

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.

A committee from the House appeared, consisting of Messrs. Ingram, Frink and Heermans, and requested the return of a bill to be entitled an Act to change the dividing line between the counties of Putnam and St. Johns.

Mr. McCall moved a call of the House;

Upon calling the roll the following members answered to their names.

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

On motion of Mr. McCall, the Sergeant-at-Arms was sent for the absentees.

On motion of Mr. McCall, the call of the House was suspended, and the bill referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the Senator from Columbia was excused from further attendance on the Senate, for the balance of the Session.

Mr. Welch moved that after to-day, no new bill or resolution of a public character, shall be introduced in the Senate without the unanimous consent of all Senators;

Which motion was passed over informally.

On motion of Mr. Call, the joint resolution providing for an adjournment on the 17th inst.,

Was rescinded.

Mr. Baker moved that a committee of three be appointed to meet the committee appointed by the House, to consult and decide as to the adjournment of this Legislature;

Which motion was adopted, and,

Messrs. Baker, McElvy and Baldwin, appointed such committee.

On motion of Mr. Dell, the Senator from Wakulla was excused from further attendance on the Senate after to-morrow.

The committee appointed to meet a similar committee on the part of the House, to consult as to the adjournment of this Legislature, returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Call moved that a Committee of three be appointed to return to the House the bill to be entitled an Act to change the dividing line between the counties of Putnam and St. Johns;

Which was adopted; and Messrs. Call, Walker and Dawkins appointed said Committee.

Mr. Dell presented the petition of the Register of U. S. Lands at Newnansville;

Which was received;

And on motion of Mr. Dell, ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

NEWNANSVILLE, Dec. 6th, 1859.

HON. PHILIP DELL:

Dear Sir:—I take the liberty of addressing you on a subject of great importance to the State, and trust you will lay the matter before the Legislature, and urge upon that body the necessity of prompt action. I allude to the shameful trespass by timber cutters on the lands of the State, thereby rendering totally valueless hundreds and thousands of acres, and consequently robbing the State of a large amount of money. In my way of inspection as timber agent of the U. S., these trespasses come under my observation, and I think on one tour during the present year, I detected perhaps ten thousand dollars worth of timber cut. The most of the fine timber of the St. Johns, St. Mary's and Nassau Rivers are all nearly cut over, and the Railroads being opened new, means of transportation, the finest timber, perhaps, in the State is now being cut from the State lands, and sent down these roads, principally to Jacksonville. There is no law of the State on this subject which gives any protection. The law giving the supervision to the Grand Juries of each county is entirely worthless; and, indeed, I do not believe it could operate where a trespasser upon the Swamp and Overflowed Lands, (which comprise much the largest and most valuable donation in the east,) for you are aware that law was passed anterior to the Swamp Land Act of September, 1850, and from its phraseology cannot, I conceive, have prospective action.

There is another matter, I think, which loudly calls for Legislative action. The present law regulating the sale of these lands, requires only one-fourth of the purchase in cash, giving them years in which to pay the balance. The most of the State Lands sold on the coast is to these lumber men, and it is a very common practice for the purchase to be made by an irresponsible Trustee. The lumber is then cut, the lands vacated and forfeited, but entirely valueless. I think the law should be so amended as to prevent this shameful fraud, which I assure you is carried on to a greater extent than you have any idea of.

With much respect, I remain,
Your ob't serv't,

JOHN C. PELOT.

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 amend the second section of the third Article of the Constitution of this States;

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal the 24th section of an Act

entitled an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvement in this State;

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 21st, 1858;

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 equity in the several Courts of this State;

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

Resolution for the relief of J. C. Crosby, late Sheriff of Escambia county.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. NICHOLSON.

Acting Ch'n Com. on Engrossed Bills.

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

Mr. Dawkins from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report:

The Committee on Proposition and Grievances to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to prevent insubordination among slaves, recommend the passage of the bill, with the following amendment after the words Owner, Trustee, Guardian Executor or Executrix, Administrator or Administratrix, "the words or any person or persons hiring any slave or slaves."

Your Committee further report, that the subject matter "contained in the communication of F. H. Flagg and the Territorial warrant accompanying the same," is in the opinion of your Committee, among the class of claims previously reported upon by this Committee. Your Committee therefore report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that the warrant be returned to the said F. H. Flagg.

D. C. DAWKINS,

Chairman.

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

Mr. Eppes made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act repealing certain acts passed in relation to the county officers of Calhoun county,

REPORT,

That they have examined said bill, and recommend the passage

of the same with the following amendments, which are herewith submitted.

T. J. EPPES,
D. C. DAWKINS,
L. G. McELVY.

Amend Section 1st, as follows:

Strike out all after 9th line, in section 1st, after the words "Court-house" in said ninth line.

Insert the following additional sections:

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That before this act shall be in force it shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said county of Calhoun, at their next election of Judge of Probate for said county, for approval or disapproval; at which said election the voters shall endorse on their ballots the words "approval" or "disapproval," and if a majority of the votes so cast at said election be for "approval" then this act shall be in force; if "disapproval" then the said law shall not be in force.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Judge of Probate, in the county of Calhoun, at the next election, after the passage of this act, for Judge of Probate in said county to give notice of this act; and the canvassers of said election shall, and it is hereby made their duty when they meet to canvass the election returns for said office of Judge of Probate, to canvass the votes for "approval" or "disapproval" and to make return thereof as in other cases of election.

Also, amend section 2 of said bill, by inserting section 4.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Dec., 16th 1859.

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House has this day passed the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Simeon A. Edwards.

Very Respectfully,

E. M. GRAHAM,
Clerk House Rep.

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

The rules being waived, on motion of Mr. Dell, the bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Simeon A. Edwards;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the 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, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McQueen, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—15.

Nay—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 15th, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

Sir :—The following Senate bill has this day passed the House, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act relative to the Office of Sheriffs and Circuit Court Clerks in the county of Washington ;

With the following amendment :

Strike out the word "Sheriff;" also, in the fourth line, Section 1st, the words "their respective."

Very Respectfully,

E. M. GRAHAM,
Clerk House of Representatives.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 15th, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate :

Sir :—The House has this day passed the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning Sheriffs and Coroners ;

With the following amendment :

By striking out the words "or upon any Bay, Creek or River adjoining thereto," in the sixth and seventh lines of the 2nd section,

Very Respectfully,

E. M. GRAHAM,
Clerk House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Dec. 16th, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate.

Sir :—The House has this day passed the following Senate bills and resolution, viz :

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

Resolution to empower the Governor of the State to sell certain Bonds ;

A bill to be entitled an Act more fully defining the duties of Tax Assessor and Collector for the city of Pensacola.

The following bills have been lost in the House :

A bill to be entitled an Act to prescribe the manner of making returns by Executors, Administrators and Guardians in this State ;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the dividing line between the Counties of Putnam and St. Johns.

Passed the following House bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled an Act granting retail licenses in the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

E. M. GRAHAM.

Clerk House Rep.

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

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Baldwin introduced the following bill, which was placed among the orders of the day :

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Jacksonville and St. Augustine Railroad Company ;

On motion, the rules being waived, the bill was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Walker the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock.

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

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

And the bill as amended was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

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

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. Dell moved that the Secretary be authorized to employ an assistant, to certify bills as they pass the Senate to the House of Representatives;

Which motion was adopted.

The rules being waived, Mr. Baker moved that the bill for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas, be taken up first in order;

Which motion was adopted,

And the bill read the second time, and on motion, was passed over informally.

The rules being waived, Mr. Eppes introduced the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Member requested to obtain the passage of an Act to establish a Fort and other necessary Fortifications at the Port of Apalachicola and in said city of Apalachicola in this State, and to urge appropriations from the Federal Government for that purpose.

The resolution being read, on motion, it was put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was ;

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

Nays—None.

So said resolution 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 Allen Gibson, of Marion county, and Solomon F. Haliday of Alachua county ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the votes was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Walker—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 M. F. Papy ;

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

Upon which the votet, was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Walker—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 H. T. Blocker ;

Rules being waived, was read a second and third times by its title and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Walker—14.

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 appointment of Vice Chancellors ;

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Dell, was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to add an additional section to the Constitution of this State, to be numbered Section Eight of Article sixteen ;

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

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McQueen, Nicholson and Walker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan and McElvy—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 prevent fraudulent settlements on married women ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act declaratory of the sense of the General Assembly as to the grant of lands to aid in the construction of the different Railroads in this State ;

Was read a first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to evidence ;

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

Upon which the vote was :

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

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 amend an act to provide for the payment pro rata, of the debts of insolvent estates ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the line between Gadsden and Liberty counties ;

The further reading of the bill was dispensed with, and the bill placed back upon its second reading for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the duties of Justices of the Peace, &c. ;

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 remove in part obstructions at the Port of Jacksonville ;

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

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Walker—13.

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 Joseph D. Smith to assume the management of his own estate ;

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

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Lamar, McElvy, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—14.

Nay—Mr. Walker—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 to incorporate the city of Jasper ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of William Day and L. B. McTyer ;

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

Resolutions relative to the Indian River & St. Johns River Canal ;

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 third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, 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 to organize a Fire Insurance Company in Pensacola, under the name of Pensacola Fire Insurance Company ;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the vote was :

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

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 in relation to the Gulf City and Interior Rail-road Company, and the Pensacola and Georgia Rail-road Company ;

The further reading of the bill was dispensed with, rules waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to a select Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Eppes, Lamar and McElvy.

Joint Resolution for the relief of Andrew J. Lanier of Lafayette county ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning Pilotage at the Port of Fernandina ;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Benjamin Hopkins, and others;

Was read a third time, and on motion, was passed over informally, until to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the recovery of taxes illegally exacted;

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

Resolution recommending to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, certain proceedings in regard to the several Railroad Companies;

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 unite the offices of Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Circuit Court, in Volusia county;

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

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, 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.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December, 17th, 1859:

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

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

Mr. Dawkins moved that Mr. Watlington, the Senator from the 20th District, be sworn in;

Whereupon the oath was administered by T. J. Eppes, Notary Public;

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Hawes introduced,

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Palatka Railroad Company;

The rules being waived, the bill was read the first and second times by its title, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Eppes offered the following resolutions;

WHEREAS, grave charges are made and preferred in the resolutions offered on the 15th inst., by the Senator from Nassau, touching and relating to a contract made and entered into between Governor Thomas Brown and Messrs. Henry Wells and A. M. Randolph, "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 Sep. 28, 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 Jan. 24, 1851;

AND WHEREAS, the General Assembly is called upon in said resolutions to express their opinion, and to condemn, apparently without investigation, the conduct of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in the payment made by them to Messrs. Wells and Randolph, and harshly to judge the conduct of said contractors under said contract referred to;

AND WHEREAS, justice to said parties, to the State at large, and to the Trustees, demand a full, fair, and impartial investigation, and that the Legislature should not unadvisedly, hastily or intemperately act in the premises; Therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Senate, That said resolutions of the Senator from Nassau, together with the contract referred to therein, which were offered on the 15th inst., and spread upon the journals of the Senate, and made the orders of the day for the ensuing day, together with the report of the Trustees and all papers submitted relating thereto, be, and the same are hereby referred to a select committee of five to be appointed by the Chair, to investigate the charges, all and singular, made and preferred therein or touching, or in any way relating to the subject, and that said committee have full power to send for persons or papers and to fully investigate all the charges, matters and things set forth and contained or in anywise embraced or referred to in said resolutions, and to report the evidence so taken to this General Assembly.

Which was read and adopted.

Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. McElvy, Dawkins, Baker, McQueen and Duncan as such committee.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report: