

## JOURNAL.

*Journal of the Senate of the 12th General Assembly of the State of Florida, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, the sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.*

MONDAY, November 16th, 1863.

This being the day fixed for the meeting of the General Assembly of the State of Florida, the Senate met.

On motion, Mr. Cooper was called to the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

1st District—James Abercrombie;

2nd " E. L. Cater;

3d " Jas. D. Clary;

4th " Wm. B. Jones;

5th " D. P. Holland;

6th " Jesse Norwood;

8th " David P. Hogue;

9th " J. P. Carter;

10th " J. S. Russell;

11th " E. J. Vann;

14th " J. M. Arnow;

15th " J. G. Cooper;

17th " T. T. Russell;

20th " J. M. Taylor.

Mr. Jones, from the 4th district, and Mr. Cater, from the 2nd district, came forward and were sworn in and took their seats.

A quorum being present the Senate proceeded to business.

Mr. Holland moved that the Senate proceed to the election of officers;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of a President.

Mr. Hogue nominated Hon. E. J. Vann of Madison, for President.

Mr. Holland nominated Hon. J. S. Russell of Jefferson.

Mr. Russell declined the nomination.

The vote was:

For VANN—Mr. President, Messrs Abercrombie, Arnow, Cater,

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Carter, Clary, Hogue, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th district and Taylor—11.

For RUSSELL—Messrs. Holland, Jones and Vann—8.

On motion, Messrs. Holland, Russell and Abercrombie were appointed a committee to conduct the President elect to the chair.

The President acknowledged in a few remarks the honor bestowed upon him.

Mr. Holland moved that the Senate proceed to the election of Chief Secretary of the Senate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hogue nominated Mr. John B. Whitehurst.

Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. E. J. Judah.

The vote was:

For WHITEHURST—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Jones, Norwood and Russell of 17th district—8.

For JUDAH—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cater, Clary, Russell of Jefferson and Taylor—6.

Mr. Whitehurst was declared duly elected.

Mr. Holland moved that the Senate proceed to the election of an Assistant Secretary;

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Abercrombie nominated Mr. E. J. Judah, and moved that he be elected by acclamation;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Judah was declared elected Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the Senate went into election for Enrolling Clerk.

Mr. Hogue nominated Mr. E. M. West;

On motion, Mr. West was elected by acclamation.

On motion, the Senate went into election for Engrossing Clerk.

Mr. Holland nominated Mr. H. L. Howze.

Mr. Hogue nominated Mr. John L. Tatum.

The vote was:

For HOWZE—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Cater, Carter, Cooper, Holland, Jones, Russell of the 17th District and Taylor—9.

For TATUM—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Hogue, Norwood and Russell of Jefferson—5.

Mr. Howze was declared elected Engrossing Clerk.

The Senate then went into election for Recording Clerk.

Mr. Norwood nominated Mr. J. J. Whitehurst.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, nominated Mr. John Brass.

The vote was:

For WHITEHURST—Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Jones and Norwood—6.

For BRASS—Messrs. Arnow, Cater, Hogue, Russell, of Jefferson and Taylor—5.

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BLANK—Mr. President, Messrs. Holland and Russell of the 17th District—3.

No candidate receiving a majority of votes, the Senate proceeded to a second ballot.

The vote was:

For WHITEHURST—Messrs. Cooper, Clary, Jones and Norwood—4.

For BRASS—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Hogue, Holland, Russell, of Jefferson, Russell, of 17th District and Taylor—10.

Mr. Brass was declared duly elected Recording Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. John White was elected, by acclamation, Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Holland, Mr. R. E. Frier was elected, by acclamation, Messenger to the Senate.

The above officers being present came forward and were sworn in.

Mr. Holland presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms procure the necessary stationery and other necessary articles for the Senate, and that he make arrangements with the Post Master to procure postage on the public documents for the members of the Senate;

Mr. Hogue moved for a division of the question;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the first part of the resolution was adopted.

On the adoption of the latter clause of the resolution, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Taylor and Norwood;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Russell of Jefferson and Taylor—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cater, Clary, Carter, Jones, Norwood and Russell of the 17th District—9.

So the latter clause of the resolution was lost.

Mr. Holland also presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Senate, and that the House of Representatives be requested to appoint a like committee to act as a joint and select committee, to report a bill providing for the ample support and maintenance of families of soldiers who require assistance, and of those who died in battle, or who have died from disease, or who by wounds or disease are incapable of rendering military service, and that said bill provide for the support of all indigent persons in this State.

Which, on motion, was informally passed over.

On motion, the rules of the last session were adopted.

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