

The yeas and nays being called for on the adoption of the above resolution, by Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Norwood, Russell, of 17th District and Smith—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Taylor—7.

So the resolution was adopted

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

Also, the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, It is known to this General Assembly that there is to be elected by joint vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, at its present session, one Senator to represent the State of Florida in the Senate of the Confederate States, also a Secretary of State for the State.

Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That they will enter into said election in the House of Representatives on to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M., and that the rules of the last General Assembly governing the Joint Assembly of this State are hereby adopted for the government of the Joint Assembly at its present session.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Russell of Jefferson and Norwood;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell, of 17th District and Smith—13.

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Russell, of Jefferson, and Taylor—3

Which was adopted.

Mr. Norwood moved that a committee be appointed to convey the above resolutions to the House of Representatives;

Which motion was adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Norwood, Cooper and Jones as said committee.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, moved that a committee be appointed to procure the services of a Chaplain for the Senate;

Which was opposed by Mr. Smith of the 12th district.

Mr. Russell, of the 17th District, moved that the Hon. J. B. Smith, of the 12th District, be solicited to open the Senate by prayer;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Smith accepted the honor conferred upon him.

Mr Hogue moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Hogue and Russell of Jefferson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, Norwood and Roper—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—8.

So the motion was lost.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Taylor to introduce the following resolution without previous notice:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the officers of the State of Florida, other than those expressly and specifically designated in the act of the Confederate States Congress entitled an act to amend an act to provide further for the common defence, shall not constitute an exemption in the armies of the Confederate States;

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

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

WEDNESDAY, November 18th, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The following members answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—14.

A quorum present.

Rev. Mr. Smith, Senator from the 12th, opened with prayer.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

Mr. Arnow gave notice that, on some future day, he would introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act for the organization of the militia; also,

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to forfeited bonds of criminals

Which were received and read

Mr. Abercrombie gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing publication to be made out of the State of sales by administrators and executors in certain cases;

Which was received and read.

Mr. Russell of Jefferson, gave notice that he would, at an early day, introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the purpose of obtaining a charter for the construction of a railroad from the town of Monticello, in Jefferson county, to the Georgia line, in the direction of Thomasville, in Georgia;

Which was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Hogue, a committee was appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, to adopt rules for the government of the General Assembly.

The President appointed Messrs. Hogue, Norwood and Abercrombie, as said committee.

Mr. Hogue moved that the committee appointed yesterday to convey certain resolutions in relation to adjournment, and the election of Senator and Secretary of State to the House, be instructed now to perform that duty;

Which was adopted.

The committee retired, and after a short time returned and stated that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Hopkins to introduce a bill without previous notice.

The rule was waived to allow the Senator from the 15th District to introduce a resolution of thanks to our soldiers,

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

Mr. Hogue presented the following petition:

To the General Assembly of the State of Florida:

The undersigned respectfully shows to your Honorable House, that there is an unsettled account current with your petitioner and the State of Florida, consisting of his receipts and disbursements while Governor of the State: that he has endeavored to have the same settled with the Comptroller, but that he cannot adjust the same as that officer does not feel at liberty to receive some of his vouchers on account of alleged informality.

He further shows that there are large sums of money involved, and that justice to the State and your Petitioner, requires that the account should be settled as soon as possible.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable Bodies will appoint a Committee to investigate and settle his accounts.

M. S. PERRY.

I join in the above request for the appointment of a Committee to investigate the unsettled accounts of Governor M. S. Perry.

WALTER GWYNN,
Comptroller.

The President appointed as said committee Messrs. Hogue, Cooper and Arnaw.

The committee appointed to arrange for the Senate printing report that they have made a contract with the *Sentinel*, on the following terms:

For printing morning slips, bills, reports, &c., 1½ cents per 100 words, counting 100 copies. For printing 200 copies of the Journal of the Senate, \$3 per page, counting one copy.

J. ABERCROMBIE, Chairman.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 17th, 1863.

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has this day adopted the enclosed Senate resolution, with the following amendment:

Strike out the words "and that said bill provide for the support of all indigent persons in this State."

Very respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Rep.

Mr. Taylor moved, that the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate resolution, by striking out the words "and that said bill provide for the support of all indigent persons in this State;"

The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Holland and Abercrombie, on the adoption of the amendment of the House;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Clary, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Smith and Taylor—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnaw, Cater, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, Jones and Russell of 17th District—9.

Mr. Norwood was excused from voting.

So the Senate refused to concur in House amendment.

Mr. Holland moved that a committee be appointed to convey the bill to the House and request that they withdraw their amendment;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Holland, Cooper and Smith, appointed as said committee.

The committee retired, and after a short time returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

In pursuance of previous notice, the following bills were introduced, viz:

By Mr. Arnaw:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the seventh section of an act entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to allow officers arresting criminals, to take bond with good and sufficient security for their appearance at Court: also,

A bill to be entitled an act relating to Evidence;

By Mr. Hopkins:

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt John C. Snowball, a Justice of the Peace in the County of Duval, from military duty in the service of the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

Which were read and placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to appoint Sheriffs in certain cases,

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

Resolution of thanks to our soldiers,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—17.

Nays—None.

So the resolution 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 seventh section of an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to allow officers arresting criminals to take a bond, with security, for their appearance at court,

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

A bill to be entitled an act relating to evidence,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt John C. Snowball, &c.,

Was read the first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The orders of the day being through with, the President announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. HOGUE,
HOLLAND,
TAYLOR,
ALLISON,
NORWOOD,

On Military Affairs.

Messrs. HOLLAND,
HOPKINS,
TAYLOR,
RUSSELL of 17th Dist.
NORWOOD,

On Taxation and Revenue.

Messrs. RUSSELL of 10th Dist.
COOPER,
JONES,
SMITH,
SCOTT,

On the State of the Commonwealth.

Messrs. COOPER,
ABERCROMBIE,
ARNOW,
CATER,
KING,

On Propositions and Grievances.

Messrs. RUSSELL of 10th Dist.
COOPER,
JONES,
TAYLOR,
SMITH,

On Elections.

Messrs. HOLLAND,
RUSSELL,
KING,
TAYLOR,
SMITH,

On Confederate Relations.

Messrs. HOGUE,
ARNOW,
TAYLOR,
RUSSELL of 17th Dist.
NORWOOD,

On Int. Improvements.

Messrs. TAYLOR,
COOPER,
ABERCROMBIE,
KING,
NORWOOD,

On Corporations.

Messrs. RUSSELL of 17th Dist.
ALLISON,
KING,
TAYLOR,
ROPER,

On Schools and Colleges.

Messrs. ROPER,
HOGUE,
SMITH,
KING,
NORWOOD,

On Enrolled Bills.

Messrs. ARNOW,
HOGUE,
TAYLOR,
CLARY,
KING,

On the Executive Department.

Messrs. HOPKINS,
COOPER,
SCOTT,
HOLLAND,
JONES,

On Finance and Public Accounts.

Messrs. NORWOOD,
HOGUE,
ABERCROMBIE,
COOPER,
CARTER,

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. ABERCROMBIE,
CARTER,
COOPER,
ROPER,
CLARY,

Mr. Holland moved that 80 copies of the Standing Committees be printed for the use of the General Assembly;

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Nov. 18, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate.

SIR: I respectfully recommend the following nomination for the advice and consent of the General Assembly, viz:

William H. Mein, Auctioneer for the county of Hernando.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was received and read and the nomination concurred in, Also the following:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Nov. 18th, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. Vann,

President of the Senate:

Sir: On the 13th day of January last, the Hon. F. L. Villepigue resigned the Office of Secretary of State, whereupon I appointed the Hon. B. F. Allen to fill the vacancy, who has with industry and efficiency up to this time discharged the duties of the office.

The election of a Secretary of State now devolves upon your honorable body.

A report from the Secretary of State, containing a correct catalogue of all the books in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Libraries of the State, has been transmitted to the House of Repre-

On Public Lands

Messrs. ARNOW,
RUSSELL of 17th Dist.
SCOTT,
ABERCROMBIE,
HOLLAND,

On Agriculture.

Messrs. SMITH,
RUSSELL of 10th Dist.
ABERCROMBIE,
ROPER,
CARTER.

sentives, the House in which originated the resolution under which the catalogue was ordered to be prepared.

I have the honor to be, respectfully,
JOHN MILTON.

Which was read, and, on motion, ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

On motion the rules were waived and Mr. Holland allowed to present without further notice the following bill:

A bill relating to the fees of the officers of this State and for other purposes,

Was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 18th, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has this day adopted Senate Joint Resolution relative to the election of a Senator, to represent the State of Florida in the Senate of the Confederate States, also the election of a Secretary of State.

Respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the resolution ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, the rules were waived to allow Mr. Hogue to introduce without further notice the following report:

The joint committee on rules have instructed me to report the following as the rules adopted by them:

JOINT RULES.

RULE 1. Messages from either House to the other shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine.

2. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or by the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in one or the other House.

3. When bills shall be enrolled, they shall be examined by a Joint Committee of at least two from the Senate, and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a Standing Committee for that purpose, who shall forthwith make report.

4. When a bill or resolution, which shall have passed in one House is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same may have passed.

5. When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one House, shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session, without notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that House in which it shall be moved.

6. Each House shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

7. After each House shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

8. When elections are required to be made by joint vote of the two Houses, the time of electing shall be previously agreed upon.

9. In every Joint Committee the member first named on the part of the House first proposing such Committee, shall convene the same.

10. During the elections of officers there shall be no motions entertained, except to adjourn, to proceed to vote, to nominate and to withdraw a candidate—which motions shall have precedence in the order they stand.

11. The doings throughout shall proceed without debate.

12. Communications shall be made on paper, and signed by the Secretary of each House, and transmitted by the Messenger, or Doorkeeper.

13. In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, either House may suggest conference, and appoint a Committee to confer at a convenient hour, to be designated by the Chairman; said Committees shall meet, and confer freely on the subject of disagreement.

14. Whenever a public bill or resolution is ordered to be printed for the use of either House, a number shall be ordered sufficient for the use of both Houses; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to inform the other House of such order, and to transmit to that House the requisite number of printed copies.

They have further instructed me to propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That the two rooms adjoining the Senate Chamber be appropriated to joint committees of both Houses, to committees sitting during the session of the two Houses, and to the judiciary committees thereof. The Eastern room to the Senate, the Western to the House, and that the Secretary of State prepare the said rooms for immediate use, with pen, ink and paper, with copies of Thompson's Digest, the Journals of both Houses for five

years past, the Supreme Court Reports, and all the laws of the State since the date of Thompson's Digest.

THOMAS BALTZELL,
Chairman of House Committee.
D. P. HOGUE,
Chairman of Senate Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that 80 copies of the Joint Rules of the General Assembly, be printed for the use of the General Assembly;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, the Senate took a recess until 5 minutes of 12 o'clock A. M.

FIVE MINUTES OF TWELVE O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Senate resumed its Session.

The President in the Chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell, of 17th District, and Smith—11.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Hogue, the Sergeant-at-Arms was sent after absentees.

A Committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated that the House was ready for the election of Senator to the Confederate States Congress, and Secretary of State of Florida.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie the Senate repaired to the House to hold said elections.

The Joint Assembly met—the President of the Senate in the chair.

The Joint Assembly was called to order by Hon. E. J. Vann, President of the Senate, who stated the object of the Assembly and declared motions in order.

Hon. W. B. Wynn, of Jackson, nominated Hon. James M. Baker for Senator in the Confederate States Congress.

The vote was:

House. For Mr. BAKER—35.

Senate. For BAKER—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Smith—14.

BLANK—Messrs. Cooper and Taylor—2.

Hon. James M. Baker having received the Constitutional majority was declared elected Confederate States Senator for the term of six years.

The Joint Assembly went into election for Secretary of State.

Mr. Hogue nominated Hon. Benj. F. Allen.

Mr. Arendall nominated Mr. Scott.

The vote was:

House. For Mr. ALLEN—28.

Senate. For Mr. ALLEN—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnou, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—13.

House. For Mr. SCOTT—6.

Senate. For Mr. SCOTT—Messrs. Cooper, Russell of Jefferson and Smith—3.

Mr. Allen was declared elected Secretary of State.

Mr. Williams, of Leon, moved that the Joint Session of the General Assembly do now adjourn;

Which was adopted.

The Senate repaired to its chamber.

Mr. Holland moved to reconsider the vote taken upon the adoption of the Joint Rules as reported by the Joint and Select Committee of the General Assembly;

Which was adopted.

The vote was taken on the adoption of the resolution and was lost.

On motion, a committee was appointed to convey the above action of the Senate to the House.

The President appointed as said committee Messrs. Holland, Russell, of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District.

The Committee retired and after a short time returned and reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated that the House had stricken out so much of the joint rules for the government of the two Houses as relates to the west room on the upper floor of the capitol.

The following communication from the House was received and read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 18th, 1863.

Hon. E. J. Vann,
President of the Senate:

Sir: The House has this day receded from its amendment to the enclosed resolution.

Respectfully,
THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Rep.

On motion of Mr. Norwood the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, November 19th, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnou, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District and Smith—13.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

Mr. Abercrombie stated that the Senator from Jefferson had received a letter announcing sickness in his family, and moved that he be excused;

Which was adopted.

The Senator from Jefferson was excused from attendance on the Senate until Monday next.

Mr. Roper gave notice that, on some future day, he would introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians, passed the 12th December, 1862.

Mr. Arnou, according to previous notice, introduced the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to forfeited bonds of criminals; and,

A bill to be entitled an act for the organization of the militia;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Norwood, according to previous notice, introduced the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws of this State relative to soldiers' voting;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Abercrombie introduced, according to previous notice, the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing publication to be made out of the State of sales by administrators and executors in certain cases;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the following bills, to wit: an act allowing officers arresting criminals to take a bond, with good and sufficient security, for their appearance