

Mr. Norwood moved to waive the rule, and place the bill back upon its second reading,

Which was lost.

The question being upon the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Jones, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Smith—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Taylor—12.

So the bill was lost.

Mr. Norwood moved that the bill be spread upon the Journal,

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate prices.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That from and after the passage of this act, a tax shall be levied and collected, upon all articles sold in this State, over the schedule price fixed by the Commissioners for the same, to the amount of the difference between the schedule price and that at which the article was sold; said tax to be paid by the seller.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the tax collectors of this State, to collect said tax and use such means as are now provided for by law for the collection of taxes, and shall pay the same into the Treasury, to be expended for the benefit of soldiers' families and others who require assistance.

The rule was waived to allow the Committee on Engrossed Bills, to make the following report:

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

A bill to be entitled an act to levy a tax on blockade or imported liquors.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chairman.

Which was read.

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

THURSDAY, December 3d, 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, Allison, Arnow, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—16.

A quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Hogue moved that the bill relative to interest on judgments, be first taken up among the orders of the day;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved that a bill to be entitled an act to declare and establish the rights of the State of Florida in certain railroads, be placed second among the orders of the day; and;

That a bill to be entitled an act to prevent the distilling of spirituous liquors in this State, be placed third among the orders of the day;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, presented the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That his Excellency, the Governor, be notified by a joint committee, that this General Assembly have resolved to adjourn on Friday, the 4th inst., at 12 m.

Which was adopted.

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

The chair appointed as a committee to notify the Governor, Messrs. Russell of Jefferson, Hopkins and Cooper.

Mr. Holland presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That as each bill or resolution has passed the Senate, the President shall send the same to the House, if the same require their action, by a committee;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed as a committee for the above purpose, Messrs. Holland, King and Russell of 17th District.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills, find the following bills and resolution correctly enrolled.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to lease certain lands belonging to the State;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the relief of soldiers and others that require assistance;

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the acts of Samuel Lowe, acting Clerk of the Circuit Court;

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

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

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;

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

Joint resolution relative to our sick or wounded soldiers in General Bragg's army;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws relative to soldiers' voting; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the Confederate Government in detecting frauds.

J. M. ARNOW, Chm'n.

Which was read.

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

Resolution for the relief of R. E. Frier:

On motion, the rule was waived, and the resolution read the first and second times.

Mr. Allison presented the following amendment:

That all persons who may, since the commencement of this war, have been disabled whilst in the military service of the State, so as not to be able to make a support for himself or family.

The yeas and nays being called for by the Senators from the 7th and 10th Districts.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Cater, Cooper and Russell of Jefferson—4.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Roper, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—13.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Scott and Taylor—14.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, King and Russell of Jefferson—3.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

The rule was waived, to allow Mr. Taylor to amend the Journal by making an erasure in the report on the Indian River Canal.

The rule was waived to allow the Committee on Engrossed Bills, to make the following report:

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

A bill to be entitled an act to pay certain Claims.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chairman.

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

A Committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported they had been appointed a Committee to inform the Senate that the House had passed the Senate bill to appropriate \$10,000 for Way Side Homes and Hospitals in this State.

The bill was ordered to be enrolled.

The Joint and Select Committee, who were appointed at the last General Assembly, to examine the books and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer beg leave to

REPORT:

That, at the suggestion of his Excellency, they have examined the vouchers of R. C. Williams, accompanying the Governors special message upon that subject and find that the former report of this Committee that R. C. Williams, was a defaulter for the amount of eleven thousand four hundred dollars (\$11,400.00) was erroneous.—The error originated from circumstances explained in the Governors special message, and over which this committee had no control. Your committee deem it but an act of justice and honor to pay-master Williams that he should be placed right upon the record, and before the country upon this subject.

JESSE NORWOOD,
Chairman Senate Committee.
F. R. PITTMAN,
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a voluminous correspondence touching the removal of Rail Road Iron, and other matters of grave moment to the State of Florida beg leave to report. They did not have the same under consideration. They could not give the subject their consideration owing to the fact that the General Assembly passed a resolution to adjourn on Friday next. They have read enough to satisfy themselves that questions of law spring out of the transaction alluded to. They hesitate to recommend any course of procedure further than that the Governor see that the interests of the State suffer no wrong. They also recommend that the correspondence be published for the use of the Senate.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH M. TAYLOR,

Chairman Internal Improvement Committee.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A House bill to be entitled an act relative to interest on judgments.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Arnow, Cater, Hogue, Holland, King, Norwood and Taylor—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Carter, Hopkins, Jones, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—9.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and declare the rights of the State of Florida in certain Rail Roads.

Was read the second time and made the special order for four o'clock, P. M.

The rule was waived to allow the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts to make the following report:

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House, on Finance and Public Accounts, beg leave to

REPORT:

That, in accordance with ordinance No. 49, your committee did, in the presence of the Treasurer and Register, and with their assistance, compare the numbers of the retired Treasury Notes of the State of Florida, and count the same, and find that the sum of forty eight thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents have been redeemed by the sale of public lands for the past year, and that the notes correspond in number with the record kept by the Register, and are now in the Treasurer's office.

Your committee do not find that they are authorized, by ordinance No. 49 or otherwise, to burn said notes, but from the mutilated and defaced condition of said notes, your committee would recommend the destruction of the same by fire.

JESSE NORWOOD,

Chairman Senate Committee.

JOSEPH PRICE,

Chairman House Committee.

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

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported that they had been appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, in relation to a bill relative to the payment for plats in certain counties, which was amended.

Resolution in relation to the destruction of Treasury Notes,

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

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Holland moved that a committee be appointed to convey to the Governor such Senate bills as had passed both houses of the General Assembly and been enrolled;

Which was adopted.

The chair appointed, as said committee, Messrs. Holland King and Russell of 17th District.

House bill to be entitled an act to prevent the distilling of spirituous liquors in this State,

Was read.

Mr. Allison offered the following amendment:

That the Governor shall be authorized to issue license for the distillation of spirituous liquors in this State, to all such citizens thereof as may have made a contract therefor, and acted in good faith in pursuance of the same with the government, and only by virtue of the act of the General Assembly of this State, approved 1862, and none others;

Which was lost.

On motion, the amendment proposed by the committee was adopted.

Pending which, a committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated that they had been appointed a committee, to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to inform the Governor that the General Assembly will adjourn to-morrow at 12 M.

Mr. Holland presented the following amendment:

That any person in this State may distill any article or articles raised or produced by himself, but he shall not purchase for that use any article or articles;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Arnow presented the following amendment:

Be it further enacted, That it is hereby made the duty of the Governor to refuse to allow any person or persons whatever, to distill any liquor in this State;

Which was not adopted.

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

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Allison, Carter, Cater, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—15.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper and Jones—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The committee appointed to notify his Excellency, the Governor, that the General Assembly would adjourn on to-morrow, at 12 m., returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

The committee appointed to convey enrolled bills to his Excellency, the Governor, returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills, report as correctly enrolled the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate ten thousand dollars for the Wayside Homes and Hospitals in this State.

J. M. ARNOW, Chm'n.

Which was read.

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Allison, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—19.

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 levy a tax on blockade or imported liquors,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Jones, Russell of 17th District and Scott—10.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Hogue, King, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson—5.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Holland moved to amend the title by inserting the words "and other goods;"

Which was adopted.

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

Resolution relative to the Indian River Canal,
Was read the first time, rule waived, and read the second time.
On motion, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Hopkins to make the following motion:

That a committee of conference be appointed to confer with a similar committee, appointed by the House, to reconsider Senate amendment to House bill entitled an act authorizing the payment for townships and maps;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed, as said committee, Messrs. Hopkins, Russell of Jefferson and Abercrombie.

Resolution relative to the Arsenal,

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

The vote was:

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 3d, 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 O. Jeffreys, Auctioneer for the county of Columbia.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read and the nomination concurred in.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 3d, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bill, viz:

An act to incorporate the Monticello and Thomasville Railroad,
Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until three o'clock, P. M.

THREE 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, Allison, Carter, Cater, Clary, Holland, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of 17th District and Scott—12.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

Resolution relative to provision supplies:

Be it resolved by the Senate, That it is the sense of this body, that the best manner for the Confederate authorities to procure ample supplies for the army, is to pay the ruling market price, and tax all persons equally in proportion to their capital and income, to pay for the same,

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, King, Norwood and Roper—9.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Cooper, Holland, Jones, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—7.

So the resolution passed.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill authorizing the county Commissioners of Leon county, to assess additional taxes for the support of soldiers' families and the indigent of said county, and to regulate the collection thereof,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Hogue offered the following amendment:

That the provisions of this act shall apply to such other counties in the State as may, through their county Commissioners choose to accept the same;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Arnow offered the following amendment:

Be it further enacted, That the counties herein named, shall not be exempt from any general tax or the provisions of any general law upon the subject contained in this act;

The yeas and nays being called for by the Senators from the 14th and 15th Districts,

The vote was:

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

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Carter, Clary, Hogue, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—9.

So the amendment was not adopted.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Jones, Norwood, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—12.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cooper and King—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 3d, 1863.

HON. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has this day adopted the following Resolutions, viz:

Senate Joint Resolution in relation to the unsettled accounts of Ex-Gov. M. S. Perry, Quarter Master General H. V. Snell, and John W. Pearson, Disbursing agents with amendments;

Senate Joint Resolution in relation to the destruction, by the committee on Finance and Public Accounts, of Treasury Notes redeemed under ordinance 49: and

House Resolution in relation to appointment of Agents in Greenville and Montgomery.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk House Representatives.

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

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 3d, 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 to amend an act entitled an act to amend the act of 1851 providing for two Seminaries of Learning, approved February 14th 1861;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorise the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter County to keep his office at his own home;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the Patrol Laws of this State with amendments;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Atlantic Gulf and Central Rail Road with amendment;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for furnishing to each Regiment and Battalion in Confederate Service from his State, a suitable Flag or Ensign, also a Flag to be used at the Capital.

Also, indefinitely postponed Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act relative to the assessment of Taxes.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and House bills placed among the orders of the day, house amendment to bill in relation to accounts of Ex. Gov. Perry and others not concurred in, and amendments to remaining Senate bills concurred in and bills ordered to be enrolled;

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

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cooper and Scott—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Carter, Cater, Clary, Hogue, Hopkins, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Taylor—11.

So the bill was lost.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the more effectual administration of justice in the Courts of this State, approved Jan. 24th, 1861.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Carter, Cater, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Taylor—14.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, 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.

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

Resolution relative to the pay of our soldiers in the Confederate Army;

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

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 in relation to defaulting jurors,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Norwood and Roper—8.

Nays—Messrs. Hopkins, Jones, King, Russell of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District—5.

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 establish and declare the rights of the State of Florida to certain railroads,

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, Hopkins, Jones, Norwood and Roper—10.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—9.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, December 3d, 1863.

Honorable E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

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;

An act to aid the Confederate Government in the detection of frauds;

An act to legalize the acts of Samuel Low, acting Clerk of the Circuit Court;

An act to amend the election laws of this State relative to soldiers voting;

An act relative to claims placed in the hands of District Solicitors of this State;

An act to provide for the relief of soldiers' families and others that require assistance;

An act for the relief of Albert Hyer;

An act in relation to forfeited bonds of criminals;

An act to appropriate ten thousand dollars for the Wayside Homes or Hospitals in this State; and,

Joint resolution relative to our sick or wounded soldiers in Gen. Bragg's Army.

Respectfully,
JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 3d, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

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

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the second session of the twelfth General Assembly, and for other purposes.

Respectfully,

THOMAS B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and, on motion, House bill placed first among the orders of the day.

House bill making appropriations for the second session of the 12th General Assembly and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, rule waived, and read the second time.

Mr. Norwood moved to fill up the blank in the salary of the Secretary of the Senate with \$264;

Which was adopted.

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

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Allison, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Scott and Taylor—15.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Hogue, Russell of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

Mr. Holland moved to reconsider the vote on the bill;

Which was not adopted.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, December 3d, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I herewith return to the Senate in which it originated, the bill entitled an act to repeal Ordinance No. 62, without my approval, and for the reason that the repeal of the Ordinance named, would repudiate all the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of that Ordinance, and would prevent the State from taking further action upon the large claim it has against the Confederate Government, which claim was adjusted and presented under the provisions of the Ordinance now sought to be repealed, and would therefore involve a loss upon the State of over five hundred thousand dollars.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

The question being upon the passage of the bill over the Governor's veto.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Carter, Clary, Hopkins, Norwood and Scott—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Cater, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Jones, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—13.

So the Governor's veto was sustained.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 3d, 1863.

Hon. E. J. VAN N,

President of the Senate :

Sir—The House of Representatives has this day concurred in the amendment reported by the Committee of Conference, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of plats furnished the various counties;

The House has also receded from its amendments to Senate joint resolution in relation to the unsettled accounts of Ex-Governor M. S. Perry, Quarter Master General H. V. Snell, and John W. Pearson, Disbursing Agent;

The House has also adopted Senate joint resolution relative to the Arsenal.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and Senate bills ordered to be enrolled, and the bill with amendment by the Conference Committee placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until half past seven o'clock, p. m.

HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

Mr. Holland moved to amend the title by adding "importation," after the word "exportation;"

Which was adopted.

On motion, the House amendments to Senate bill to furnish plats to Clay and other counties of this State, was concurred in.

The Committee on Enrolled bills, have examined the following and find them correctly enrolled :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the patrol laws of this State;

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

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter county, to keep his office at his own house; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to

amend the act of 1857, providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning, approved February 14th, 1861; also,
Joint resolution.

J. M. ARNOW, Chm'n.

Which was read.

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

Resolution relative to the Indian River Canal.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Chm'n.

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg to report as correctly enrolled the following resolutions :

Joint resolution in relation to the unsettled accounts of Ex-Governor M. S. Perry, Q. M. G. H. V. Snell and John W. Pearson, disbursing agent; and,

Joint resolution relative to the Arsenal.

J. M. ARNOW, Chm'n.

Which was read.

The orders of the day were resumed.

House 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 sale and entry of Public Lands, approved Dec. 13, 1862;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Allison, Carter, Carter, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—16.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Hogue and Scott—3.

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 provide clothing for troops from Florida, in the army of the Confederate States,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Allison, Arnow, Carter, Carter, Clary, Holland, Hopkins, Jones, King, Norwood Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—15.

Nays—Messrs. Hogue, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—3.

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 facilitate the transaction of business in the Quartermaster General's office,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater Clary, Cooper, Holland, King and Taylor—8.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Hogue, Hopkins, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Scott—10.
So the bill was lost.

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

House resolution relative to copying the laws,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

House resolution for the relief of Justices of the Peace,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Carter, Cater, Clary, Hopkins, Jones and Norwood—8.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Arnow, Cooper, King, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District and Taylor—8.

So the resolution was lost.

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

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 3d, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House has this day indefinitely postponed the following bill, viz :

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the more effectual administration of justice in the courts of this State, approved January 24th, 1861.

Respectfully,

TAOMAS B. BAREFOOT,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 3d, 1863. }

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House has this day adopted the following resolutions :
Senate joint resolution relative to the pay of the soldiers of the Confederate States ;

House resolution relative to the Jefferson Manufacturing Company.

Respectfully,

THOS. B. BAREFOOT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

A bill to be entitled an act to pay certain claims,

Was read the second time and indefinitely postponed.

Resolution in relation to appointing agents for the disbursment of funds for soldiers families.

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

The vote was :

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

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

Resolution in reference to the exportation of certain articles by private enterprise,

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. Allison, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Clary, Cooper, Holland, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson, Russell of 17th District, Scott and Taylor—16.

Nays—Messrs. Hogue and Hopkins—2.

So the Resolution passed.

Mr. Hogue moved to reconsider the vote on the appropriation bill in regard to the pay of the Secretary of the Senate with a view to correction ;

Which was adopted.

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

The rule was waived, to allow the Committee on Enrolled bills to report :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills report the following correctly enrolled ;

An act to provide for the payment of plats furnished the Counties of Clay, Jackson and Calhoun.

J. M. ARNOW, Chairman.

Which was read.

House bill to be entitled an act further defining the duties of the Treasurer of the State.

Was read the third time, and put on its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, Jones, King, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Hopkins, Scott and Taylor—8.

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 provide for furnishing to each regiment and battalion from this State in the Confederate service, a flag, also a flag to be used at the Capitol,

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

Nay—Mr. Taylor—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

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

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, December 3d, 1863.

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

An act to authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter county, to keep his office at his own house;

An act to amend the patrol laws of this State;

An act to amend the charter of the Florida Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad Company;

Joint resolution in relation to the unsettled accounts of Ex-Governor M. S. Perry, Quarter Master General H. V. Snell and John W. Pearson, disbursing agent;

Joint resolution relative to the Arsenal; and,

Joint resolution relative to destroying redeemed Treasury Notes.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, December 3d, 1863.

Hon. E. J. VANN,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Agreeably to "joint resolution in relation to the unsettled accounts of ex-Gov. M. S. Perry, Quartermaster General H. V. Snell and John W. Pearson, Disbursing Agent," I do hereby nominate and appoint Samuel Benezet as accountant, to settle the accounts of ex-Gov. M. S. Perry, Quartermaster General H. V. Snell, and John W. Pearson, Disbursing Agent.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read and nomination concurred in.

House resolution relative to the Jefferson Manufacturing Company,

Was read the first time, rule waived, and read the second time.

Mr. Hopkins presented the following amendment:

Amend by adding Justices of the Peace elected on the first Monday of October last;

Which was not adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the resolution read the third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Carter, Cater, Holland, Jones, Norwood, Roper, Russell of Jefferson and Russell of 17th District—11.

Nays—Messrs. Allison, Clary, Cooper, Hopkins, King, Scott and Taylor—7.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

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

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

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have examined the following resolution, which is correctly enrolled, viz:

Joint resolution relative to the pay of the soldiers of the Confederate States.

J. M. ARNOW, Chairman.

Which was read.

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