

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad,

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Aaron W. Da-Costa,

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

Resolution in relation to a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, Was read the second time.

Mr. Norwood moved to amend by striking out the word 25th and insert 24th;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the resolution was adopted.

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

The rule was waived to allow the Committee on Engrossed Bills to report.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a police for the county of Jefferson.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chairman.

Which was read.

House bill to be entitled an act providing for the payment of certain claims against the State of Florida, with amendments.

Mr. Norwood moved to refer the bill to a select committee of three;

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed as said committee Messrs. Norwood, Hogue and Cooper.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the Senator from Wakulla be excused for to-day;

Which was adopted.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Abercrombie to present the following resolution:

Resolved, That no member of this body shall be excused from attendance during the balance of the session, except in case of his own sickness or that of his family;

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 28th 1863.

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

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

House bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the transaction of business in the Quarter Master General's office;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide clothing for troops from Florida, in the service of the Confederate States;

House substitute to Senate 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.

The House has also refused to pass Senate bill to be entitled an act to tax the sale of liquors for the education of deceased soldiers' children.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk House Representatives.

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

Mr. Holland moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Abercrombie and Holland,

The vote was,

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Holland, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—10.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Cater, Hopkins and Smith—4.

So the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY, November 30th, 1863.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Russell of 17th District, in the chair.

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

Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District and Scott—10.

A quorum not present.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, the Senate took a recess for fifteen minutes.

FIFTEEN MINUTES PAST 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

Mr. Russell of 17th District, in the chair.

A quorum present.

The journal of Saturday's proceedings was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Taylor moved, that the documents from the Committee on Internal Improvements, which were sent out to the Printer, be returned to the Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements;

Which was adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, made the following report:

Your Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, to whom was referred the special message of his Excellency the Governor, calling attention to a resolution of the General Assembly of Georgia, setting apart the 10th day of December next as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, have had the same under consideration. We heartily concur with our brethren of Georgia in the conviction, "that in view of our National calamity and distress, it is the solemn duty of all the people of these Confederate States to humble themselves before God, and with penitence for our past sins, national, social and individual, and with an honest, earnest desire to obey His laws, implore through the merits of our Savior, His forgiveness, and plead for wisdom to guide us;" but desiring in accordance with the spirit and letter of the resolutions of the General Assembly of Georgia, that the observance of any day appointed, be general, and knowing it to be impossible for all the people of this State to receive the notice by the 10th of December, we therefore recommend to His Excellency, that by proclamation be set apart the 24th, day of December next, as a day of (fasting), humiliation and prayer, and the people of the State are hereby earnestly requested to assemble on that day at their usual places of worship, and humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, knowing that doing so in due time they shall be exalted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. COOPER, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., NOV. 27, 1863.

Fellow-citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to submit to the consideration of your honorable body, the accompanying resolutions of "the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia in General Assembly met," and approved by his Excellency, Joseph E. Brown, Governor of the State, and respectfully recommend the adoption of a concurrent resolution of the State.

"In God is our trust," is the motto of Florida. While we sympathize with our fellow-citizens of more powerful States, in the sore afflictions with which they have been visited during the existence of the war waged unwisely, unjustly and cruelly by the United States against the *people* of the Confederate States, have not the citizens of Florida much reason to be profoundly grateful to Almighty God for His protection and fatherly care, and to humble ourselves in prayer to Him, to forgive the many sins we have committed, notwithstanding His great mercy to us? Should not the people of Florida unite with their fellow-citizens of other States "with penitence for our past sins, national, social and individual, and with an honest, earnest desire to obey His laws, implore through the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, his forgiveness and plead for wisdom to guide us" and to inspire us with Christian faith, which will insure suitable efforts under His righteous chastisement to continue our trust in Him, to deliver us from our enemies and to secure to ourselves and our offspring the enjoyment of religious, civil and political liberty.

"The poets of remotest antiquity represent their heroes as seeking, by sacrifices and libations, the protection of the Gods when marching to battle; or their intervention when assailed by plagues. The disciples of imposters and of ignorance have recourse to the intercession of their prophet and their Bramins, for distinguishing favors, or to the averting of awful calamities.— And the best valors of the most enlightened times have deemed it rational and useful to direct their thoughts, and the thoughts of their people, to the God of Heaven in seasons of alarm and danger. Above all, they are the sentiments which are rendered unquestionable by the authority of the sacred volume. In the Scriptures, the Almighty, is explicitly represented as superintending all the wonderful occurrences in the natural, political and moral world. They expressly teach that an arm of flesh, and a bow of steel, are destitute of strength, when He bids them be relaxed, and peace and war operate in the manner which He permits, during the period which He limits, and in the sphere which He assigns; that

the blessings which prosper, and the calamities which deject communities, are sent by Him, and by Him recalled; that "the pestilence, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the sword, are His four sore judgments;" that the thunder, and the earthquake, and great noise, and the storm, and tempest, and flame of devouring fire, are visitations of the Lord of Hosts; that the elements of nature are His ministers, to perform His purposes.— If we do not reject the sacred volume, we must believe that every people is, with God, "as a vessel of clay in the hands of the potter, which he baketh, and marreth, and maketh again according to his pleasure, and the uses for which it is designed."

It is made known by the Word of God, that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." "He bowed the heavens also, and came down, and darkness was under His feet. He rode upon a cherub and did fly, and he was seen upon the wings of the wind." "At his command the sun doth shine and the moon walk in brightness." "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." "He will be a refuge for the distressed, a refuge in time of trouble." And by an inspired writer, "He hath solemnly declared, at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to pull down and destroy it: if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought proper to do unto them." Holy writ abounds with the declarations, purposes and evidence of the omniscience and omnipotence of God, all of which have been made manifest by the history of nations to intelligent statesmen. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning wisdom."

None can reasonably doubt, that if the people of the Confederate States, by humility and repentance for their transgressions and reformation of their conduct, shall in obedience to the commandments of God, trust in Him, He will deliver them from their enemies. "The rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald," the token of a covenant of mercy between God and man, will appear in beauty and brightness, the morning stars will sing together, the sons of God—the sons of freedom—will shout for joy, and the people of the association of free and independent States, "will rejoice in God as their salvation, will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah will be their strength and their song." If God shall be for us, who shall be against us?

I have the honor to be, respectfully,
Your fellow-citizen,

JOHN MILTON,
Governor of Florida.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia in General Assembly met, That in view of our National calamity and distress, it is the solemn duty of all the people of these Confederate States, to humble themselves before God, and with penitence for our past sins, national, social and individual, and with an honest, earnest desire to obey His laws, implore, through the merits of our Saviour, His forgiveness, and plead for wisdom to guide us; that we cordially concur in the recommendation of His Excellency, Joseph E. Brown, Governor of this State, that Thursday, the 10th day of December next, be and said day is hereby set apart as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer; that the Congress of the Confederate States, the Legislatures of the different States, our Army and Navy, and all the people be, and are hereby respectfully requested to unite with us in strict observance of the day.

THOS. HARDEMAN, Jr.,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

L. CARRINGTON,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

A. R. WRIGHT,
President of the Senate.

L. H. KENAN,

Secretary of the Senate.

Approved November 17th, 1863.

JOSEPH E. BROWN, Governor.

Which was read.

Mr. Hogue presented a joint resolution in reference to the setting apart of Thursday, the 10th day of December next, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Mr. Cooper moved to amend, by inserting after the word 10th, the words, and 24th days;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the resolution read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed.

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

Mr. Hogue moved that a committee of three be appointed to convey the above resolution to the House of Representatives;

Which was adopted.

The chair appointed as said committee, Messrs. Hogue, Arnow, and Clary.

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

The rule was waived, to allow Mr. Carter to present the petition of citizens of Wakulla county; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to allow G. W. Bostic to practice medicine,

Was read the first time, and, on motion, rule waived, and the bill read the second time by its title, and referred to a select committee of three.

The chair appointed as said committee, Messrs. Carter, King and Cooper.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Madison Post, late United States Land Receiver, at the Land Office at Tampa, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the said petition under consideration, and upon consultation with the Register of State Lands, the Committee submit the following Resolution and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH. M. TAYLOR.

Chm'n Select Committee.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Atlantic, Gulf and Central Railroad,

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act to aid families of soldiers that require assistance,

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

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

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of soldiers' families that require assistance,

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

On motion, all bills on the subject of relief for soldiers' families were made the special order for this afternoon, 4 o'clock.

Mr. Norwood moved that he be taken off the special committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act providing for the payment of certain claims against the State, and that Mr. Taylor be substituted as chairman in his stead;

Which was adopted:

A bill to be entitled an act to assist the faithful and necessary enforcement of the Impressment Act of Congress, and to protect and defend the citizens of this State from oppression and unlawful acts of persons violating the said act, or claiming to act under the authority of the Confederate Government,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Holland moved that the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the subject of the reading of certain papers relative to impressments;

Mr. Taylor moved that the Senate go into secret session on the reading of the papers;

Which was not adopted.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Taylor moved that the committee do now rise and report the following resolution to the Senate:

Be it resolved; That the documents read before the committee be placed at the disposal of his Excellency, the Governor.

The committee arose and reported progress.

Mr. Scott offered the following substitute to Mr. Taylor's resolution:

That the papers read before the Committee of the Whole, be filed in the Secretary of State's office, for further reference, and the subject be indefinitely postponed;

The yeas and nays being called for, on the adoption of Mr. Scott's substitute, by Messrs. Holland and Norwood,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow and Scott—2.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—14.

So the substitute was lost.

The question being on the adoption of Mr. Taylor's resolution, on motion, it was adopted.

The bill was then read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Smith and Taylor—13;

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Russell of 17th District and Scott—3.
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, }
November 26th, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

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

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

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of D. B. Cappleman, Sheriff of Marion county ; and,

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Margaret J. McKeown, widow of James A. McKeown ;

Also the following resolutions :

House resolution relative to adjournment ; and,

House resolution for the destruction of the State Bonds on hand of the issues of 1856 and 1861.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House Representatives.

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Hopkins to present, without further notice, the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the acts of Samuel Low ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock, P. M.

HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

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

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland,

Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor.—13.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relative to the assessment of taxes,

Was read the third time.

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

Mr. Hopkins presented the following amendment :

Excepting in such counties or parts of counties as may be controlled by the enemy ;

Which was adopted.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on tomorrow.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Norwood to present the following bill, without previous notice :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Ordinance No. 62 ;

Which was read, 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, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Scott and Taylor—13.

Nay—Mr. Russell of 17th District—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Taylor, from the Select Committee, to make the following report :

The select committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act providing for the pay of certain claims against the State, with amendments, recommend the passage of the same.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH M. TAYLOR.

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Abercrombie to present, without further notice, the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Albert Hyer ;

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, the rule was waived, and the bill was read the first, second and third times, and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a police for the county of Jefferson,

Was read the third time, and, on motion, passed over informally.

House bill to be entitled an act providing for the payment of certain claims against the State, with amendments,

Was read the second time, and the amendments concurred in.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Scott, Smith and Taylor—14.

Nay—Mr. Russell of 17th District—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Taylor moved, that a committee of three be appointed, to convey said bill to the House of Representatives.

The President appointed as said committee, Messrs. Taylor, Russell of 17th District and Smith.

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

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Aaron W. Da Costa,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Taylor—13.

Nays—Messrs. Russell of 17th District and Smith—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution relative to the civil authority of the State of Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Norwood to present the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to pay the debt due by the State of Florida,

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide clothing for troops from Florida, in the service of the Confederate States.

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

House bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the transaction of business in the Quartermaster General's Office.

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

House substitute to Senate bill to amend the second section of 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,

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

On motion, the following resolution, presented by Mr. Arnow on Saturday, was taken up and read a second time,

Be it Resolved by the Senate, That it is the sense of this body, that for the public good, that a Militia force should be organized.

Mr. Hopkins presented the following amendment;

Notwithstanding it is utterly impracticable to do so.

The yeas and nays being called for by the Senators from the 16th and 20th Districts,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Cater, Clary, Hopkins, Norwood and Roper—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—12.

So the amendment was lost.

The yeas and nays being called for by the Senators from the 5th and 20th Districts, on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper and Scott—9.

So the resolution was lost.

Mr. Holland moved to waive the rule to allow him to present a resolution in relation to the militia;

The yeas and nays being called for by the Senators from the 5th and 13th Districts,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Smith and Taylor—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper and Smith—9.

So the rule was not waived.

Resolution in relation to the accounts of the late U. S. Receiver and Registers,

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

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William F. Russell, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and that they are of opinion that the General Assembly has no power to pass any act upon the subject. Also, a bill to be entitled an act in relation to county officers of this State; also an act in relation to defaulting jurors, and recommend that the said bills do not pass.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

On motion of Mr. Russell of Jefferson, the following bill was taken up:

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a police force for the county of Jefferson;

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment:

SECTION 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the said police force is hereby placed at the disposal of the Governor to secure the faithful execution of the laws, and to defend the State against insurrection or actual invasion.

Mr. Norwood presented the following proviso:

Provided, They shall be used for no other purpose but the expelling of delinquent Confederate officers out of this State;

Which was not adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Holland, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Norwood and Holland;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cooper, Holland, King and Taylor—4.

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

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Cooper, Holland, King and Taylor—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to pay the debts due by the State of Florida,

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

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for an ample support and maintenance for the families of soldiers, and of those who died in battle, or from disease, or who, by reason of wounds or disease, are incapable of supporting themselves, and who require assistance, and for the indigent persons of this State.

On motion, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to county officers of this State, Was read the second time.

Mr. Norwood moved to postpone the bill indefinitely.

The yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Norwood and Hopkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Carter, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Norwood and Roper—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cater, Cooper, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—12.

So the motion was lost.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cooper, King, Russell of 17th District, Scott, Smith and Taylor—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper and Russell of Jefferson—11.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to defaulting jurors, Was read the third time, and, on motion of Mr. Arnow, passed over informally for the present.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. F. Russell,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Norwood moved to indefinitely postpone the bill:

Which was adopted.

House resolution for the destruction of the State Bonds on hand, of the issues of 1856 and 1861.

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

House resolution relative to adjournment,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Holland moved that the resolution be laid over, until Friday next, 10 o'clock.

The yeas and nays being called for by the Senators from the 5th and 20th Districts,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs Arnow, Hogue, Holland, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, and Scott—11.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Hogue moved that it be passed over informally until Thursday next;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that it be passed over informally until Wednesday next;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Hogue moved that it be passed over informally until to-morrow.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Holland moved that the resolution be passed over informally for the present;

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 30th, 1863. }

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

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

A House bill to be entitled an act, to punish slaves for certain offences,

A House bill to be entitled an act, relative to interest on Judgments,

A House bill to be entitled an act, to prevent the distilling of Spirituous Liquors in this State,

House resolution in relation to copying the laws; and,
Senate Resolution relative to days of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

The House has also indefinitely postponed Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to protect the interests of Stock owners in this State approved Dec. 13th 1862.

Respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Representatives.

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

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

TUESDAY, December 1st, 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, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—14.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

On motion of Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, Rev. Mr. Smith, was excused from attendance on the Senate, until he recovers from his illness.

Mr. Cater moved that the resolution introduced by Mr. Holland and amended by Mr. Abercrombie, relative to the eligibility of Mr. Baldwin, be reconsidered;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Arnow moved that the Senate send for the bill now in the hands of the Printer, which was reported by the minority of the Select Committee on soldiers' families;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution :
Resolution in relation to our sick and wounded soldiers in Gen. Bragg's army.

On motion, the resolution was taken up and read the first time, rule waived, and read the second time.

Mr. Russell, of 17th District, moved to fill up the blanks, by inserting \$25,000;

Which was adopted.

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

The vote was :