

Concurrent Resolution relative to Stationery purchased at the first session of the Legislature, in 1868, and appointed Messrs. Harris of Marion, McKinnon of Walton and Pons of Escambia, such Committee on part of the Assembly.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 21, 1869. }

Hon. WM. H. GLEASON,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Senate bill No. 3—entitled an act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, with amendments, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the amendments concurred in.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, Mr. Smithson was excused from further attendance on the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

—o—
TUESDAY, June 22d, 1869.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Walls, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Smith introduced the following Senate bill No. 10—entitled an act to incorporate the Atlantic and Gulf Express Company.

The rule was waived and the bill read the first and second times by its title, rule waived, read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Underwood, Vaughan and Wentworth—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Kendrick introduced the following Senate bill No. 11—entitled an act providing for erecting cells in the State Penitentiary;

Which was read and on motion referred to the Committee on State Penitentiary.

The following petition was received and ordered to be spread upon the journal:

TALLAHASSEE, June 21, 1869.

*To the Honorable the Senate and Assembly
of the State of Florida:*

The undersigned, a citizen of this State, begs leave to invite your attention to a great public wrong and prays that some measures be adopted to remedy the evil.

It has come to the knowledge of your petitioner, by personal observation, by the presentment of Grand Juries, and other sources, that the Jails in this State are unfit places for the confinement of any human being.

Some of them are not secure, and to prevent inmates from escaping, the Jailors are compelled to resort to measures which are revolting to humanity and to their own feelings, as, handcuffing and chaining the prisoners to the floor.

In some, there is not sufficient protection against the cold storms and winds of winter or the excessive heat of summer.

From others, God's priceless blessings of light and air are almost entirely shut out, making these prisons, where even innocent men are confined, dismal dens deserving of all execration.

As a general thing they are badly ventilated and not well supplied with water as a protection against fire; nor are water and other needful appliances for cleanliness and decency regarded as they should be. In consequence of this

the rooms and the bodies of the men become infested with loathsome vermin.

Thoughtless youth, who ignorantly rush into criminality, are liable to be thrust into the same rooms with confirmed old reprobates, burglars, highwaymen and murderers, making our jails schools for training young men in vice.

A thousand petty crimes come before the Courts now, which formerly were disposed of on the plantation or were overlooked by the citizens. Then, the jail held a secondary place in the punishment of crime. Now, it is the open sepulchre into which the innocent and guilty are liable to be forced to await the slow coming and delays of Courts.

The system for the correction of evil-doers has been suddenly changed, but the appliances by which it should be accompanied have not yet been provided, and it may become a grave question whether the present system, unless speedily improved, will not be found more grievous and oppressive upon those it reaches, than the former which it has superseded.

No complaint is made against courts or officers of justice. Time and experience will correct irregularities in them if they occur. The fault is with the jails. Not with the old ones merely; the newer structures are, in some instances, the worst. The plans on which they are constructed are bad, and the wrong is being reproduced in those that are building. Yet the cost of a well planned structure would be no more than that of the vilest prison.

It is respectfully submitted that good plans for the construction of jails can be procured at a small cost. Your petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that measures be adopted at any early day to procure the necessary plans and specifications, and that County Commissioners be furnished with copies of them for their guidance. Should this not be deemed sufficient, the legislative body which authorizes the construction of jails may, at least, give some general directions for their construction.

And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

C. THURSTON CHASE.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Fla., June. 22, 1869. }

To the Legislature:

I again most respectfully call your attention to the subject of

erecting cells for the security of prisoners in the State Penitentiary, and submit a communication this morning received from the Lieut. and Quartermaster. Economy and security to State interests require immediate action and I cannot believe the Legislature will adjourn without provision being made on the subject.

Very respectfully, &c.,

HARRISON REED, Governor.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the consideration of the same was referred to a committee of three on the part of the Senate, to confer as a joint committee with a committee of four on the part of the Assembly.

The President appointed as said committee Messrs. McCaskill, Vaughan and Katzenberg.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Katzenberg introduced the following Senate bill No. 12, viz:

The people of the State of Florida represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows: That section No. 31, of a bill entitled an act to provide for the Incorporation of Cities and Towns, and to establish a uniform system of Municipal Government in this State, approved February, 1869, is hereby repealed.

The bill was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Underwood, Vaughan, Walls and Weeks—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Purman introduced the following Senate bill, No. 13—entitled an act in relation to the Powers and Duties of the Surveyor General of this State;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read second and third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Ginn, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Meacham, Moragne, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Underwood, Vaughan and Weeks—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The Committee on Homesteads made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 21, 1869. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your Committee to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 9, ask leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend its passage, with the following amendments:

In Sec. 1, line 16, after the word "of" strike out the words "deeds of the county" and insert the words "the Probate office of the County Judge."

In Sec. 2, line 6, after the word "attorney" strike out the words "or any member of the family of such person."

In Sec. 7, line 18, after the word "persons" strike out the words "qualified to be jurors" and insert "who shall be freeholders."

Strike out Sec. 9 entire.

In Sec. 10, line 16, substitute the word "shall" for the word "may."

After Sec. 10 insert Sec. — "All property, real and personal, exempted under and by virtue of this act, shall not be alienated by the parties applying for said exemption, except by the consent first had and obtained of the County Judge of the county in which such property lies."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR GINN,
CHAS. V. HILLYER,
J. T. WALES,
WM. BRADWELL,
JOHN A. HENDERSON.

Which was read and the amendments to the accompanying bill as recommended by the committee concurred in, and the bill placed on its second reading.

Mr. Henderson moved to amend the bill in section 2, after the word "levy," in line 9, insert the words "by notice under oath made before any officer of this State duly authorized to administer the same;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Smith moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section:

SEC. 11. "This act shall in no manner affect the collection of debts existing prior to the passage of this act," which was adopted.

The rule was waived and the bill as amended read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Atkins, Bradwell, Crawford, Cruse, Ginn,

Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Krimminger, Meacham, McCaskill, Pearce, Purman, Smith, Vaughan, Walls and Wentworth—17.

Nays—Messrs. Kendrick, Moragne and Weeks—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated. Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message from the Assembly was received:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 21, 1869. }

Hon. WM. H. GLEASON,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has this day passed—

Assembly bill No. 14—to be entitled "an act requiring the Judges of the several County Courts of this State to give bond for the faithful discharge of their duties when acting as Courts of Probate.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 22, 1869. }

Hon. WILLIAM H. GLEASON,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has this day passed—

Senate bill No. 2—to be entitled "an act to amend the twenty-second section of an act approved the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1858—entitled an act to incorporate a Company and facilitate the construction and equipment of a Railroad from the St. Johns River to St. Augustine, under the style of the St. Johns Railway Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 22, 1869. }

Hon. WILLIAM H. GLEASON,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that

the Assembly has this day adopted the following concurrent Resolution :

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Memorial of John Screven, President of the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, be referred to a Joint Committee consisting of four members of the Assembly and three members of the Senate.

And appointed Messrs. McKinnon of Walton, Harris of Marion, Fortune of Jackson and Smith of Brevard, Committee on part of the Assembly; and respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

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

On motion of Mr. Katzenberg, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The following Executive Nominations were confirmed :

P. W. White to be Judge of the 2d Judicial Circuit.

Charles R. King to be State Attorney for the 3d Judicial Circuit in place of John A. Warrock, deceased.

A. W. Chapman to be County Judge for Franklin county, vice J. D. Atkins, deceased.

W. J. J. Duncan to be County Judge for Hamilton county, vice J. W. Childs, resigned.

J. T. Wilson to be County Judge for Polk county.

Robert Kerickmeyer to be Sheriff of Franklin county, vice H. Grady, resigned.

O. Amor to be Sheriff of Dade county.

Thomas H. West to be Sheriff of Jackson county, vice King, resigned.

J. Q. Dickinson to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Jackson county, vice John R. Finlayson, deceased.

C. H. Edwards to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Leon county, vice LeRoy D. Ball, removed.

Edmund D. Besley to be Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dade county.

John W. Howell to be Assessor of Taxes for Baker county.

N. Black, Jr., to be Assessor of Taxes for Liberty county.

T. J. Shine to be Assessor of Taxes for Madison county, vice W. R. Cone, resigned.

Donald Gilles to be Assessor of Taxes for Putnam county, vice R. T. Boyd, resigned.

George W. Allen to be Assessor of Taxes for Suwannee county, vice I. A. Harris, resigned.

A. M. Skipper to be Assessor of Taxes for Washington county.

Daniel Clark to be Assessor of Taxes for Dade county.
Alexander Turner to be Collector of Revenue for Liberty county.

O. Amor to be Collector of Revenue for Dade county.

On motion of Mr. Katzenberg, the doors were opened, and the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President announced that there was no quorum.

Mr. Crawford moved a call of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Crawford, Henderson, Hillyer, Katzenberg, Kendrick, Krimminger, Purman, Underwood, Vaughan, Walls, Weeks and Wentworth—12.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched for the absent members.

After a brief absence he returned and reported that he had summoned all the absent members that were in the city.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, the further call of the Senate was dispensed with.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 22, 1869. }

HON. WILLIAM H. GLEASON,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Substitute to Senate bill Nos. 6 and 7—to be entitled an act to perfect the Public Works of this State, with amendments, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the Assembly amendments to the accompanying bill concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

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

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

Joint Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. V. HILLYER, Chairman.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, 10 A. M.

—o—
WEDNESDAY, June 23, 1869.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Underwood, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Assembly joint resolution, relating to the purchase of Stationery at the first session of the Legislature in 1868,

Was read the first time.

Assembly concurrent resolution relative to memorial of John Screven, President of the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad,

Was read the first time.

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

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 14—entitled an act requiring the Judges of the several County Courts of this State to give bond for the faithful discharge of their duties when acting as Courts of Probate,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Purman moved to lay the bill on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Florida, June 22d, 1869. }

HON. WILLIAM H. GLEASON,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has this day adopted—

Concurrent resolution relative to adjournment, and amended by striking out the words "General Assembly," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word, "Legislature."

Also strike out the words "at four o'clock, P. M."

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read and the amendments concurred in.

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

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 22, 1869. }

TO THE SENATE:

Your Committee ask leave to report that they have examined the following bills submitted to them, and find them correctly enrolled, viz.:

Senate bill No. 2—entitled an act relating to the St. John's Railway Company;

Also Senate bills Nos. 5, 10, 12 and 13.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. V. HILLYER, Chairman.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., June 22d, 1869. }

Hon. WM. H. GLEASON,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has this day adopted—

The following Concurrent Resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That Senate bill No. 11—with accompanying memorial, be referred to a joint committee consisting of three members of the Senate and four members of the Assembly.

And appointed Messrs. Rodgers, Raney, Hill and Stewart, Committee on part of the Assembly; and respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

The joint committee on Senate bill No. 11, made the following report:

The undersigned, members Joint Committee of the Senate