

A bill to be entitled An act to organize a County Court for all county purposes,

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Kenan to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled An act to establish and organize a County Criminal Court ;

Which was read first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rules having been previously waived, Mr. Haynes introduced the following bill :

A bill to be entitled An act relative to clearing out the Ocklawaha River.

The rules being waived, Mr. Cottrell presented the petition of citizens of Hernando county for the division of said county ;

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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

The Senate resumed its session.

Bill to be entitled An act to amend An act entitled An act to provide for the incorporation of towns and cities in this State, approved January 16th, 1866,

Was read second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to be entitled Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hamilton county to issue bonds for the purposes therein mentioned.

The rules were waived and the bill read second time by its title, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jackson county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to build a Court House in said county.

The rules were waived and the bill read second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

Bill to be entitled An act to provide for a further stay of executions in certain cases,

Was read second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to be entitled An act to prevent citizens of other States from hunting in Washington county,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

Resolution for the clearing out of the Ocklawaha River,

Was read first time, rules waived, read second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Bill to be entitled An act to amend an act, approved January 11th, 1866, entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Duval county to issue bonds for a purpose named therein,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and placed among the orders of the day for Monday.

On motion of Mr. McLellan, a bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of West Florida from hunting and killing deer during the months of June, July and August,

Was taken up from the table and placed among the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Cottrell gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce a bill to be entitled An act to repeal the 7th section of an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys.

On motion of the Senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

### MONDAY, November 26, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Gorrie the Senator from the 28th District was excused from further attendance on the Senate.

Mr. Finegan gave notice that he would at some future day introduce a bill to be entitled an act to charter the "Florida Provision Company."

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Haynes to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an act to consolidate certain offices in the county of Sumter ;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ross moved that the Senate appoint a select committee consisting of six on the part of the Senate, and request that the House appoint a similar committee to confer with Senate committee on that portion of the Governor's Message in relation to the amendment of the Constitution of the United States and report to the General Assembly, and would ask that the President appoint on said Senate Committee, Messrs. Cottrell, White, Finegan, Steele, Whitehurst and Brevard ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Steele gave notice that at a future day he will ask leave to introduce the following named bill, viz :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act, entitled "an act to embody the following acts, viz : Act March 15, 1843, pp 55 and 56

pamphlet; Act March 11th, 1845, pp 23 and 24 pamphlet; Act January 22, 1851, p 125 pamphlet, and to enlarge and amend certain portions thereof.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Steele asked to introduce the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the City Council of the city of Jacksonville to issue bonds for purposes named therein; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Stockholders of the Bank of St. John's;

Which were received and placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Brevard introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co. and for other purposes;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Ross introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the counties of Columbia, Suwannee, Bradford and Baker; also,

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the appointment of a commission to procure laborers for this State;

Which were received and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Cottrell introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act repealing the 7th section of an act concerning pilotage for Cedar Keys, approved February 8th 1861;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Steele presented the following memorial:

A memorial from the Stockholders of the Bank of St. John's asking the passage of an act relieving them from personal liability for the liabilities of said bank;

Which was received and read.

Also the following memorial:

Memorial from citizens of Jacksonville asking the passage of a law to authorize the city authorities to issue bonds for purposes named therein;

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Engrossed bills made the following

#### REPORT:

That they have examined the following bills and ascertain that they are correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioner of Jackson county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to build a Court-House in said county;

A bill to be entitled an act fixing a punishment for horse stealing.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of other States from hunting in the county of Washington; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate of Orange county to order an election in said county for the purpose of selecting and permanently locating the county site of said county.

J. H. ROOPER, Ch'n.

Which was received and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day for a third reading.

The Committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a resolution relative to the cleaning out of the "Ocklawaha River"

#### REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

B. F. OLIVEROS

Chairman *pro tem*.

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

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for improving the channel of the river and bay of Apalachicola, made the following

#### REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage with the following amendments, and for the following reasons: In the 15th line of the preamble to said act, strike out the words "the river and," in the same line after the words "improvement of," insert the word 'the'. In the 11th line of section 1st after the word "bay" strike out the words "or river" and in the same line after the word "channel" insert the word "on." And as an additional section it is further recommended that the following be adopted:

*Be it further enacted*, That all the lands that reverted to the trustees of the Internal Improvement fund by an act of the General Assembly approved December 10th 1862, or so much of said lands as may be found necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of deepening the Apalachicola bay to a depth sufficient to allow vessels drawing twelve feet of water to approach the wharves at the city of Apalachicola.

*Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to sell the lands above specified, or so much thereof, as may be necessary, and to commence the work contemplated by this act with the least possible delay.

The reasons which have governed your committee in the recommendation of this bill are the large mercantile and agricultural in-

terests of this State involved. Being the natural outlet of the Chattahoochee and Apalachicola rivers, it does seem to your committee that if so natural advantages were assisted by artificial improvements, that large amounts would be added to the revenue of the State and the city would become *really* what it has always been *termed*—the third city of the Gulf. By this appropriation great benefit will be done the farmers in the counties bordering the Apalachicola river, and in this way Florida may establish a rival to Savannah.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. C. EVANS, Ch'n.  
D. L. KENAN,  
THOMAS M. WHITE,  
JOSEPH FINEGAN,  
F. A. HENDRY,

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to be entitled An act to prevent citizens of other States from hunting in the counties of Washington, Holmes, Walton and Calhoun,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, McLellan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Bill to be entitled An act fixing a punishment for horse stealing.

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, McLellan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Steele, White and Whitehurst—15.

Nays—Messrs. Gorrie, Owens, Roper, Ross, Turner and Woodruff—6.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Steele moved to amend the title of the bill by adding the words "and robbery from the persons";

Which was agreed to.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize the Judge of Probate of Orange county to order an election in said county for the purpose of selecting and permanently locating the county site of said county.

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, McLellan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—20.

Nays—Mr. Owens—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jackson county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to build a Court House in said county,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, McLellan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

Resolution relative to clearing out the Ocklawaha River,

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

Bill to be entitled An act to amend an act, approved January 11, 1866, entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Duval county to issue bonds for a purpose named therein,

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

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Orange county to issue bonds for the purpose mentioned therein,

Was read second time and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled An act in relation to Escheated and Abandoned Lands, and to raise a Revenue for the State, came up on its second reading.

On motion, the Senate went into committee of the whole upon said bill.

Mr. Gorrie in the Chair.

The committee rose and reported back the bill, recommending the striking out of the enacting clause and the whole of the first section;

Which was adopted and the amendment proposed by the committee agreed to.

Mr. Kenan moved a reconsideration of the vote just had;

Which was not agreed to.

Bill to be entitled An act to provide for improving the River and Bay of Apalachicola,

Came up on its second reading, the amendments recommended by the Committee on Internal Improvements adopted, and the bill

as amended ordered to be engrossed for its third reading to-morrow.  
 Bill to be entitled An act to consolidate certain offices in Sumter county,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled An act to relieve the stockholders of the Bank of St. Johns,

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

Bill to be entitled An act authorizing the City Council of the city of Jacksonville, to issue bonds for the purposes named therein,

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

Bill to be entitled An act to prevent the citizens of West Florida from hunting and killing deer during the months of June, July and August,

Was read the second time.

Mr. McLellan offered the following amendment to the bill:  
 Strike out the words "residents or citizens of the State of Florida," in 4th and 5th lines, Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof, "person or persons;"

Which was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the counties of Columbia, Suwannee, Bradford and Baker,

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

Bill to be entitled An act authorizing the appointment of a Commissioner to procure laborers for this State,

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

Bill to be entitled An act repealing the 7th section of An act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys, approved February 8, 1861,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola & Georgia Rail Road Company and for other purposes,

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

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
 November 24, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate bill to be entitled An act to consolidate the offices of Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Circuit Court in Calhoun county, and for other purposes ; also,

Senate bill to be entitled An act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina.

Very respectfully,

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

Which was read and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
 November 24, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate :

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

Senate bill to be entitled An act to amend an act approved Jan. 12, 1866, entitled an act to amend the several acts regulating pilotage on the St. Johns Bar and River, and for other purposes ; also, Senate bill to be entitled An act authorizing the county of Polk to issue bonds and for other purposes.

Very Respectfully,

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

Which was read and the accompanying bills ordered to be enrolled.

The rules having been waived, Mr. Cottrell presented the petition of George S. Leavett ;

Which was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

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

TUESDAY, November 27, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Cottrell introduced the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a code of the General and Public statute laws of the State ;