

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

FRIDAY, December 12th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected, and approved.

Motions were declared in order.

Mr. Allison was allowed by unanimous consent of the Senate to introduce a bill to be entitled an act concerning public roads and highways,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland, from the Committee on Appropriations, was allowed by unanimous consent of the Senate to introduce joint resolution relative to the pay of the officers of the General Assembly.

On motion, said resolution was read the first time, rule waved, read a second and third times by its title and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arrow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—16.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Holland, Russell of Jefferson and Smith to convey said resolution to the House.

The committee retired to the House and returned and reported they had performed their duty and were discharged.

Mr. Hogue, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill to be entitled an act to levy an additional tax on the real estate and slaves of non-residents, have had the same under consideration, and a majority have instructed me to report, that in their opinion the bill ought not to pass.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report an act to establish and fix the terms of the Supreme Court as correctly enrolled.

J. M. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Russell, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to prevent the establishment of distilleries, &c., respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and request to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

JAMES S. RUSSELL, Ch'n.

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

Mr. Russell, from a Joint Select Committee, made the following report:

The Joint Select Committee, appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That they have performed that duty, and find the books and accounts correct, and supported by the proper vouchers. We find, however, an unsettled account with Ex-Governor Perry in the Comptroller's office, and also an unsettled account of Quartermaster-General H. V. Snell. Governor Perry made an exhibit to a Joint and Select Committee of the General Assembly; which committee reported as follows:

"The Joint and Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Comptroller's and Treasurer's accounts, in the investigation of the same, have examined the accounts of Ex-Governor M. S. Perry, in his receipts and disbursements of the sums realized from the bonds of one hundred and eighty-seven thousand four hundred and ninety-two (45,100) dollars placed in his hands under a resolution passed at the last session of the General Assembly, for the purchase of arms and the payment of the debts of the State, and ask leave to report that said examination has satisfactorily shown that said disbursements have been properly made, and that, upon a balance of said accounts, a considerable sum is found to be due to the said M. S. Perry, Ex-Governor, and should be placed to his credit upon the final auditing of his account.

JAMES S. RUSSELL,

Chairman House Committee.

A. S. BALDWIN,

Chairman Senate Committee."

Since the said report, Quartermaster-General Snell has filed his accounts with the Comptroller, admitting to have received from Gov. Perry a large sum of money, of which there is no evidence in said office; showing, however, that in said account there is a balance due him of nine thousand five hundred and sixty-eight (69-100) dollars. Your committee, while they would not cast censure upon either Gov. Perry or Quartermaster-General Snell, yet these accounts remain unsettled, and until Gov. Perry shall produce his vouchers and have a final settlement with the Comptroller, the Quartermaster-General's accounts must necessarily remain open.

We would, therefore, recommend to your honorable body to adopt such measures as in your wisdom they may think proper to have these open accounts settled with the proper department.

Your Committee recommend that a Joint Committee, to consist of three members from each House, be appointed at this session, who shall meet at the Capitol on the first Monday in November next, and annually thereafter, whose duty it shall be to examine the books and accounts and all financial matters connected with the offices of Treasurer and Comptroller, and report the same to the next General Assembly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS T. RUSSELL,  
Chairman Senate Committee.  
F. B. PITTMAN,  
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to prevent the establishment of distilleries or the distilling of whiskey or other spiritous liquors in this State,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—13.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Hopkins and Norwood—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Taylor, by unanimous consent, was allowed to introduce the following bill:

A bill to authorize the canvass of returns of elections held by troops in the service of this State or Confederate States,

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

The rule being waived, Mr. Cooper, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Dr. James S. Meredith, ask leave to report the bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. COOPER, Ch'n.

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

A bill to be entitled an act concerning public roads and highways,

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

Resolution relating to the completion of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad to the Apalachicola river,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the canvass of returns of elections held by troops in the service of this State or Confederate States,

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

House preamble and resolutions requesting the President of the Confederate States to exempt Florida from the operations of the conscript act, with amendments,

Was read a second time, rule waived, read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs: Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—14.

Nay—Mr. Allison—1.

So the resolution passed—title as amended.

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

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland, Allison and Hopkins was appointed to convey said resolution to the House.

The committee retired and returned and reported they had performed their duty and were discharged.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James S. Meredith,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—12.

Nay—Mr. Allison—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 12th, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has this day passed the following Senate resolutions, with amendments, viz:

Resolution relative to adjournment; also,  
Joint resolution relative to the pay of the officers of this General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,  
Clerk House of Rep.

Which was read, and the House amendments concurred in, and said resolutions ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, Mr. Scott was excused from attendance on the Senate from to-day.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John A. Granger,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the resolution relative to the completion of the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad to the Apalachicola river was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Taylor offered the following proviso to said resolution:

*Provided*; That no iron on any of the railroads in the State shall be placed on said road without the written assent of the President and Directors of the railroad or railroads from whence the iron shall be taken; *And provided further*, It is the declared opinion of the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, that it is a military necessity for the iron to remain on the railroads now constructed in the State of Florida.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow Carter, Cooper, Hopkins, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson and Smith—7.

So the proviso was lost.

The rule was waived, and the resolution read the third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Norwood, Smith and Taylor—9.

Nays—Messrs. Arnou, Carter, Cooper, Hopkins, Russell of Jefferson, and Russell of 17th District—6.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

A Committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate, and reported that the House had refused to concur in the Senate amendments to House bill for the construction of the public defences.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, p. m.

### 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The unfinished business of this morning was taken up.

The rule being waived, Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, from a Joint Select Committee, offered the following report:

The Joint and Select Committee of Conference, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act appropriating \$25,000 for the sick and wounded soldiers from Florida in the several hospitals, report the bill back to the Senate and request that they do agree to the House amendment.

JAMES S. RUSSELL,  
Chairman Senate Committee.  
JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS,  
Chairman House Committee.

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

By unanimous consent of the Senate, Mr. Hogue was allowed to introduce joint resolution in relation to railroads; also,

Joint resolution in regard to public defences,

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled an act to levy an additional tax on the real estate and slaves of non-residents.

Was read the second time, and passed over informally.

House resolution to furnish Receivers with township plats in lieu of those that may be lost or destroyed,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—11.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution authorizing the Treasurer of this State to receive all genuine Confederate Notes of the Hoyer & Ludwig issue,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

Resolution relative to railroads,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Clary, Cooper, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson and Smith—7.

So the resolution was lost.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 12th, 1862. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has this day passed the following resolutions, viz:

Senate resolution in relation to compensation of Messrs. Papy and Banks, with amendments;

House resolution relative to the books and accounts of Comptroller and Treasurer; and,

House resolution requiring plats of the public lands to be furnished the various counties.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,  
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read and the accompanying House resolutions placed among the orders of the day, and House amendments to Senate resolution concurred in and Senate resolution ordered to be enrolled.

House resolution relative to the books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Joint resolution in regard to public defences,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third times and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Ycas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—12.

Nay—Mr. Carter—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution requiring plats of the public lands to be furnished to the various counties,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

On motion, the Senate refused to recede from the amendments to House bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the construction of public defences.

The rule was waived, and, on motion of Mr. Norwood, the Chair appointed a Committee to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the House relative to the above bill.

The Chair appointed as said Committee, Messrs. Norwood, Hogue, and Russell, of Jefferson.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December 12th, 1862.

HON. E. J. VANN—

President Senate :

SIR : The House has this day passed the following bill and resolutions, viz .

Senate joint resolution for organizing the salt-makers of this and other States, for their own and the public defence, with amendments.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to protect the interest of stock owners in this State.

The House has also receded from its second amendment to Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent the entry of lands occupied by soldiers or their families during the continuance of the present war, and also to regulate the entry and sale of public lands.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

House of Representatives.

Which was read, and Senate bill ordered to be enrolled, and

House amendments to Senate resolution passed over informally for the present.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland moved that the Chairman of the Appropriation Committee be instructed to allow to the President and Speaker the same amount of *per diem* as allowed at the last General Assembly,

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Allison; the bill to be entitled an act concerning public roads and highways was taken up and read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the bill was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 12th, 1862. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SEN: The House has this day refused to recede from its amendment to Senate resolution relative to copying the laws.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for an additional issue of Treasury Notes;

A bill to be entitled an act to re-establish the records of any county in this State which have been lost, mislaid or destroyed; and,

Preamble and resolutions requesting the President of the Confederate States to exempt Florida from the operations of the conscript law.

The House has also passed the following resolution:

Joint resolution to allow pay per diem and mileage to the legal representatives of the Hon. Archibald Campbell, deceased.

Very respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,  
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read, and the House resolution placed among the orders of the day and House amendments to Senate resolution concurred in and Senate resolution ordered to be enrolled.

House resolution to allow pay per diem and mileage to the legal representatives of the Hon. Archibald Campbell, deceased,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—14.

Nays—None:

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

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

#### SATURDAY, December 13th, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

On motion, the bill relating to compensation of Messrs. Papy and Banks was taken from the possession of the Enrolling Clerk.

Mr. Hogue, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House resolution relative to the books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the canvass of returns of elections held by troops in the service of the State or Confederate States,

Was read the second time, and passed over informally.

The rule was waived, and, on motion, the action of the Senate in concurring to House amendments to Senate resolution relative to the compensation of Messrs. Papy and Banks was reconsidered.

The question being that the Senate do not concur in said amendments, the yeas and nays being call for, were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood and Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—7.

So the amendment was not concurred in.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and informed the Senate that they were appointed to convey to this body the House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of the several counties in this State to levy a specific tax for the relief of the soldiers in the service of the State or of the Confederate States; approved December 12th, 1862,