

Was read first time, rules waived, read a second time by title and referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Tallahassee, November 24, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

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

Thomas Simmons, auctioneer for the county of Jefferson.

Alexander Nicholson, auctioneer for the county of Escambia.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read and the nominations confirmed.

The President appointed the following members, Messrs. Holland, Duncan and King as a committee to inform the House that the Senate had appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House on the subject of soldiers' families.

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

FRIDAY, November 25, 1864.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Hon. A. K. Allison in the chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. E. L. T. Blake.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 24, 1864.

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House has this day concurred in Senate resolution in reference to the election of certain officers required by joint ballot of

this General Assembly, and selected the hour of half-past twelve o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read.

On motion, Mr. Russell was allowed to introduce, without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend the laws relative to slaves;
Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, leave was granted Mr. Hogue to introduce—

A bill to facilitate business in the Quartermaster General's office;
Which was placed among the orders of the day.

According to previous notice, Mr. Arnow introduced—

A bill to fix the term of office of the Solicitors of the several Circuits;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received and read, and referred to a select committee of three.

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

TALLAHASSEE, NOV. 23, 1864.

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I have the honor to report that I have adjusted the accounts of H. V. Snell, Quartermaster General, J. W. Pearson, Disbursing Agent, and Ex-Governor M. S. Perry, and the result is as follows, viz:

There is due to H. V. Snell, Quartermaster General, by the State of Florida, the sum of ten thousand two hundred dollars and thirty-five cents.

There is due to the State of Florida by J. W. Pearson, Disbursing Agent, the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred and eighty-four dollars. In December last, Mr. Pearson remitted to me a check for three thousand dollars, which has been paid into the Treasury. He wrote that the amount was "a balance remaining in my (his) hands after paying some militia claims placed in my (his) hands by Governor Perry. As soon as I can, will come to Tallahassee and make a final settlement of the whole matter. The fact of my being in the service for the last two years has prevented me from making this settlement long since. The claims have pretty much all been paid, with the exception of a few Quartermaster's accounts. The pay rolls, or the amount due on them, have all been paid; and you will please have them so marked with pencil on the rolls that are in the hands of the State Paymaster. I have the vouchers, and will have

them properly receipted when I come to Tallahassee." I have been informed that Mr. Pearson is dead.

The whole amount chargeable to M. S. Perry is two hundred and forty-one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven dollars and twenty-six cents. I have allowed him credits to the amount of two hundred and forty-three thousand four hundred and eighty-four dollars and thirty-five cents, which leaves a balance due him amounting to fifteen hundred and seven dollars and nine cents.

Governor Perry claims a further allowance of five thousand and sixty dollars, which I have not felt authorized to allow. The amount consists of the following items, viz:

2 checks on New York, for \$500 each, is	- - -	\$1,000 00
1 check on New Orleans, for	- - -	500 00
Premium on checks above,	- - -	60 00
Cash,	- - -	3,500 00

Total, \$5,060 00

drawn from the State Bank of Florida on the 14th day of January, 1861, and being part of an item of \$10,260 charged to him on that day in the Bank account current. This amount Governor Perry claims to have been disbursed for the benefit of the State, but, as no vouchers therefor have been exhibited, I have not allowed the same. I am thus particular in stating the matter, in order that he may derive the benefit of producing the vouchers hereafter. I would further state, that, owing to the continued sickness of Governor Perry, he has not had an opportunity of explaining or examining the account with me since the receipt of the copy of the adjustment which I forwarded to him.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL BENEZET,

Accountant.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution making valid an election held in Duval county on the first Monday in October, 1864,

REPORT

The same back to the Senate, and recommend the following amendments: Strike out all in the preamble after the word "return," and the following words in the resolution, "and clerk of said court," and recommend the passage of the resolution as amended.

D. P. HOGUE, Ch'n.

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

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill,

entitled "An act to create special tribunals for the trial of capital offences committed by slaves, free negroes and mulattoes,

REPORT:

That they have considered the bill referred to, and beg leave to recommend its passage.

D. P. HOGUE, Ch'n.

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

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred "A bill, to be entitled an act in relation to estates in this State," recommend its passage,

And report favorably on "A bill, to be entitled An act to provide for the expenses of the Circuit Court when held at Chambers."

D. P. HOGUE, Ch'n.

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

The joint and select committees who were appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives, and instructed to report by bill for the organization of the militia, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have performed their duty and report a bill, to be entitled An act to organize State troops for the State of Florida, for the action of the General Assembly; and that said bill has been sent to the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. HOLLAND,
Chairman Senate Committee.

JAS. Y. JONES,
Chairman House Committee.

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

The select committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled, An act to provide for taking the census of 1865, have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

D. P. HOGUE, Chairman.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An act to organize State troops for the State of Florida,

Was read a first time.

Mr. Vann moved that seventy copies of said bill be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

Lost.

Mr. Holland moved to waive the rules and put the bill on its second reading.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnaw, Cooper, Holland, King, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—7.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Hogue, Hopkins and Vann—4.

So the motion was lost, and the bill ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Russell moved to reconsider the vote on the bill to organize State troops for the State of Florida ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Russell moved that fifty copies of the bill be ordered to be printed ;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rules were waived to allow the chairman of the Joint Select Committee to make the following report :

The Joint Select Committee appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the relief of soldiers' families, and to whom was referred the House bill, entitled "An act for the relief of soldiers' families," ask leave to report as follows :

They recommend that the blank be filled in the first section with the words "five hundred thousand ;"

That in the second section, the words "to make purchases," be stricken out ;

That in the third section the blank be filled with the words "fifteen hundred."

With these amendments, they recommend the passage of the bill.

EDWARD HOPKINS,
Chairman Senate Committee.

JNO. SCOTT,

E. J. VANN,

JAS. L. KING.

O. M. AVERY,

Chairman House Committee.

THOMAS Y. HENRY,

ARTHUR ROBERTS,

JAMES A. PEDEN,

HIRAM T. MANN.

Which was read.

A bill to be entitled, An act to take the census of 1865,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—11.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled, An act for the protection of the citizens of the State of Florida,

Was read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

A bill to be entitled, An act to create special tribunals for the trial of capital offenses committed by slaves, free negroes and mulattoes.

Was read a second time, rules waived, read a third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell, of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—11.

Nays—None.

So the bill was passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled, An act to provide for the expenses of the Circuit Courts when held at Chambers,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Holland presented as a substitute,

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to the salaries of the Supreme and Circuit Judges of this State;

Which was adopted.

Pending which—

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and informed that body that the House was now prepared to go into an election for State officers.

On motion, the Senate repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives to aid in the organization of the Joint Assembly for the election of State officers.

On the arrival of the Senate in the hall of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate was invited to the chair.

The President called the Joint Assembly to order.

The roll having been called, a quorum of Senators were present.

The President declared motions in order.

Mr. Williams, of Leon, moved that the Joint Assembly proceed to the election of State officers;

Which was adopted.

Hon. C. E. L. Allison, of Gadsden, nominated Mr. John B. Galbraith for Attorney General.

The following was the vote of the Senate :

FOR GALBRAITH—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—11.

HOUSE—For Galbraith, 47.

Mr. Galbraith was declared elected Attorney General of the State of Florida for two years from the 25th July, 1865.

On motion, the Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of Secretary of State.

Mr. Johnson, of Brevard, nominated B. F. Allen.

The vote of the Senate was :

FOR ALLEN—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—10.

BLANK—Mr. Russell of Jefferson—1.

HOUSE—For Allen—36.

Mr. Allen was declared elected Secretary of State for two years from the 25th of July, 1865.

On motion, the Joint Assembly proceeded to the election of Comptroller.

Mr. Johnson, of Brevard, nominated Mr. Walter Gwynn.

Mr. Henry, of Gadsden, nominated Mr. Samuel Benezet.

The vote of the Senate was :

FOR GWYNN—Messrs. Duncan, Hopkins, King, Scott and Vann—5.

FOR BENEZET—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hogue, Holland and Russell of Jefferson—6.

HOUSE—For Gwynn, 23. For Benezet, 13. Total—36.

Mr. Gwynn was declared elected State Comptroller for two years from the 1st of January, 1865.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of a State Treasurer.

Mr. Turnbull nominated Mr. Chas. H. Austin.

The vote of the Senate was :

FOR AUSTIN—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—11.

HOUSE—For Austin—33.

Mr. Austin was declared elected State Treasurer for two years from 1st January, 1865.

There being no further business before the Joint Assembly, on motion, the Joint Assembly adjourned, and the Senate repaired to its hall.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
November 24, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The House has this day adopted the following joint resolutions, viz :

Resolution of thanks to Capt. J. J. Dickison ; and

Resolution of inquiry in relation to the amendment of the laws.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

The question being upon Mr. Holland's substitute,

Mr. Arnow moved to amend by adding the following section :

Be it further enacted, That the Solicitors in this State shall receive four thousand dollars per annum ;

Which was lost.

Mr. Arnow moved to strike out the word "five" and insert "three ;"

Which was lost.

Mr. Russell, of Jefferson, moved to postpone the bill indefinitely ;

Which was lost.

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

Resolution making valid the election held in Duval county, on the 1st Monday in October, 1864,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend the laws relative to slaves,

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

A bill to be entitled, An act to facilitate the transaction of business in the Quartermaster General's office.

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

A bill to be entitled, An act to fix the term of office of the Solicitors of the several Circuits of this State.

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

House resolution of thanks to Capt. J. J. Dickison,

Was read and adopted.

House resolution of inquiry in relation to the amendment of the laws,

Was read and adopted.

The President appointed as committee on that part of the Gov-

ernor's Message which related to the clothing of troops, cards and salt, Messrs. Duncan, King and Hogue; and that part of the Governor's Message relative to hospitals, Messrs. Vann, Hopkins and Scott.

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

SATURDAY, November 26, 1864.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. E. L. T. Blake.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The President declared motions in order.

On motion, the rules were waived to allow Mr. Hogue to introduce—

A bill to be entitled, An act to amend an act to raise the salaries of the State Treasurer and other officers therein named;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vann gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the recording of deeds and other papers in Lafayette county.

Mr. Hogue presented the following joint resolution:

Resolution in relation to the next term of the Supreme Court at Tallahassee.

Mr. Holland moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which was lost.

The yeas and nays having been called, on the adoption of the resolution,

The following was the vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Clary, Duncan, Hogue, Hopkins, Scott and Vann—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Holland, King and Russell of Jefferson—6.

So the resolution was not adopted.

The committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill and resolution as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled, An act in relation to salaries of the Supreme and Circuit Judges of this State;

Resolution making valid the election held in Duval county on the 1st Monday in October, 1864.

E. J. VANN, Ch'n.

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