, 1859.

Hon. JOHN FINELAYSON,
President of the Senate:

Sir:—The following bills have this day passed the House, and are herewith transmitted:

A bill to be entitled an Act to afford a rule for the constructions of deeds and wills, in certain cases;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the recording of marks and brands of cattle shipped from the counties of Manatee and Hillsborough;

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower Thomas J. Chace, a minor of Jefferson county, to assume the management of his own estate;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the city of Atseena-Otie;

A bill to be entitled an Act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, of this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the Gulf City and Interior Railroad company, and the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad company;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the town of Quincy, approved January 12th, 1837, approved January 13th, 1857. Also,

Senate bill to be entitled an Act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county.

Very respectfully,
E. M. GRAHAM,
Clk Ho. Rep's.

Which was read, and the Senate bill ordered to be enrolled, and the House bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution to change mail route No. 6543;
Was read and put upon its passage;
Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dell, Eppes, Keitt, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Eubanks, Lamar and McElvy—4.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to empower Susan M. Croom, a minor of Leon county, to assume the management of her own estate;

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

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—14.

Nays—Messrs. Eubanks and Walker—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 incorporate the Apalachicola and Columbus steamboat navigation Company;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Jones, 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.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Apalachicola and New Orleans steam navigation company;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Eubanks, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—16.

Nays—none.

So said 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 Isaac N. Shepard of Gadsden county;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, 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.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Isaac N. Shepard, Guardian of the minor heirs of Henry M. Shepard, late of Gadsden county, deceased;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Eppes, Eubanks, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, 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:

The rules being waived, Mr. Nicholson moved that the vote taken yesterday, on the bill entitled an Act to create the county of Perry, be reconsidered;

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

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Eubanks, Jones, McCall, McElvy, Nicholson and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Dell, Eppes, Keitt, Lamar and McQueen—6.

So the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. McCall moved that the rules be waived, so that he could make the following motion:

That the bill to be entitled an Act to create the county of Perry, be placed among the orders of the day, read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage;

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

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dawkins, Eubanks, Jones, McCall, McElvy, Nicholson and Welch—10.

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

So said motion was lost.

A bill to be entitled an Act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to amend the bill by striking out "and in par-

ticular the 6th clause of the 6th section, and the 25th section of said Act," and inserting after the word "violated" the words "or refused to comply with," and after the word "violating" the words "or refusing to comply with," and adding after the word "Act" in the 6th line the words "in a manner likely to damnify or injure the said Internal Improvement Fund;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend by striking out the word "of" in the 6th line, 2nd page, and insert "not to exceed" (twice;)

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved also to add the following additional section:

SECTION 5. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any person or body corporate shall feel themselves aggrieved by any violation for refusal to comply with any of the provisions of said Internal Improvement Act, by or on the part of any of the said Railroad Companies which have availed themselves of the benefits of the said Internal Improvement Act, it shall and may be lawful for such persons or bodies corporate, to institute proceedings against such Railroad Company, in his her or their own name, in the same manner and subject to the same regulations, instructions and rights of appeal as in 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of this Act it is provided may be done by the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and the judgment of the Court in favor of said persons or bodies corporate shall be enforced in the same manner as is herein before provided for, enforcing a judgment in favor of the Trustees of said Internal Improvement Fund.

Which was adopted;

And the bill as amended, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, the Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

MR. PRESIDENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

No quorum present.

Mr. Baker moved a call of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms was sent for the absentees;

Pending which a quorum appeared.

The orders of the day were resumed.

House bill to be entitled an Act concerning Pilots and Pilotage at Cedar Keys;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title;

Mr. Dell moved to amend the bill by striking out the "6th section;"

Which was adopted;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Allen Gibson;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Dell offered as a substitute for the bill,

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Allen Gibson of Marion county, and Solomon F. Haliday, of Alachua county;

Which was accepted, and the substituted bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of M. F. Papy;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of H. T. Blocker;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the consolidation of the statutes and the compilation of a code of laws for this State;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act providing for the publication of the names of certain persons with the acts of each and every session of the General Assembly;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Supreme Court to establish rules in Chancery practice;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State relating to divorce;

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

House bill to be entitled on Act in relation to records;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Andrew J. Revells, of Madison county, to that of Andrew J. Duncan;

Was read the second time, 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 Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to empower William W. Tucker, of Jefferson county, to assume the management of his own estate;

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—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—15.

Nay—Mr. Walker—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to require Justices of the Peace to give bond;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to prevent the unnecessary use of fire-arms in the State of Florida on the Sabbath day;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to amend the bill by striking out "Sabbath day" wherever it occurs, and inserting "Sunday" in lieu thereof;

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dell moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

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

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Dell, Eppes and Keitt—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Hawes,

Jones, Lamar, McCall, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—13.

So said motion was lost.

And the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to require Physicians and Surgeons to file certified copies of their diplomas;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act repealing certain Acts passed in relation to the County Officers in Calhoun county;

Was read a second time and referred to a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Eppes, McElvy and Dawkins.

A bill to be entitled an Act amendatory of the several Acts of force in this State, in reference to costs in suits at law and in equity, in the several Courts of 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 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 December 21, 1858;

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

Resolution for the relief of J. C. Crosby;

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 second section of the third Article of the Constitution of 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 to repeal the 25th section of an Act entitled on Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Board of Education of the State Seminary West of the Suwannee to confer Collegiate degrees;

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

Mr. Call moved the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow;

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

Upon which the vote was,

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

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Eubanks, McCall, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—7.

So the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, December 16th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Keitt, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Call moved that,

WHEREAS, A large amount of most important business will be left unfinished should an adjournment be had on the 17th instant, as provided for by the Senate resolution; *And, whereas*, Such failure on the part of the General Assembly to complete its business would be a flagrant dereliction of duty, and a wanton disregard of public interests; *Therefore*, A Committee of three be appointed to obtain from the House a Senate Joint resolution fixing the day of adjournment on the 17th inst.;

Which was adopted.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Messrs. Call, Lamar and McCall on said Committee.

Mr. Call moved

That the bill entitled a bill to organize the county of Perry and the substitute, and the amendment, be referred to the Judiciary Committee with instruction to report on the constitutionality of the original bill.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the substitute by striking out the word "substitute;"

Which amendment was accepted by Mr. Call.

A committee from the House appeared, consisting of Messrs. Barrett, Brevard and Erwin, and asked to return the Senate resolution for adjournment on the 17th inst.

The same Committee informed the Senate that they had been appointed to meet a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to fix upon some day for adjournment.