

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 repeal the 24th Section of an Act entitled an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

Came up on its third reading;

On motion of Mr. Call, the vote taken yesterday, on engrossing the bill for a third reading, was reconsidered.

Mr. Call then offered as a substitute

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal in part the 24th Section of the Act entitled an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

Which substitute was adopted, read and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Nicholson, Walker and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Dell, Duncan, Lamar, McElvy and McQueen—6.

So said bill passed—titled as stated:

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

Rules being wived, Mr. Finlayson introduced without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act to invest the Coupons of the Internal Improvement Bonds in lands of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning 10 o'clock;

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

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, Nicholson, Walker and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, McElvy, McQueen and Welch—7.

So the Senate stood adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock:

MONDAY, December 19th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

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

On motion of Mr. Call, a bill to be entitled an Act concerning Pilotage at the Port of Ferdinandina, was placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Dell moved that a committee of three be appointed to act with a similar committee from the House, to make out the appropriation bill up to Tuesday night the 20th inst.

Mr. Baker moved as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Dell, that a joint committee of three be appointed to meet a similar committee from the House to make out the estimates of the General Appropriation bill;

Which substitute was adopted.

Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Dell, Eppes and Baker, as said committee.

A committee from the House consisting of Messrs. Ingram, Coffee and Williams of Leon, appeared and informed the Senate that they had been appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of making out the appropriation bill.

Rules being waived, Mr. Jones introduced without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to a ferry in Washington county;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be requested to inform the General Assembly what amount of money has been invested in the Bonds of the Railroad Companies respectively, and from what source said investments have been made, whether from the Internal Improvement, Seminary, School, or from any other State fund;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call offered the following additional resolution:

*Resolved further*, That the said Trustees do further inform this Senate, by what authority any of the School and Seminary Funds were invested in any Railroad bonds, and whether the same was done by the said Trustees, or by the Governor of this State;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin from the Committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to establish common schools, and to repeal certain Acts in relation thereto, approved Jan. 1st, 1853,

## REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN,  
Ch'n. Com. on Schools and Colleges.

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

Mr. Baker from the Committee on Corporations made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Jasper,

## REPORT:

That in accordance with the views already expressed by them, and which have been concurred in by the Senate, they cannot recommend the passage of the said bill *in its present form*, for want of the requisite notice. A few amendments however to the title and body of the bill will obviate the necessity of a notice, and with the following they recommend its passage:

1st. Strike out the title of said bill and adopt as a title in lieu thereof the following: "An Act to amend the 84th chapter of the Acts of 1846, so far as relates to the town of Jasper in the county of Hamilton." Strike out from the first section of the bill the words "be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate," and insert "are hereby authorized to avail themselves of all the provisions of the 84th chapter of the Acts of 1846, in the following manner and with the following modifications:" and strike out the word "not" in the 12th section, and add to said section the words "only as herein modified."

J. McROBERT BAKER,  
Chairman Com. on Corporations.

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

Rules being waived, Mr. Dawkins moved that a Committee of three be appointed to ask of the House the return of a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Quincy, approved February, 12th 1847, approved, January, 13th 1859;

Which motion was adopted.

Whereupon the chair appointed Messrs. Dawkins, Duncan and Jones, as said committee.

The committee appointed to wait on the House and ask the return of a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Quincy, appeared and informed the Senate that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December, 17th 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act amending the Pilot laws for the Bay and Harbor of the city of Pensacola, with the following amendments:

Insert after the word "Pensacola," the words, of the State of Florida, and by striking out the words Mobile and New Orleans, in the third section.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Courts of Probate in this State, with the following amendment;

Transpose Section 5th, for Section 4th.

Very Respectfully,

M. F. PAPPY,  
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following Message from the House of Representatives was received:

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

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House of Representatives have passed the following House bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to make the road laws of Duval county, now in force, applicable to Manatee;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation, approved January 15th, 1859;

A bill to be entitled an Act to secure the right of way to the St. Johns and Indian River Canal and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Harrison Fairbanks.  
A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of John M. Hill.

Very Respectfully,

M. F. PAPY,  
Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Mr. Keitt from the Joint Select Committee offered the following resolution:

The Joint Select Committee to whom was referred sundry resolutions relative to Federal Relations, ask leave to offer the following:

W. J. KEITT,  
Chairman Joint Committee.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That in view of our national affairs the time for argument has passed, the time for action arrived; and that Florida as one of the Southern States abides the destiny of her sisters, extends her warmest assurance of co-operation in any course their united wisdom may devise.

*Resolved,* That in the event of the election of a President by a Northern party, opposed to slavery as it exists in the Southern States, it will be the duty of the Southern States to prevent his inauguration, or to take some means in common to protect themselves, and as one of the Southern States, Florida hereby pledges herself to do her duty.

*Resolved,* That to give effect to this assured co-operation the Governor be and he is hereby authorized upon the call of any of our Slaveholding States, and particularly those bordering on the free States to take any and all steps necessary for the maintenance of their rights, and to convene the Legislature in extraordinary Session, should the necessity occur.

*Resolved,* That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to our Representative and Senators in Congress, and to the Governors of all the Southern States.

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Dec. 17, 1859.

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

*Sir:*—The House has this day accepted the Senate substitute for House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Allen Gibson.

The House has also concurred in the amendment made by the Senate to the House bill to be entitled an Act concerning Pilots and Pilotage at the Port of Cedar Keys.

Very Respectfully,

M. F. PAPY,  
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was received, and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December, 17th 1859.

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON,

President of the Senate:

*Sir:*—The House has this day passed the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief and benefit of C. E. Cooper;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the filling of offices in the county of Brevard;

A bill to be entitled an Act in reference to common Schools in the county of Walton;

A bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in an Act approved January, 15th 1859, entitled an Act for the relief of Josiah Gates and other persons therein named citizens of Manatee county; Also Senate bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Apalachicola and New Orleans Steam Navigation Company;

Senate Resolution to change mail route No. 6543;

Resolution relative to adjournment.

House has rejected a Senate bill to be entitled an Act to prohibit the circulation in this State of Foreign Bank Bills of a less denomination than five dollars.

Very Respectfully,

M. F. PAPY,  
Clerk House Rep.

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

Mr. Dell from the Committee on Elections made the following report:

The Committee on Elections to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act providing for filling vacancies in the office of Register of State Lands,

REPORT:

That although that officer is now elected for his full term by the

popular vote, no other provision has been made for filling vacancies in said office than the one that was in force before the change by an appointment by the Governor. The office is an exceedingly important one. The officer in addition to his regular duties is one of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and as such Trustee is eminently entrusted with the supervision of all matters which effect in any wise the vast landed property of the State, or the magnificent Internal Improvement System which is in progress. The people have chosen to take his selection directly into their own hands, in order that through this officer they might have a more direct voice in the management of matters in which they are so deeply concerned than they could otherwise obtain. The will of the people will be defeated should a vacancy occur in this office, unless the vacancy is filled by popular election as this bill provides, shall be done, and your Committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

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| PHILIP DELL, Chairman, | } Committee, &c. |
| GEO. W. CALL,          |                  |
| A. W. NICHOLSON,       |                  |
| J. McROBERT BAKER,     |                  |

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

The rules being waived, Mr. Keitt moved that the resolution for adjournment be taken up and placed second among the orders of the day.

Which motion was adopted.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call moved that the Senate continue in session, without adjourning for the day, until all the orders of the day are through with.

Mr. Baker moved to amend by adding, &c.,

That hereafter the 6th rule of the Standing Rules of the Senate be strictly enforced by the President, and that in no instance unless by the consent of four-fifths of the Senate shall any member speak over thirty minutes at one time as to any matter under consideration;

Which amendment was lost, and the question being taken upon the motion of Mr. Call, was adopted.

A committee from the House, consisting of Messrs. Kenan, Munn and Campbell, appeared and returned to the Senate the House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Quincy, approved Feb. 12, 1837, approved Jan. 13, 1859.

Rules being waived, Mr. Dawkins moved that the vote on House bill to be entitled an Act, &c., to incorporate the town of Quincy, be re-considered;

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins then moved that the bill be placed back upon its second reading, and referred to a select Committee of which Mr. McElvy shall be Chairman;

Which motion was adopted;

And the Chair appointed, Messrs. McElvy, Baldwin and Dawkins as said Committee.

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

Was the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—13.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution relative to adjournment;

Was read;

Mr. Call moved to postpone the resolution until to-morrow;

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Keitt and Dell;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, McQueen and Nicholson—10.

Nays—Messrs. Dell, Duncan, Keitt and Welch—4.

So the resolution was postponed.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to divide the county of Duval and organize a new county to be called Clay County, approved Dec. 31st, 1858;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to regulate the fees of Notary Publics, in the county of St. Johns;

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, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—13.

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 concerning roads;

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, Dawkins, Dell, Hawes, Keitt, McQueen and Nicholson—10.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Eppes, Jones and Welch—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rules being waived, Mr. Baker introduced,

Joint resolution allowing the claims of Captain Thomas Hughey;

Which 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, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—13.

Nays—None.

So said resolutions passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to grant retail licenses in the State of Florida;

Was read the second time;

Mr. Call moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Nicholson;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Hawes, Nicholson and Watlington—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen and Welch—8.

So the motion was lost;

And the bill ordered for a third 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 for laws for this State;

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

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

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

Was read the third time, and the bill as amended put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Duncan, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—10.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Dell, Eppes and Watlington—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson, Watlington and Welch—13.

Nay—Mr. Duncan—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 authorize the Board of Education of the State Seminary West of the Suwannee to confer Collegiate degrees;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage as amended;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—13.

Nay—Mr. Dell—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the bill with the amendments be certified to the House of Representatives.

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

Was read a third time, and the amendment of the House concurred in;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act relative to the offices of Sheriff and Circuit Court Clerk of the county of Washington;

Was read and the House amendments concurred in.

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

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

Was read a second time.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Provided, however, that should it at any time appear to the satisfaction of any Court before which any such suits as aforesaid may be pending; that there are two suits pending for the same alleged violation of or refusal to comply with the provisions of said Internal Improvement Act; then the suit last brought shall forthwith be dismissed at the cost of the party bringing the same.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the title be amended so as to read as follows:

"An Act to be entitled an Act to establish a summary process for enforcing the provisions of an Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

Which was excepted by Mr. Call, the amendments adopted and the bill as amended, put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson and Watlington—13.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen and Nicholson—12.

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 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 the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Hawes, Keitt, McQueen and Watlington—11.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Jones and Nicholson—3.

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 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 in Florida, approved December 21, 1858;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—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 amend the second section of the third Article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Duncan and Watlington—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 insubordination among slaves;

Was read the second time.

The amendments proposed by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances was adopted, and on motion 80 copies of the bill as amended ordered to be printed.

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

Was read the third time and passed over informally until to-morrow.

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Duncans, Hawes and Nicholson—7.

Nays—Messrs. Dell, Eppes, Jones, Keitt and McQueen—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

Was read the second time.

The amendment offered by Mr. Eppes was adopted;

Rules waived, the bill as amended read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was;

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—11.

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 Internal Railroad Company, and the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company;

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—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen and Welch—11.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

Was read and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, 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.

A quorum not present.

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

A quorum appeared.

The orders of the day were resumed.

Resolution relative to the Indian & St. Johns river Canal;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend by striking out "twenty-five" and inserting "seventy-five" in lieu thereof;

Which was accepted, and the resolution as amended put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Call, Dell, Duncan, Hawes, Jones, Keitt, McQueen and Nicholson—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin and Welch—3.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

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

Was read the the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Hawes, Jones, McQueen, Nicholson, Watlington and Welch—13.

Nays—None.

So said resolutions passed—title as stated.

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

The following message from his Excellency the Governor, was received and read:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 19th, 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYTON,

President of the Senate:

Sir:—I have approved and signed the following bills:

An Act to establish a ferry across the Ocklawaha river;

An Act for the relief of Andrew J. Moore and Wm. S. Dilworth;

An Act to change the name of Mary King to Mary Hancock;

An Act to authorize Edmund N. Everett, of Washington county, to assume the management of his own property;

An Act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county;

An Act to change the name of Hugh Martin Newsoms to Hugh Martin Keen;

An Act to authorize Wm. F. Green, of Gadsden county, to contract and be contracted with;

An Act to correct an error in a printed bill entitled an Act to create the counties of Suwannee and New River;

An Act to amend the law allowing appeals from the decisions of the Board of County Commissioners in this State;

An Act to empower John W. Broxon and Isaac Broxon to assume the management of their own estates;

An Act to extend the time for collecting taves in this State;  
 An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to organize the county of Volusia, approved Jan. 29th, 1854;  
 An Act to change the boundary line between Columbia and Suwannee counties;  
 An Act to correct an error in the printed Act entitled an Act to incorporate the city of Lake City;  
 An Act to provide for the payment of Constables fees for summoning Juries of Inquest and attendance on the same; and  
 An Act for the relief of Noah P. Suggs, of Lafayette county.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage:

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, Nicholson and Welch—8.

Nays—Messrs. Dell, Duncan and McQueen—3.

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, approved January, 8th 1853;

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

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Call, Dawkins, Dell, Eppes, Hawes and Nicholson—8.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Jones and McQueen—3.

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 purchase of arms for this State;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to extend the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace of this State;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act to invest the Coupons of the Internal Improvement Bonds in lands of the Internal Improvement Fund;

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.

House bill to be entitled an Act to afford a rule for the construction of deeds and wills in certain cases;

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

House 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;

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

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

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

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to a Ferry in Washington county;

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.

The following resolutions were read and adopted, and a copy ordered to be served on each member of the Internal Improvement Board:

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be requested to inform the General Assembly what amount of money has been invested in the bonds of the Railroad Companies respectively, and from what fund said investments have been made—whether from the Internal Improvement, Seminary and School, or any other State Fund:

*Resolved further*. That the said Trustees do further inform this Senate by what authority any of the School and Seminary funds were invested in any railroad bonds, and whether the same was done by the said Trustees or by the Governor of this State.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to establish Common Schools and to repeal certain acts in relation thereto, approved January 1st, 1853;

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

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

Was read the second time and passed over informally until to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Harrison Fairbanks;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to secure the right of way to the St. Johns and Indian River Canal, and for other purposes;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation; approved January 15th, 1859;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to make the road laws of Duval county now in force applicable to Manatee;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Courts of Probate in this State;

On motion the amendments of the House were concurred in.

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

House bill to be entitled an Act amending the Pilot laws for the Bay and Harbor of the city of Pensacola;

On motion the Senate concurred in the amendments of the House.

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

Resolutions reported by the Joint Select Committee on Federal Relations;

Were read the first time and 200 copies ordered to be printed.

House bill to be entitled an Act to correct an error in an Act approved January 15th, 1859, entitled an Act for the relief of Josiah Gates and other persons therein named, citizens of Manatee county;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act in reference to common Schools in the county of Walton;

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, Dawkins, Dell, Duncan, Eppes, Hawes, Jones, McQueen, Nicholson and Welch—13.

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 filling offices in the county of Brevard;

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

Mr. Hawes offered the following amendment:

*Be it further enacted,* That the Judge of Prodate of said county of Brevard be invested with all of the powers of a Justice of the Peace;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief and benefit of C. E. Cooper;

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

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for filling vacancies in the office of Register of State Lands;

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

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December, 19th 1859. }

HON. JOHN FINLAYSON:

President of the Senate:

*Sir* :—The House of Representatives has this day passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to secure certain rights to married women;

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

House resolution with regard to certain persons who have circulated or aided in circulating an incendiary publication;

Senate resolution for the relief of certain parties holding State witness and Jury scrip.

Very Respectfully,

M. F. PAPY,

Clerk House of Representatives.

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

Joint resolution with regard to certain persons who have circulated or aided in circulating an incendiary publication called "The Impending Crisis of the South";

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

House bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Sheriffs;

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

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to secure certain rights to married women;

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

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

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TUESDAY, December 20th, 1859.

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. Call moved that inasmuch as the General Assembly will probably adjourn in the course of two or three days, the Governor of this State be respectfully requested either to furnish to the Senate at once the information asked for in the Senate resolution adopted on the 14th inst., in regard to the appointment of Henry Wells as agent, to select lands for the different Railroads, or that he notify the Senate of his intention to withhold such information.

On motion of Mr. Call, the foregoing resolution was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that the vote on the motion made by the Senator from Franklin to refer the resolution offered by him, (Mr. Call,) expressive of the sense of the General Assembly as to the contract with A. M. Randolph and Henry Wells for the selection and classifying of Swamp Lands to a Committee of three, be reconsidered, and said Committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Call, the foregoing motion was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call made a motion in reference to the committee of investigation about the Swamp Lands;

Which on motion was put among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that the bill entitled an Act providing for filling vacancies in the Office of Register of State Lands, be placed first among the orders of the day;

Which motion was adopted.

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

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred an Act to amend the laws of this State relating to divorce,

REPORT:

They see no necessity for the passage of said Act, as the Courts already possess power to decree in the premises upon proper application. They therefore recommend that it do not pass.

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

Which report was received, and the accompanying bill 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 to require Justices of the Peace to give bond,

REPORT:

They do not approve the policy of said Act and therefore recommend that the same do not pass.

The same committee to whom was referred an Act in relation to the duties of Justices of the Peace, would

REPORT:

That said bill is objectionable as providing duties, many of which are already their Statute duty, and besides, they do not approve giving Justices a per diem as provided in said bill. They therefore recommend that it do not pass.

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

Which was received, and the accompanying bills 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 to prevent fraudulent settlements on married women, beg leave to report said bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

And the same committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Records would recommend its passage.

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

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

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