

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

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,

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

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Hopkins, Russell, of Jefferson, Scott, Smith and Taylor—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to make the following motion:

That the Sergeant-at-arms be requested to furnish the Governor with 25 copies of his Message to the General Assembly.

The orders of the day being through with, on motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 24, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll having been called the following Senators answered to their names:

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

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "An act relative to the assessment of taxes; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. S. Russell.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Hogue to present the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of the act to amend the election laws of this State as regards the mode of voting and for other purposes, approved Dec. 8, 1862.

According to previous notice, Mr. Cater introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to holding Probate Court in Santa Rosa county;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, according to previous notice, presented the following:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Monticello and Northern Rail Road;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Smith to move to reconsider House bill for the protection of cattle-owners in the counties of Levy, LaFayette, Taylor, Alachua, Wakulla, and Duval, which was indefinitely postponed yesterday;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the bill was placed back on its second reading.

Mr. Arnow presented the following amendment:

Strike out the county of Alachua;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the bill was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Roper, Russell, of Jefferson, Smith and Taylor—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Jones, King, Norwood, Russell, of 17th District and Scott—8.

So the bill was passed with amendment—title as stated.

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

The petitions of B. E. Wardlaw, and citizens of Madison county, were received and read.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, that portion of the first petition which related to fasting and prayer was referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, and the other to the Committee on Schools and Colleges, and the petition of the citizens of Madison county referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 23d, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

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

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Sheriffs to give additional security in certain cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the sixth section of an act entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, approved Feb. 8, 1861;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James W. Johnson, of Taylor county;

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of the stock of citizens in the counties of Lafayette, Taylor, Levy, Orange and Brevard.

The House has also refused to recede from its amendment to Senate bill to be entitled an act to allow the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to appoint Sheriffs in certain cases.

Respectfully, &c.,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Holland to present, without further notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Apalachicola Channel Company;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Nov. 24, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

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

Madison Post, Auctioneer for the county of Hillsboro,
William M. Duke, Auctioneer for the county of Columbia,
Samuel Conden, Auctioneer for the county of Levy,
Edward Bradford, Jr., Auctioneer for the county of Leon.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was received and read and the nominations concurred in. Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Florida, Nov. 23, 1863. }

*Fellow-citizens of the Senate
and House of Representatives:*

Enclosed I transmit the report of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, relative to the Indian River Canal, under the provisions of the 5th section of the act, approved Dec. 10, 1862, entitled an act to repeal an act to facilitate the construction of the St. Johns

and Indian River Canal, approved January 1, 1857, and for other purposes.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON, Gov. and Pres.
Board of Trus. Int. Imp. Fund.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion, Mr. Russell of Jefferson, was added to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Norwood moved that the President appoint a committee of three to confer with a like committee, to be appointed by the House, in relation to House amendment to Senate bill entitled an act to allow the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to appoint Sheriffs in certain cases;

Which was adopted.

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

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

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

Your Committee upon Enrolled Bills, have examined a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians, and find the same correctly enrolled; but the original bill is imperfect because the State of Florida is left out of the enacting clause.

J. M. ARNOW, Chm'n.

Which was read.

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

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Board of Education, of the Seminary west of the Suwannee, which, by an act approved February 14, 1861, was authorized to be organized upon a collegiate and military basis, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That the objects which said Board seek to accomplish are, in the opinion of the Committee, in the highest degree commendable and praiseworthy. They ask only for security of and permanency to the great interests of education. The committee see no good reason why their request should not be granted. They therefore submit the following bill.

W. C. ROPER, Chm'n.

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

The Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend 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, approved December 13, 1862, beg leave to report the bill correctly engrossed, except the omission of the words "to amend an act," in the title of the bill.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day. The following report was received:

Mr. Pittman, from the Joint and Select Committee on books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, under resolution of last session of the General Assembly, made the following report:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the State of Florida:*

The Joint Committee appointed by the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the last General Assembly of the State of Florida, under resolution of the same, approved December the 15th, 1862, providing for a Committee of three from each House, whose duty it should be to meet at the Capitol, on the first Monday in November inst., for the purpose of examining the books, accounts and other matters of the Comptroller's and Treasurer's office which, in their opinion, necessarily appertained to a proper understanding of such books and accounts, and making it the duty of said Committee to make a report of their examination to the present General Assembly, beg leave to

REPORT,

That they met in pursuance of the resolution under which they were appointed, and submit the following as the result of their investigation:

By reference to the resolution under which your Committee were appointed, it will readily appear that the resolution is comprehensive in the extreme, and, perhaps, in this respect, defective. There being no specific duties pointed out to your Committee by the resolution itself, they have been necessarily compelled to decide for themselves some course for their government in the extent of their labors, as it would perhaps require months to make a thorough examination of all the matters pertaining to those offices which might be necessary to a proper understanding of the same. Your Committee, however, have given such attention to the most important matters pertaining to these of-

fices as the time allowed and the evidence before them would permit.

Your Committee have carefully examined the Comptroller's and Treasurer's books, and report the same carefully kept and supported by the proper vouchers. Your Committee further report, that in the investigation of the books and accounts belonging to those offices there appears to have been drawn out of those offices by Ex-Gov. M. S. Perry, while Governor of the State, from time to time, under various ordinances of the Convention and acts of the General Assembly, the following sums, to wit: From the Treasurer's office, Virginia and North Carolina bonds, forty-one thousand dollars; of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia bonds, forty-eight thousand dollars; of State bonds, fifty thousand dollars; treasury notes, eighteen thousand dollars; State Bank of Florida, ten thousand dollars; check on Charleston, ten thousand five hundred dollars; check on N. Y., two thousand dollars; from Gen'l Joseph E. Finegan, since paid by the State, five thousand one hundred and sixty-six 65-100 dollars, making, in the aggregate, the sum of one hundred and eighty-four thousand seven hundred and fifty-one dollars and sixty-five cents.

From the Comptroller's office, ten five hundred dollar 6 per cent. stocks of Georgia, six one thousand dollar S. C. 6 per cent. stocks, one fourteen hundred and ninety-two and 48-100 dollars S. C. 6 per cent. stocks, thirty one thousand dollar S. C. 6 per cent. stocks, thirty five hundred dollar Georgia 6 per cent. stocks, making, in the aggregate, the sum of fifty-seven thousand four hundred and ninety-two and 45-100 dollars, and making the sum total from the two offices two hundred and forty-two thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars and ten cents. Of these sums Gov. Perry has credits, in the Treasurer's office amounting to twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars; bonds returned; and, in the Comptroller's office, he has vouchers which have been allowed by the Comptroller the sum of one hundred and fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and eighty-five cents, making, in the aggregate, accounted for, the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars and eighty-five cents, leaving unsettled the sum of fifty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents, which unsettled account has been referred to a Special Committee for settlement, who have reported upon the same.

Your Committee also report that they have examined the unsettled accounts of H. V. Snell, Q. M. G., and from the debits in the Comptroller's office, together with his own acknowledgements, he appears to have received from the State the sum of two hundred and fourteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five

dollars and fifteen cents, while he presents vouchers amounting to the sum of two hundred and twenty-four thousand one hundred and ninety-three and 84-100 dollars, making an indebtedness in his favor against the State (after deducting two hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-seven cents for an error which your Committee detected in the additions of his vouchers in favor of himself) of eight thousand two hundred and ninety-eight and 92-100 dollars.

Since, however, your Committee examined the debits and vouchers of Q. M. Snell, your Committee have learned from the vouchers of Ex-Gov. Perry that he has Q. M. Snell charged with four thousand dollars more than appears against him by the debits and acknowledgements in the Comptroller's office, which would leave an indebtedness on the part of the State to Q. M. Snell of the sum of four thousand two hundred and ninety-eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

The account of Q. M. Snell, however, are yet unsettled, and must remain so until a full settlement is had with Gov. Perry, at least, of all the money transactions between him and Q. M. Snell.

Your Committee would further report, that there appears from an acknowledgement of John W. Pearson, special agent to settle claims against the State arising under the Indian difficulties of 1856, remaining since the year 1859 in his hands, belonging to the State, the sum of twenty-eight thousand six hundred and eighty-four dollars. Your Committee are informed by the Comptroller, that he has called upon Mr. Pearson for a settlement, which he has never made.

Your Committee would also state, for your information, that among the vouchers of Q. M. Snell, which has been allowed by the Comptroller, there is one of eleven thousand four hundred dollars, paid to R. C. Williams, paymaster, which your Committee are informed R. C. Williams has never accounted for, either to Q. M. Snell or the Comptroller.

Your Committee further report, that they examined the accounts of Dr. John W. Eppes, former paymaster, and find that he has accounted for all monies received by him, excepting about five hundred dollars, for which he has vouchers, but which the Comptroller has refused to audit and allow in consequence of the same not being receipted by the parties from whom they were obtained.

Your Committee have thought it not improper, in this connection, to call the attention of the General Assembly to the careless and unguarded manner in which Tax-Assessors and Collectors in this State discharged the duties required of them by law, as well as the inadequacy of the laws upon that subject; and also the necessity of passing some law which will enable the Comptroller

to compel more prompt action on the part of Solicitors when claims against any defaulting officer are placed in their hands.

The entire tax of Alachua county, for the year 1855, remains open, there being no report of the same ever having been assessed or collected; and in several of the counties there has been no report from the Tax-Assessor or Collector for two or three years; and this does not include counties which have been exempted from taxation by reason of their occupancy by the enemy.

In conclusion, your Committee herewith submit the following bills for your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JESSE NORWOOD,
Chairman Senate Committee.
D. P. HOGUE,
JAMES G. COOPER,
F. R. PITTMAN,

Ch'n pro tem. House Committee.

Which was read and bills placed among the orders of the day, and 80 copies of the report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abercrombie moved that a bill to be entitled an act to amend 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, approved December 13th, 1862, be returned to the Engrossing Clerk with instructions to engross correctly;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that 80 copies of the schedule or report accompanying the majority report of the Joint and Select Committee and relief for soldiers' families be printed for the use of this General Assembly.

Which was adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to holding Probate Court in Santa Rosa county,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and passed over informally for the present.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to claims placed in the hands of District Solicitors of this State,

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

A bill to be entitled an act more particularly defining the duties of Tax Assessors and Collectors in this State,

Was read a first time, rule waived and read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hopkins offered the following amendment:

Insert in first section, after the words "respective counties," the words "excepting such counties as may be controlled or partially controlled by the enemy;"

Which was adopted.

On motion, the bill with amendment was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Comptroller to settle with Gov. Perry,

Was read a first time.

Mr. Russell, of the 17th District, moved that the bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Comptroller to settle with Governor Perry, be referred to the Joint and Select Committee appointed at last session to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Comptroller, and to the Joint and Select Committee appointed to investigate and settle the accounts of Ex-Governor Perry, and that said Joint and Select Committees investigate the said accounts and report by bill;

Which was adopted.

Resolution in relation to Richard E. Frier,

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. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—18.

Nay—Mr. Arnow—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

Resolution for the relief of Justices of the Peace in the State of Florida,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Hopkins presented the following substitute:

Resolution for the relief of the Justices of the Peace in this State; Which was adopted.

The substitute was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Monticello and Northern Railroad Company,

Was read the first time, and, on motion, placed among the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 24th, 1863.

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

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

A bill to be entitled an act relating to property confiscated to the use of the State.

Respectfully

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hogue, placed first among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled an act relating to property confiscated to the use of the State,

Was read a first time, and on motion, rule waived, read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hogue presented the following amendment:

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the publication required by section 4, be made by the Attorney General;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of the act entitled an act, to amend the election laws of this State as regards the mode of voting, and for other purposes, approved December 8, 1862, as requires the ballots to be numbered,

Was read a 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 amend an act entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning, approved February 14, 1861,

Was read a first time, and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Russell, of 17th District, 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.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Hol-

land, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—15.

A quorum present.

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Nov. 24th, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bill and resolution viz:

An Act to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians;

Resolution of thanks to our Soldiers:

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON,

Which was read.

Also one in reply to resolution of the Senate, requesting information, as President of Board of Internal Improvements, in regard to the sequestration of railroad shares, and the late sales thereof; and the removal of railroad iron from the State;

Which was read and the message and accompanying documents referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Russell, Mr. Taylor was excused from attendance on the Senate this afternoon, on account of sickness.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Apalachicola Channel Company;

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the protection of stock of the citizens of Lafayette, Taylor, Levy, Orange and Brevard counties,

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

House bill to be entitled an act, to amend the sixth section of an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, approved Feb. 8th, 1861,

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

House bill to be entitled an act to change the county line dividing the counties of Columbia and Suwannee,

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. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater,

Clary, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Smith—15.

Nays—None.

So the 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 James W. Johnson, of Taylor county;

Was read a 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, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Scott and Smith—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act requiring Sheriffs to give additional security in certain cases,

Was read a first time, and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 24th, 1863. }

Honorable E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate.

SIR—The House has this day adopted the following resolution: Resolution relative to tax in kind.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 24, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has this day passed the following House bills, to-wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the provisions of an act for

the relief of General William E. Anderson and others, approved December 10th, 1862;

A bill to be entitled an act amending the charter of the city of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act amending the charter of the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company; also,

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

Very Respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

On motion, the rule was waived, to allow Mr. Russell, of the 17th District, to present the following bill without further notice:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the sale of certain public lands;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. King to introduce the following bill without previous notice.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to county officers in this State;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The rule was waived to allow the Committee on Public Lands to make the following report:

The Committee on Public Lands have had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act to suspend the sale of public lands in this State, for and during the existence of the present war, and recommend that it do not pass; and that the bill herewith presented, as a substitute, do pass.

J. M. ARNOW, Chairman.

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

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the county officers in this State,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the sale of public lands,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the second section of the act to prevent the entry of lands occupied by soldiers or their families during the continuance of the present war, and to regulate the sale and entry of public lands.

On motion of Mr. Holland the substitute recommended by the Committee on Public Lands was adopted.

The bill was read a second time.

Mr. Holland offered an amendment which was adopted.

On motion the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward Jordon, Sheriff of Taylor county,

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

House bill to be entitled an act amending the charter of the City of Pensacola,

Was read a 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, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to extend the provisions of an act for the relief of Gen. Wm. E. Anderson, and others, approved December 10, 1862,

Was read a 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, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Smith—14.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper and Russell of 17th District—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House Resolution relating to tax in kind,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—16.

Nay—Mr. Russell—1.

So the Resolution passed—title as stated.

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

The orders of the day being through with, on motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 25th, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

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

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

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

Mr. Jones moved that Mr. Frier, Messenger of the Senate, be excused from attendance on the Senate to-day, on account of sickness;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived, to allow Mr. Smith to present without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the Confederate Government in the detection of fraud;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Taylor moved that 200 copies of the Governor's Special Message and accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the General Assembly;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Russell gave notice, that he would, on to-morrow, introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the purpose of forming a Police Regulation for the county of Jefferson.

On motion, the rule was waived, to allow Mr. Abercrombie to present, without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act amending the charter of the City of Pensacola, so as to authorize said city to aid in the construction of certain railroads;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Arnow, the rule was waived, to allow him to introduce, without previous notice, the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to defaulting jurors; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to tax the sale of liquors, for the education of deceased soldiers' families;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Norwood moved that the Senate reconsider its action, had on Monday last, upon the House amendment to Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State, to appoint Sheriffs in certain cases;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Norwood moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment to said bill;

Which was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills, beg leave to report the following as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend 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 sales of public lands approved December 13th, 1862;

A resolution for the relief of the Justices of the Peace in this State; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the second section of an act 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 sale and entry of public lands.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chairman.

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

Mr. Arnow, from the Committee on Public Lands, made the following report:

The Committee on Public Lands have had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act to legalize entries of public lands made after the secession of Florida, and requiring the Receiver to account for the moneys received therefor, and recommend the passage of the same.

J. M. ARNOW, Chairman.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day. Also the following: