

REMOVALS.

G. W. Lyle, from office of Assessor, Putnam county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

J. P. Grantham, to be Assessor, Jefferson county
 S. Simkins, to be Collector, Jefferson county.
 R. M. Cooper, to be County Judge, St. Johns county.
 Jesse L. Burton, to be Assessor, Putnam county.
 Wm. L. L. Bowen, to be Collector, Putnam county.
 J. R. Richard, to be County Judge, Bradford county.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the Chair.

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

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—19.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Brantley moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

A message was received from the Governor by the hands of his Private Secretary.

Under suspension of the rule, Mr. Lykes introduced

Senate bill No. 30:

To be entitled an act to create a State Board of Health for the protection of Life and Health and to prevent the spread of Disease in the State of Florida, and for other purposes;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Lykes, referred to the Judiciary Committee, and one hundred copies ordered to be printed.

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

The doors being opened, Senate bill No. 2:

To be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the Appropriations for the year 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for the year 1876, having been made the special order for 11 o'clock,

Was taken up.

Mr. Lykes moved to strike out all but the enacting clause, and substitute a copy of the second printing of Senate bill No. 2:

Te be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the Appropriations for the year 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for the year 1876;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow, 11 o'clock;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out \$330.16 for stationery furnished the Legislature for the year 1875;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to insert \$150 in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out \$5,050.12 for expenses of State Prison;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker moved to insert \$2500;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to strike out \$600 for Clerk in Treasurer's office;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brantley moved to strike out \$2500 for Commissioner of Lands and Immigration;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hendry moved to strike out in the amendment \$2,000;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McMeekin moved to insert \$1200;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to insert after the twelfth line section 1, "For jurors and witness certificates, \$9,674.15;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out "for fees to Clerk of the Supreme Court \$875;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out the following: "For conveying prisoners to the State Prison, \$2,500;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out the following: "For expenses of taking the census for the year 1875, \$600;"

Which was not agreed to.

*Mr. Orman moved to reconsider the vote to strike out \$2,500 for conveying prisoners to the State Prison;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker moved to strike out the \$2,500.

Upon the question of striking out, the yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Walls, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman and Walker—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brantley, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Richard, Walls and Weeks—13.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until 4 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. McGuire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the legality of the office of Harbor Master in this State, and inquire if the same be in conflict with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, and report as early as possible to this body;

Which was adopted.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Walker presented the following memorial:

The People of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, Do respectfully ask of the Congress of the United States, that the following mail routes be established within this State, viz: From Sumterville, Sumter county, via Peter's Ferry to Crystal river, in Hernando county, a distance of thirty-five miles, and back, once a week; from Sumterville, Sumter county, along the telegraph road, to Tuckertown, in Hernando county, thence the nearest route to Cork and Alafia stores, on Alafia river, Hillsborough county, a distance of sixty miles, and back, once a week.

The Secretary of State is hereby requested to furnish a copy of this memorial to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress.

On motion of Mr. Osgood, the Senate adjourned.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—19.

A quorum present.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the special order for 4 o'clock be postponed, and that Senate bill No. 2 be taken up;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved that the bill be read so far as amended; Which was agreed to.

For contingent expenses of Supreme Court in line eight, Mr. Orman moved as an amendment to strike out \$200;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brantley moved to strike out \$20,000 for maintenance of State Prison;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brantley moved to amend by inserting \$17,000;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to strike out in the tenth line, "For the residence of Governor of this State, \$500;"

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his private Secretary.

Mr. McKinnon moved to strike out in line seven, "For Attorney-General, \$250;"

Which was agreed to.

The committee recommended to add: "For the amount due F. M. Weeks for attendance on the last session of the Legislature, \$445;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved to strike out in line five: "For Clerk in Treasurer's office, \$600;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brantley moved to strike out in line five, "for Clerk in Comptroller's office \$1,600," and insert "\$1,500;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved in line three, "for Private Secretary for Governor," strike out "\$1,000" and insert "\$500;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved the following amendment:

In line twenty, section 2, insert "for Juror and Witness Certificates \$57,374.31;"

Which was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the Senate go into Executive session;

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened, Mr. Osgood moved the Senate now adjourn;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

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

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Richard, Wallace and Walls—15.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Meacham moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McMeekin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That only one hundred copies of the daily journal of the Senate, instead of the two hundred copies as at present, be published for the use of the Senate and Assembly;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Hendry offered the following joint resolution:

WHEREAS, Punta Rassa, a point in Monroe county, Florida, has become the principal cattle shipping point in this State, and that both sail vessels and steamers are extensively engaged in transporting beef cattle from this point to the Island of Cuba, some years shipping as high as fifteen thousand head; and whereas, the ready transit of live stock is of the utmost importance; and whereas, all cattle shipped from Punta Rassa, vessels carrying the same are compelled to call into the port of Key West for the purpose of entering and clearing, causing much loss of time and suffering and destruction to the live stock thus shipped and detained, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their endeavors to cause the Government of the United States to establish a Custom House, and make a port of entry and delivery for the United States at Punta Rassa.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Lykes moved that all messages from the Assembly be read, and all bills referred to the proper committees;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 23, 1877. }

HON. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 41, to be entitled an act to define the powers of a Referee in cases in the Circuit Court, and fix their fees. Also, Assembly bill No. 47, to be entitled an act to limit the time for the prosecution of Criminal Actions, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 23, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 61, to be entitled an act to protect the county treasury of the respective counties of the State of Florida; also, Assembly bill No. 68, to be entitled an act to make Amelie Myerson, wife of Samuel Myerson of Escambia county, a Free Dealer, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, January 30, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution relative to Memorials, and establishing a Lunatic Asylum;