

ATLANTA, June 8th, 1868.

To Col. F. F. FLINT, U. S. A.:

Telegram of this date relative to Governor and members of Legislature received.

Commanding General will not recognize the Governor and Legislature elected at recent election, until further advice by Congress.

You will not permit the action stated in your telegram.

R. C. DRUM.

Official:

F. M. H. KENDRICK,
Lieut. 7th U. S. Infantry, Post Adjutant.

Received at Tallahassee June 8, 5 P. M.

HEADQUARTERS POST OF TALLAHASSEE, }
June 9th, 1868. }

The inclosed copies of telegrams are respectfully furnished Mr. Harrison Reed for the information of himself and friends. It is expected that the telegram from Atlanta will be complied with.

(Signed)

F. F. FLINT,
Lieut. Col. 7th Infantry, Comd'g.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the communication and inclosed telegrams were ordered to be spread upon the journal.

Mr. Knight offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Major-General George Meade, in General Orders No. 85, dated Headquarters Third Military District, Department of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama, Atlanta, Ga., June 2d, 1868, has announced that the Constitution submitted to the people of Florida under the Reconstruction Acts of Congress, has been duly ratified by a majority of 5050 votes; AND, WHEREAS, The said Constitution provides that the Legislature of the State of Florida shall assemble on the 8th day of June, A. D. 1868; AND, WHEREAS, The said Legislature did so assemble in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution; AND, WHEREAS, There are contested elections to settle, which cannot be done without full election returns—therefore,

Be it resolved by the People of the State of Florida represented in Senate and Assembly, That the Superintendent of Registration be requested to furnish the presiding officer of each House of the Legislature with full and complete returns of the late election;

Which was adopted and sent to the Assembly.

The following resolution was received from the Assembly:

Resolved, the Assembly concurring, that when the two Houses of the Legislature adjourn, they adjourn to Monday, 15th inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the resolution was concurred in.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing its concurrence in Mr. Knight's joint resolution calling on the Superintendent of Registration for full and complete returns of the election.

Mr. Knight offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The Assembly concurring, that his Excellency the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the Assembly, be authorized to notify the Congress of the United States that the Legislature of Florida has ratified the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States, known as Articles Thirteen and Fourteen;

Which was adopted and sent to the Assembly, and returned from thence, adopted by that body.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, June 15th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order at 12 M., by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Knight, J. E. A. Davidson was elected President *pro tem*.

The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

The oath of office was administered by the Secretary to C. H. Pearce, Eighth District, J. M. Underwood, Eleventh District, J. H. Goss, Nineteenth District, and A. Ginn, Twentieth District.

On motion of Mr. Knight, Col. O. B. Hart was invited to a seat on the floor of the Senate.

Mr. Purman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Edward M. Cheney be elected temporary printer for the Senate, subject to such regulations as the Senate may adopt;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mobley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Lieut. Nelson, U. S. A., Post Quartermaster at Tallahassee, be, and he is hereby, requested to grant the Senate the use of a United States flag with which to decorate the President's desk;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Alden, from the Committee on Rules, reported a set of rules;

Which were received and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Meacham offered the following petition:

TALLAHASSEE, Florida, June 13th, 1868.

To the President of the Senate of the State of Florida:

The undersigned contests the seat of N. A. Moragne, returned as Senator from the Seventeenth District, as disqualified to register and vote at the late election, of which papers and proofs will be submitted.

And your petitioner respectfully prays that he may be adjudged entitled to his seat as Senator from said Seventeenth District.

F. A. DOCKRAY.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the petition was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to purchase all stationery supplies needed for this body.

Mr. Goss moved that the Committee on Rules be instructed to act with a similar committee from the Assembly upon joint rules;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Knight offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The Assembly concurring, that a committee of two from the Senate, and three from the Assembly, be appointed to prepare an appropriate seal, as provided in the Constitution, for the use of the State;

Which was passed, and sent to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, June 16th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President *pro tem*.

The roll was called, and a quorum present.

The journal was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Purman, Charles F. Daly was elected Assistant Door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, Joseph Mitchell was elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Alden, Clerks were elected as follows:

For Enrolling Clerk—D. Eagan.

For Engrossing Clerk—G. K. Sammis.

For Recording Clerk—G. P. Barlow.

On motion of Mr. Purman, W. S. Roberts was elected Second Assistant Clerk of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Purman, O. B. Armstrong was elected Post Master of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Alden, Hon. H. G. Plantz was invited to a seat within the bar.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Rev. James Page was elected Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Crawford moved that if there are any Senators present who have not been sworn in they now be sworn;

Which was agreed to.

A. L. McCaskill appeared from the Second District, and exhibited evidence of his election.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, he took the oath of office.

Mr. Knight moved that the Secretary be instructed to notify the officers elected to-day of their election, as soon as practicable;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Goss moved that the Senate of the State of Florida do now proceed, under the act of Congress, approved July 25th, 1866, entitled "An act to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress," to elect United States Senators to fill the two existing vacancies in the United States Senate;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Knight it was

Resolved, That the Senate now proceed to the election of a United States Senator for the term expiring on the 3d of March, 1873.

The vote was taken *viva voce*, and resulted as follows:

For T. W. Osborn—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Davidson, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, and Purman—7.

For O. B. Hart—Messrs. Goss, Hunt, Krimminger, Mobley, and Underwood—5.

For Wm. Marvin—Messrs. Ginn, Moragne, Weeks, and Wood—4.

For B. D. Wright—Mr. McCaskill—1.

For S. Walker—Mr. Pearce—1.

For H. Reed—Mr. Crawford—1.

No candidate receiving a majority, there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Knight it was

Resolved, That the Senate now proceed to the election of a United States Senator for the term expiring March 3d, 1869.

The vote was taken *viva voce*, and resulted as follows:

For T. W. Osborn—Messrs. Goss, Hunt, Knight, Krimminger, and Mobley—5.

For O. B. Hart—Mr. President, Messrs. Katzenberg, Meacham, and Purman—4.

For A. S. Welch—Messrs. Alden, Davidson, Knight, and Underwood—4.