

to continue them as they are, or else abolish them and let the judges of the Circuit Courts discharge their duties. To do this the circuit judges would have to be relieved of chancery business, and hold double the present number of terms. What is best, the General Assembly must determine.

The reports of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General and Treasurer, and Comptroller, and Register of Public Lands, who is *ex officio* Superintendent of Common Schools, and of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and of the Superintendent of Common Schools for Freedmen, which I herewith lay before you, with what I have already said, will give you a general idea of the condition of the affairs of the State.

To say more now would extend this communication to an inconvenient length. Such other information as I may be able to give you, I will transmit through special messages from time to time during your session.

Pledging myself to a cordial co-operation with you in whatever may seem best calculated to promote the welfare of our beloved and suffering State,

I remain, gentlemen,

With great respect,

Your fellow-citizen,

DAVID S. WALKER.

Mr. Kenan moved that the Messenger be instructed to perform the duty of Sergeant-at-Arms until further orders.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Roper moved that a committee be appointed to contract for the Senate printing.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Roper, Steele and Brevard said committee.

Mr. Finegan gave notice that he would at some future day introduce a bill, to be entitled An act to amend the charter of the City of Fernandina.

Mr. Vann moved that five hundred copies of the Governor's message and accompanying documents be printed for the use of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Vann moved that the rules adopted for the government of the Senate at its last session, be adopted by the Senate for its gov-

ernment at the present session, and that fifty copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

JOINT RULES.

RULE 1. Messages from either House to the other shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine.

2. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or by the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in one or the other House.

3. When bills shall be enrolled, they shall be examined by a Joint Committee of at least two from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a standing Committee for that purpose, who shall forthwith make report.

4. When a bill or resolution, which shall have passed in one House, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same may have passed.

5. When a bill or resolution, which has been passed in one House, shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session, without notice of ten days and leave of two-thirds of that House in which it shall have been moved.

6. Each House shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

7. After each House shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

8. When elections are required to be made by joint vote of the two Houses, the time of electing shall be previously agreed upon.

9. In every Joint Committee the member first named on the part of the House first proposing such Committee, shall convene the same.

10. During the elections of officers, there shall be no motions entertained, except to adjourn, to proceed to vote, to nominate, and to withdraw a candidate—which motions shall have precedence in the order they stand.

11. The doings throughout shall proceed without debate.

12. Communications shall be made on paper and signed by the Secretary of each House, and transmitted by the Messenger or Doorkeeper.

13. In every case of disagreement between the Senate and House of Representatives, either House may suggest conference and appoint a Committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a Committee to confer at a convenient hour, to be designated by the Chairman; said Committee shall meet and confer freely on the subject of disagreement.