

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

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

WEDNESDAY, December 7th, 1864.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

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

On motion the further reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with and the journal approved.

The President declared motions in order.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the vote on the House bill to amend An act to suspend the collection of taxes in counties held or controlled by the enemy, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Duncan, the bill was laid on the table for this session.

Mr. Arnow moved that the names of the Senators and their Post Offices be spread upon the minutes ;

Which was adopted.

*Senators of the 13th General Assembly.*

1st District	—James Abercrombie, Pollard, Ala.
2d "	—E. L. Cater, Burnt Corn, Ala.
3d "	—J. D. Clary, Almirante, Fla.
4th "	—W. B. Jones, Vernon, Fla.
5th "	—D. P. Holland, Chattahoochee, Fla.
6th "	—Jesse Norwood, Marianna, Fla.
7th "	—A. K. Allison, Quincy, Fla.
8th "	—D. P. Hogue, Tallahassee, Fla.
9th "	—
10th "	—J. S. Russell, Waukeenah, Jefferson Co., Fla.
11th "	—E. J. Vann, Madison, Fla.
12th "	—W. J. J. Duncan, Jasper, Fla.
13th "	—J. L. King, Blount's Ferry, Fla.
14th "	—J. M. Arnow, Gainesville, Fla.
15th "	—J. G. Cooper, Newnansville, Fla.
16th "	—Edward Hopkins, Lake City, Fla.
17th "	—Thos. T. Russell, Pilatka, Fla.
18th "	—John Scott, Ocala, Fla.

19th " —W. C. Roper, Oakland, Fla.  
 20th " —  
 21st " —

The Committee on Propositions and Grievancies, to whom was referred a bill entitled, An act for the relief of David A. Friar, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That the bill as originally introduced is meritorious, but your committee cannot recommend the passage of the bill with the amendments.

W. J. J. DUNCAN, Ch'n.

Which was read and bill placed among the orders of the day.  
 The Committee, on Taxation and Revenue, of the Senate and House of Representatives, to whom, as a joint committee, was referred a resolution requiring them to present a bill to provide for raising funds to meet the appropriations made by this General Assembly, have discharged their duty and ask leave to

#### REPORT

The accompanying bill for the consideration of the two Houses :  
 The committee have carefully considered the several plans and propositions presented and suggested to them for raising funds to meet the appropriations referred to, and have presented a bill which, in their opinion, will meet with the favorable consideration of the General Assembly, as it is believed to occupy a middle ground between the two extremes of issuing bonds, on the one hand, and of high taxation on the other. While the committee believe that the policy of borrowing money, to be paid twenty years hence, when valuation will, in all probability, return to a specie basis, encumbering, at the same time, the State with an unnecessarily heavy interest debt, would be in the highest degree unsound, suicidal and ruinous, they, on the other hand, did not believe that it was strictly just that the present generation, which has to bear a heavy burden of taxation to the general government, should be taxed to an extent sufficient to defray all the expenses of the State government, which have been and are necessarily very large.

Again, it was thought to be bad policy for the Legislature to authorize an additional issue of treasury notes, sufficient to defray all the expenses of the State, as they would thereby greatly depreciate in value. Besides, the lands belonging to the State being pledged for the redemption of these notes, a redundancy thereof being in circulation, would necessitate the raising of the prices of said lands to a very great extent, or compel a sale thereof at such a low figure that the State would be deprived of that benefit which may and

will accrue to her from judicious management and the adoption of a sound financial policy.

The joint committee have, therefore, attempted, as before suggested, to strike a middle ground in the measure which they have proposed, by suggesting the propriety of authorizing an additional issue of treasury notes to a small extent, and by raising the State tax sufficient at least to defray nearly, if not quite, one-half of the expenses of the State. They have left the *per centum* of tax blank, with the recommendation that it be filled with an amount sufficient to raise the revenue suggested.

The policy of assessing property at its valuation in the year 1860, it is believed, will be more likely to cause more uniformity in taxation throughout the State than was shown by the last tax returns, as it is much easier for the tax-payer to put a more correct valuation upon his property, having reference to that date, than he could now do in the present currency, State or Confederate.

The present high value of State treasury notes (coupled with the great depreciation of Confederate currency) has caused the holders thereof to withdraw them from circulation, to a great extent. On this account, while it would be the means of greatly reducing the amount of State notes now in circulation, if the whole of the State tax should be required to be paid in them, the committee have thought that to require only one-half to be paid in State currency, would be less burdensome to and more cheerfully met by the tax-payer. The committee have sent the bill to the House of Representatives, in which the resolution originated.

E. J. VANN,

Chairman Senate Committee.

JAS. Y. JONES,

Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to Military Affairs, beg leave to make the following

#### REPORT:

That they fully concur with his Excellency, in the necessity of an efficient military organization in the State, and while the majority of the people responded nobly to the proclamation of his Excellency, calling out every able-bodied man, there were some who did not do so, which required the passage of an effective militia law.

The General Assembly has passed a law which, with the discretion given his Excellency, we hope will meet the exigencies of the case, and if properly executed, will no doubt give general satisfaction, and insure the protection of the State against the efforts of the enemy.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. G. COOPER, Ch'n.

Which was read.

The committee appointed by the Senate and House in respect to the disagreement by the Senate to House amendments to bill entitled, "An act to increase the price of public lands, and to facilitate the entry of lands by soldiers and sailors and actual settlers," ask leave to

REPORT:

That after conference with House committee, they have concluded to recommend a concurrence by the Senate in the House amendments.

D. P. HOGUE,  
Chairman Senate Committee.

O. M. AVERY,  
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read and amendments concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

The Select Committee to whom was referred a resolution relating to Confederate officials and clerks, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have considered the same, and recommend the passage of the resolutions herewith presented, as a substitute.

J. M. ARNOW,  
J. G. COOPER,  
ED. HOPKINS.

Which was read, and on motion resolutions adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 6th, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has concurred in Senate amendments to the House bill to be entitled, "An act relative to the fees of the Clerk of the Supreme Court;"

Also,

Adopted "Senate resolution on Confederate Relations."

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read and Senate bill and resolution ordered to be enrolled.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill for the relief of David A. Frier, Tax Assessor and Collector for Alachua county,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Hogue moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Duncan, Hogue, Russell of Jefferson and Vann—7.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hopkins, King and Scott—5.

So the motion was adopted.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to amend the laws providing for the stay of executions, with amendments,

Was read third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—12.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to extend the term of Solicitors of the several Judicial Circuits in this State to the first day of January, 1866, and for other purposes,

Was read third time and put on its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Hogue, Hopkins, King, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—12.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The orders of the day being through with,

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 11 o'clock a. m.

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### ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
December 7th, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

SIR: The House has this day passed the following House bill, viz :  
A bill to be entitled, "An act making appropriations for the expenses of the first session of the thirteenth General Assembly, and for other purposes ;"

And requested me to certify the same to the Senate.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Bill to be entitled, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the first session of the thirteenth General Assembly, and for other purposes,

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

Mr. Vann moved to amend by making the pay of the officers of the Senate equal to the officers of the House ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Allison offered the following amendment :

That each and every member of this session of the General Assembly shall receive as compensation for attendance upon the same, the same *per diem* and the same rate of mileage from their respective homes, as was paid to members from their respective counties for attendance upon the last session of the General Assembly.

The yeas and nays having been called for by Messrs. Hogue and Duncan,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Duncan, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—5.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King and Vann—7.

So the amendment was lost.

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, King and Vann—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Dnucan, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined the following acts :

An act to define the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Board.

An act to increase the price of public lands, and found the same correctly enrolled.

J. M. ARNOW, Ch'n.

Which was read and received.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, December 7th, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

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

An act to authorize William F. Russell to enter one hundred and sixty acres of land.

Resolution in relation to mails in this State ;

Resolution in relation to destruction of redeemed bonds of 1856 and 1861, in Treasury office ;

An act to facilitate the transaction of business in the Quartermaster General's office.

An act in relation to estates in this State.

Joint resolution authorizing and requiring the Attorney General to print a general index of the decisions of the Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON,

Which was read.

Also, the following :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, December 7th, 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 :

David Bell, Auctioneer for Hamilton county.

Richard A. Shine, Auctioneer for Leon county.

Joseph L. Dutton, Auctioneer for Madison county.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON,  
Governor of Florida.

Which was read and nominations confirmed.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 6th, 1864. }

HON. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

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

An act to raise the State tax of the State of Florida.

A bill to be entitled, An act in relation to the commissions of executors, guardians, curators and administrators.

A bill to be entitled, An act to provide for Hospitals and the assistance of sick and wounded soldiers from this State.

And laid on the table,

Senate resolution relating to Confederate officials and clerks in this State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Cooper to move that the House be requested to return to the Senate the bill for the relief of David A. Friar ;

Which was adopted.

House bill to raise the State taxes for the State of Florida, and to provide for an additional issue of Treasury notes,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Russell moved to strike out "one-third" and insert "one per cent. ;"

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved to strike out "one-third," in 6th line, 1st section, and insert "one-sixth ;"

Which was not adopted.

The bill was placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to provide for hospitals and the assistance of sick and wounded soldiers from this State,

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

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Duncan and King—4.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Cooper, Hogue, Hopkins, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—8.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

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.

A quorum present.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined resolution on Confederate relations and have found the same correctly enrolled.

J. M. ARNOW, Ch'n.

Which was read.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to

## REPORT:

That they have examined An act in relation to the commissions of executors, guardians, curators and administrators, and found the same correctly enrolled.

J. M. ARNOW, Ch'n.

Which was received.

The orders of the day were resumed.

House bill to raise the State tax of the State of Florida.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill put back on its second reading.

Mr. Allison moved to strike out the first section.

The yeas and nays having been called for by Messrs. Allison and Vann,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Russell of Jefferson and Scott—6.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Hogue, Holland, Hopkins, King and Vann—7.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment :

*Provided, however,* That there shall be exempt from taxation such real and personal property owned by any soldier or sailor in the army or navy of the Confederate States, or who has been honorably discharged from either of said services, to the amount of two thousand dollars, exclusive of the residence, household and kitchen furniture of said soldier or sailor—said property to be assessed upon the valuation of eighteen hundred and sixty.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the section as amended was adopted.

Mr. Vann offered the following amendment to section 2d :

*Provided,* That all credits made since 1st January, 1862, shall be taxed upon their face when in the currency of the Confederate States: *And provided further,* That State of Florida Treasury notes shall not be taxed at a valuation above or below par.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Allison moved to strike out the 3d section.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Clary, Cooper, Duncan, Holland, King and Russell of Jefferson—8.

Nays—Messrs. Arnow, Hogue, Hopkins, Scott and Vann—5.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment:

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to require each Tax Collector, or other officer who pays money into the Treasury, to make affidavit that the money he pays is of the same character or amount, and of the same description, State or Confederate, as that which he receives from the person or persons who were indebted to the State.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hogue moved to waive the rule and put the bill on its third reading.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The following was the vote:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Scott and Vann—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Cooper, Duncan, Hopkins and Russell of Jefferson—5.

So the motion was not adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the bill be laid on the table.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Cooper, Duncan, Hopkins and Russell of Jefferson—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Clary, Hogue, Holland, King, Scott and Vann—8.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on another day.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
December 7th, 1864. }

HON. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has instructed me to send to the Senate, House bill for the relief of David A. Friar, Tax Assessor and Collector of Alachua County.

Very respectfully,

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

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

Mr. Abercrombie moved to waive the rule and reconsider the vote on the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Vann moved that the Senate adjourn until 7 o'clock, p. m.

The yeas and nays having been called for,

The vote was :

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

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Arnow, Cooper, Hogue, Holland, King and Russell of Jefferson—7.

So the motion was lost.

The yeas and nays having been called for on Mr. Abercrombie's motion to waive the rule,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Arnow, Cooper, Hogue and Holland—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Clary, Duncan, Hopkins, Russell of Jefferson, Scott and Vann—7.

So the motion was lost.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock, p. m.

### SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

A quorum present.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, December 7th, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : I have approved and signed the following bills :

An act in relation to the recording of deeds and other papers in Lafayette County.

An act to define the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Board.

An act to increase the price of Public Lands.

An act in relation to the commissions of executors, guardians, curators and administrators.

Resolutions on Confederate Relations.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tallahassee, December 7th, 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 :

W. J. Gunn and T. B. Nathans, auctioneers for Gadsden County.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read and nominations confirmed.

Mr. Holland presented the following resolution :

Resolution of thanks to the President and officers of the Senate.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be and they are hereby tendered to the Hon. A. K. Allison, President of the Senate, for the able, impartial and courteous manner with which he has discharged the arduous duties appertaining to his office.

*Be it further resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be and they are hereby tendered to the officers of the Senate for the prompt and faithful discharge of the several duties, and for the close application by them to their several offices, thus proving their eminent fitness to the places to which they were elected.

Mr. Holland moved that the Senate resolve itself into a Committee on the Whole on the above resolution ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cooper in the chair.

After a few moments session, the committee arose and reported progress.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The President acknowledged in appropriate terms the compliment tendered him.

The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT }  
Tallahassee, December 7th, 1864. }

Hon. A. K. ALLISON,

President of the Senate :

SIR : I have approved and signed the following bill :

An act to protect the citizens of Florida.

Very respectfully,

JOHN MILTON.

Which was read.

Mr. Russell moved that a committee of three be appointed to act with a similar Committee on the part of the House to invite His Excellency, the Governor, to address the General Assembly at 10 o'clock, p. m. in the Hall of the House of Representatives ;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed as said committee Messrs. Russell, Holland and Hopkins.

A Committee from the House reported the following resolution :  
Resolution relative to copying the laws ;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion, a committee of three were appointed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the hour for adjourning of the General Assembly had approached and the Senate was ready to adjourn.

The committee consisted of Messrs. Hogue, Cooper and Vann.

A committee appeared at the bar of the Senate from the House of Representatives and stated that that body was ready to adjourn.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed by the Senate to act with a like committee on the part of the House to inform his Excellency, the Governor, that the General Assembly was ready to adjourn and to request if he has any further communications to make to that body.

The President appointed as said committee, Messrs. Russell, Clary and King.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and stated that they were appointed a committee to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate to inform his Excellency, the Governor, that the General Assembly was ready to adjourn.

The committee retired and returned and stated that they had performed their duty and that his Excellency, the Governor, tendered his respects to the General Assembly and stated he had no further communications to make.

The hour having arrived for the adjournment of the General Assembly,

The President addressed the Senate briefly, thanking them for the honor bestowed upon him, at the expiration of which he proclaimed this session of the Senate of the State of Florida adjourned *sine die*.