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SENATE.

SATURDAY, February 5, 1848.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On leave granted, *Mr.* Robinson reported back the bill incorporating the Cincinnati and St. Louis railroad company; which was laid on the table.

Several bills were taken up on third reading and referred or engrossed.

The following resolutions previously offered by Mr. Rosseau, were taken up:

1. *Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana*, That the thanks of the Legislature be presented to General Zachary Taylor, and the officers and soldiers under his command in the war of Mexico, for their distinguished gallantry and good conduct on the fields of Palo alto, Resaca de La Palma, Monterey, and the still more memorable battle of Buena Vista, fought as it was on our side chiefly by a volunteer force. And that while we deplore the loss of so many valuable lives, we are not insensible to the renown which these brilliant events have added to our national arms.

2. *Resolved*, that as the representatives of the people of Indiana, we feel a peculiar pride in the military fame of General Taylor, whose intrepid defence of Fort Harrison in 1812, won for him the first brevet of the last war with England, and identified his name with the history of our State.

3. *Resolved*, that although the first official reports of the battle of Buena Vista, predicated upon the reports of subaltern officers cast a momentary shadow upon the reputation of the 2nd Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and deeply wounded the sensibilities of the State, it is a source of great pride to us, that their conduct on that occasion was subsequently by the investigation of a court of inquiry fully vindicated, and that no man in Indiana, now doubts that this ill-fated and much abused corps exposed as it was without support to a wasting fire from the enemy's batteries, and an overwhelming infantry force in front, would have stood and perished to a man but for the order of their commander to retreat, for up to that moment no corps of our army evinced a more determined courage as their torn and shattered ranks abundantly proved, they having lost before they retreated in killed and wounded ninety-four, out of three hundred and sixty men. Composed as this regiment was of the same material as the third Indianians under Col. Lane, whose conduct on that day gained them the highest distinction, we cannot doubt that the disasters of the second were the result of their unfortunate position; and of the other causes found by the court of inquiry. We refer to these things on this occasion, because we are satisfied that it will give to Gen. Taylor equal pleasure with ourselves to see the survivors of that regiment vindicated by the cool and dispassionate judgment of the country.

Be it further resolved, that having heard of the arrival of General Taylor in the United States, he is hereby invited to visit the State of Indiana before resuming his military duties in Mexico, that the people and public authorities, may have the opportunity of testifying to him personally their regard for his character as a soldier and a citizen, and that a joint committee of both Houses, to consist of five members from each, be appointed to communicate to General Taylor these resolutions.

Mr. Rosseau said, in substance, that his object in introducing these resolutions was not to make political capital for Gen. Taylor or for any political party, and he hoped the question on their passage would not be considered a party question, but would pass by a unanimous vote of the Senate. The object of these resolutions was to pay a merited tribute to the gallant services and heroic conduct of Gen. Taylor for the last forty years of his life; and while a vote of thanks was returned for these services, at the same time to remind him that injustice had, in his official report, been done to a portion of the citizens of our State, who had gallantly sustained her honor on the battle-field of BUENA VISTA, and to ask him to set the 2d Indiana regiment right before the world. He did not, however, intend to discuss the question at this time and consume time uselessly.

Mr. Barbour, in substance, remarked that he could not go for the resolutions; that Gen. Taylor had done injustice to the 2nd Indiana regiment in his report; and until that report was corrected, and the stain that attached to the State of his adoption wiped away, he would sooner cut off his right arm than give him a vote of thanks. He did not wish to be understood as casting any reflections on the character of Gen. Taylor; he admitted that he was a brave man, a skillful officer, and had achieved great victories for his country; but the honor of gallant spirits of our own State had, by his action, been tarnished, and our State held up as a reproach to the whole Union, and nothing but the magic of Taylor's word could remove the stain. Why was this word withheld? Why was not the report corrected when the facts became known to Gen. Taylor? There appeared to him to have been a prejudice against the Indiana troops. The third regiment, when connected with the Mississippi Rifles, were damned by faint praise, when deserving of the highest encomiums. But what was the object of these resolutions? to make political capital, and the effort to cast a stigma on the character of one of Indiana's noblest sons—Gen. Lane. These resolutions intimated that the report of the commander-in-chief was predicated on the report of General Lane. But such was not the case: Gen. Taylor could not find in the report of Gen. Lane anything to bear him out in the assertions made in his report. There was vile slander contained in that report; and although Gen. Taylor uttered it, thinking it correct at the time, the contrary had since been shown, and it was due to those who fell and those who survive, that the records of the battle of Buena Vista should be corrected; and until that correction was made he could not vote for the resolutions.

Mr. Morrison offered the following amendment:

Resolved, that great injustice has been done to the character of the State of Indiana, by the official report of the battle of Buena Vista, and that the errors therein stated have been made known to him and acknowledged in private conversation, and we call upon him to reiterate or acknowledge the error.

Mr. Morrison's amendment having been offered.

Mr. Rosseau wished to know if there was a Senator on the floor who was unwilling to thank Gen. Taylor for his services. If so he wished him to come out and say so. The amendment proposed to accomplish the same thing as the original resolution, the difference as it suggested itself to his mind was simply that one was clothed in the courteous language that should be used in addressing Gen. Taylor, and the other in language coarse and undignified, and calculated to wound his feelings. He would go as far as any man to sustain the character of Indiana and her troops at Buena Vista; he was one who was a personal sufferer by that report, having belonged to the 2nd regiment. He had felt deeply wounded by that report, but when he considered the circumstances under which the report was made, he was constrained to acquit Gen. Taylor of all blame. That report was predicated on the reports of subaltern officers; and that was the only means Gen. Taylor had of arriving at any conclusion in the matter. Gen. Taylor arrived from Saltillo only in time to see the remnant of that gallant regiment in retreat before vastly superior forces, and he knew Gen. Taylor's character too well to suppose for a moment that he would do injustice to any intentionally. He was misled by the reports of subalterns, and the resolutions he introduced, called the General's attention to the fact in tones of courtesy. If the gentlemen were so fierce in denouncing this act of Gen. Taylor's, why did we not have something of the same kind said a few days ago, when these same gentlemen voted a sword to Gen. Lane, and declaimed long and loudly in favor of his gallantry and the rewards he was entitled to. That injustice had been done the same troops by Gen. Lane in his official report was true, yet it was never breathed by the gentlemen who now paraded the wrongs of Indiana before the Senate. He did not for a moment suppose that this was to be a party question. When the vote was taken on presenting a sword to Gen. Lane, the whigs with some four or five exceptions came up and voted with the democrats, and he now appealed to them to come up and do the same; and if they were not willing so to do, say so at once and not kill the resolution with amendments, so as to compel its friends to go against it.

Mr. Morrison remarked that he yielded the palm in regard to a knowledge in the construction of language to the honorable gentleman who had just preceded him. He made no pretensions to skill in the use of words; but he did pretend to have a blunt, straight-forward way of going in the path his convictions pointed out to him to be the path of duty, and he thought, that, as a Senator of the State, he could not be one to honor a man who had dishonored the State and refused to take away that stain after he was aware that it was wrongfully attached. It was a right that was demanded, and he did not feel like flattering a person into doing an act of justice. If injustice was done to the State—and that there was no one denies, and even Gen. Taylor admits—as a citizen of that State he did not feel like playing the part of a fawning sycophant in order that justice might follow it. This was the difference between the resolution and the amendment. The amendment was such as spoke out the feelings of freemen, who felt that they had been wronged, and demanded that the wrong should be righted; and until it was righted, the suffrage of Indiana would never be cast for Gen. Taylor. If the report of Gen. Taylor was predicated on the report of inferior officers, it did not alter the principle—it only exculpated him from blame in the making of that report, but did not offer the slightest apology for a year's silence after the truth was made evident. Such was not the course pursued by Gen. Lane. So soon as he was aware of a mistake in his report, he corrected it. Such a course was what justice demanded. He was willing to believe that Gen. Taylor, in the hurry of a camp life, might have overlooked this matter, or thought it of small importance, and for this reason he wished him to understand that Indiana looked for justice at his hands—the only place from which it could be obtained; and while she was willing to applaud him for his services and return to him her thanks, she also, at the same time, was unwilling that disgrace and infamy should rest on the heads of numbers of her citizen soldiers, of whom and whose deeds she had reason to be proud. For these reasons he wished the amendment adopted.

Mr. Morrison's amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart offered the following amendment:

Strike out the first resolution from the resolving clause and insert the following: *Resolved*, that the thanks of the Legislature be tendered to Generals Taylor, Scott, Lane, Worth, Twiggs, Butler, Smith, Shields, Davis, and the brave officers and men who fought and bled on the fields of Mexico, in defence of the rights of their country.

Mr. Davis went against amendments; the resolutions contained all that was required. It was not because Gen. Taylor's report contained a mistake that so much of feeling and hostility was evinced by sundry gentlemen on this floor; their political coadjutors in the halls of Congress, when called on to thank the brave old man, found just such a flimsy excuse for withholding their thanks. It was that he allowed to the enemy at Monterey too much of leniency and showed mercy, where he ought, according to the creed of these valiant men, to have pursued a war of extermination. No, there was something behind the scenes, and he wished men to come out like men, and not attempt the miserable farce of hiding themselves behind amendments. Last winter he introduced a set of resolutions, thanking Gen. Taylor, and the whole democratic phalanx came up like one man, and by amendments, calling the previous question, &c., succeeded in killing the resolutions, and preventing a vote. What was their objection then? No report had been made at that time which done injustice to our State. Where was the consistency of gentlemen? At one time they voted against giving thanks to a brave man, and when next called upon they tell us that they would delight to honor him if he had not done injustice to our State.

Mr. Rosseau moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Barbour moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. Osborn, Barbour, Holloway, and Robinson.

A division was called for, and the question then recurred on laying the original resolution on the table; which was lost—ayes 17, noes 26.

The question was then put on laying the amendment of Mr. Stewart on the table, and carried—ayes 23, noes 19.

Yeas—Messrs. Beard, Cassatt, Chenowith, Conner, Cornett, Davis, Ellis, Goodenow, Hamrick, Holloway, Houghton, Hubbard, James, Montgomery, Murphy, Murray, Osborn, Robinson, Rosseau, Simpson, Verbrike, Winchell, Zenor—23.

Nays—Messrs. Barbour, Berry, Coats, Day, English, Green, Handy, Hardin, Henry, Howell, Huffstetter, Malott, Martin, Miller, Millikin, Morrison, Read, Stewart, Taber—19.

Mr. Beard moved the previous question, which was sustained.

Mr. Hardin moved to adjourn; lost.

The question was then taken on the engrossment of the original resolution, and carried, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Beard, Berry, Cassatt, Chenowith, Conner, Cornett, Davis, English, Ellis, Goodenow, Green, Hamrick, Howell, Houghton, Hubbard, James, Montgomery, Murphy Murray, Osborn, Read, Robinson, Rosseau, Simpson, Stewart, Verbrike, and Zenor—27.

Nays—Messrs. Barbour, Coats, Handy, Hardin, Henry, Huffstetter, Malott, Miller, Millikin, Morrison, Randall, and Taber—13.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, Feb. 5th, 1848.

Reports Continued.

By Mr. Covington, of a bill authorizing the sale of certain lots in the town of Indianapolis, passed.

By Mr. Smiley, of several matters from the committee on claims.

Also, by Mr. Hall, against the claim of Jno. Bishop and others.

By Mr. Dougherty, of same committee, of a bill for the relief of A. G. Selman, passed. By same, for the relief J. R. Pratt.

By Mr. Slater, inexpedient to grant claim of —— Conner—also against grant of claim to George Youngerman.

By Mr. Miller, of committee on roads, of a bill revising and consolidating the several acts relative to roads, and that the same be published in pamphlet form.

By Mr. Dole, of a bill relative to the Delphi storage and forwarding company's side cut, a part of the Wabash and Erie canal—passed; by same, relative to the re-appraisement of Wabash and Erie canal lands—passed.

By *Mr.* Gooding, from the committee on corporations, of a bill incorporating the town of Washington, Wayne county; passed.

By Mr. Harvey, of same committee, of a bill incorporating the Rochester and Peru railroad company—passed.

By Mr. May, amending the act relative to the Covington Draw Bridge company.

By Mr. Major, incorporating the Lutheran Evangelical St. Paul's church in Dearborn county—passed.

By Mr. Harvey, incorporating the Mississippi and Ohio railroad company—after a protracted discussion upon the passage of this bill,

The House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. McDonald of L. reported a bill incorporating the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad, with amendments adopted, and the bill passed.

The discussion of the morning, upon referring to a committee with instructions the bill incorporating the Ohio and Mississippi railroad was continued—not referred, ayes 28, noes 50.

After an ineffectual effort to amend by inserting the liability clause—and adopting several amendments proposed by the friends of the bill—it was passed.

On motion of *Mr. McDonald* of L., the bill incorporating the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad company, was taken from the table, and passed—the House receding from its amendment, the Senate having refused to agree to it.

The bill for the relief of Joseph R. Pratt, was taken from the table and passed.

Reports continued.

By Mr. Williams of M., from the committee on corporations, of a bill incorporating the town of Eagle Village, Boone county—passed.

By same, of a bill incorporating the town of New Columbus, Madison county—passed.

By Mr. *Meredith*, of the committee on State Bank, of a bill authorizing the establishment of new branches of the State bank.

The House adjourned.

SENATE.

MONDAY, February 7, 1848.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Milligan and Conner, which were appropriately referred.

Reports from Standing Committees.

Mr. Goodenow reported against the expediency of increasing the salaries of circuit and supreme judges—concurred in.

Mr. Robinson reported against the claim of J. C. Rush.

Mr. Millikin reported back the bill to amend the charter of the Richmond and Terre Haute rail road company—which was laid on the table.

Reports from Select Committees.

By Mr. Cassatt a bill to locate a state road in the counties of Wabash, Miami and Howard.

Mr. Randall reported back House bill relative to cranberry marshes with an amendment, which was concurred in.

By Mr. Green, a bill to incorporate the town of Patriot in Switzerland county, which was passed.

The House bill providing for the more speedy completion of a portion of the hospital for the insane was taken up and referred.

Mr. Randall reported back a bill in relation to the dam and water power on the central canal in Morgan county with an amendment—concurred in.

Mr. Montgomery against legislation on the report of the State Librarian and expression of their approval of the official conduct of that officer—concurred in.

Resolutions Introduced.

By Mr. Cassatt that the judicial committee inquire whether the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal or persons acting under them have been buying or selling any canal land scrip, contrary to an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to provide for the funded debt of the State—which was adopted.

By Mr. Henry inquiring of the State Printer the cause of the delay in presenting to the Senate the report of the superintendent of common schools—adopted.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Beard a bill to incorporate the Tippecanoe bridge company—passed

By Mr. Berry, a bill incorporating the town of Bloomington—passed.

By Mr. Stewart a bill in relation to mortgages due the treasury fund and the Indianapolis fund—referred.

Also a bill for the relief of replevy bail—referred.

Also a joint resolution returning thanks to our officers and men who are and have been engaged in the Mexican war—read a first time.

By Mr. Taber a bill to change the time of holding the Cass circuit court—referred.

By Mr. Davis a bill in relation to the Salem and New Albany railroad company, which passed.

By Mr. Randall a bill to authorize the county commissioners of Adams to employ a Prosecuting Attorney—passed.

By Mr. Milligan, a bill increasing the powers of the county board for the county of Blackford—passed.

On leave granted, Mr. Martin reported from a select committee, a bill to restrict the county commissioners of Steuben county in levying a tax of 50 cents on the 100 dollars valuation—passed.

The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House bill relative to the probate court of Monroe county was taken up and passed.

The report of the Treasurer of State in answer to a resolution of the Senate, relative to the amount of outstanding treasury notes, was on motion of Mr. Morrison, taken from the table, and 250 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill extending the February term of the probate court of Bartholomew county was taken up and passed.

A communication was received from Jno. W. Wright asking for time to send for testimony and papers to present to the judicial committee in the investigation of certain charges, relating to the duties of his office as clerk of the land office at Logansport. The charges were that full interest was not allowed on scrip to purchasers of canal land, and that speculations were made in the purchase and sale of scrip. Some objections were made to the memorial, because in it Mr. Cassatt was charged with laying plans to injure the reputation of the memorialist.

Mr. Cassatt disclaimed any such intention and after some little discussion of the matter, Mr. Murray asked leave to withdraw the memorial, which was granted by unanimous consent.

Bills passed on third Reading.

A bill to authorize Roderick Siler to relinquish certain school lands; to incorporate the Wayne county turnpike; to incorporate the Fair View academy in Rush county; to authorize the improvement of Tanner's creek in Dearborn county; for the benefit of widows and orphans; to regulate the signing of bills of exception in the circuit court; to amend the law relative to process in probate court; to regulate the proceedings in the action of waste; to incorporate the Fort Wayne and Goshen turnpike company; for the relief of the heirs of John Widney; to amend the statutes of '43 relative to the probate of wills and testaments; for the relief of Margaret Wade; to authorize executors, administrators and guardians to make deeds in certain cases: an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to amend an act for the relief of purchasers of canal lands.

A joint resolution relative to the Harbor at Michigan city—passed.

A joint resolution relative to General Taylor, returning the thanks of the State and inviting him to partake of its hospitality, which passed by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Beard, Berry, Cassatt, Chenowith, Conduit, Conner, Cornett, Day, Davis, English, Ellis, Goodenow, Green, Hamrick, Howell, Houghton, Hubbard, James, Milligan, Montgomery, Murray, Osborn, Read, Robinson, Rosseau, Simpson, Stewart, Verbrike, Waters and Zenor—30.

NOES.—Messrs. Barbour, Coats, Handy, Henry, Hardin, Holloway, Huffstetter, Malott, Martin, Miller, Millikin, Morrison, Taber and Winchell—15.

House Bills.

Declaring a mis-print; to authorize the Dearborn probate court to make certain orders and decrees; joint resolution increasing the pay of non-commissioned officers and privates in our army in Mexico; for the relief of the widow and heirs of Benjamin Owen; to regulate agencies of foreign insurance companies; authorizing a valuation of lands in Monroe and Irwin townships in Howard county; relative to probate judges in the county of Porter; to incorporate the Clay cotton mills; joint resolution of thanks to Capt. John S. Simonson and Lemuel Ford.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY MORNING, Feb. 7, 1848.

Leave of absence given to *Messrs.* Colip, De Bruler and Hamilton.

Leave given Mr. Meredith to introduce a bill (for *Mr.* Colip) for the better enabling the citizens of Congressional township No. 2, N. 2, 5 E, in Hamilton county, to dispose of school lands—rules suspended, and passed.

By Mr. Litchteberger, of a bill incorporating the Mechanics and Working *Men's* Institute Mt. Vernon, Posey county—passed.

Leave given Mr. Line, to introduce a claim of —— *Robinson*, of Franklin county.

The bill organizing new districts of the State Bank, and establishing new branches thereof being the first thing in the order of business, Mr. Cole proposed an amendment—not adopted, and the bill was passed.

Reports continued.

By *Mr.* McConnell, relative to the improvement of the Iroquois river, State of Indiana—passed.

By *Mr.* Bryant, of a bill establishing a horse ferry across the Wabash river at Williamsport—passed

By Mr. Dobson, of a bill vacating a part of Southport, Owen county—laid on the table.

By *Mr.* Nimmons, of a bill divorcing Samuel Widner—rejected.

By Mr. Lane, of a bill vacating certain streets and lots in the town of New Lawrenceburgh—passed.

By Mr. *Mills*, of a bill authorizing A. Alley to make a deed to certain land in Posey county—passed.

By *Mr.* Bowling, of a bill relocating a State road in Clay county—passed.

By Mr. Wolfe, of a bill incorporating the Vincennes, Terre Haute and Evansville railroad company; with certain amendments; after considerable discussion by several members *pro* and *con*, on the propriety of adopting the amendments—the question was taken, and they were adopted.

The question was then taken on the engrossment—so ordered, ayes 39, noes 31.

By Mr. Cole, relative to a separate representative for the county of Crawford for the year 1848.

Leave given Mr. Covington of absence for the remainder of the session.

By Mr. Gooding, of a bill for the change and relocation of a State road in Hancock county—passed.

By *Mr.* Cole, repealing an act fixing the fees of auditor of *Miami* county—passed.

By *Mr.* Cookerly, recommending the laying upon the table a petition.

By Mr. Harvey, of a bill amending section 443 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes of 1843.

By Mr. Thompson of G., regulating the granting of license for ardent spirits in Gibson county—passed.

By Mr. Kinney, of a joint resolution relative to the National road—passed.

By Mr. Cole, of a bill vacating certain streets therein named—passed.

By Mr. McDonald of A., of a bill vacating certain streets and alleys in the town of Decatur, Adams county—passed.

By Mr. Sackett, of a bill incorporating the Anderson bridge company—passed.

By Mr. Shiyock, of a bill locating a State road in Fulton, Pulaski, *Marshall* and Stark—passed.

By Mr. Meredith, on the subject of retailing ardent spirits—concurred in.

By Mr. Jones of S., of a bill granting the incorporation of the Electro Magnetic Telegraphic company with an amendment—concurred in, and passed.

By Mr. De Bruler, of a bill extending the time for the supervisors to work roads so far as the county of Spencer is concerned—passed.

By *Mr.* Harvey, relative to the charge against J. H. Thompson secretary of State—inexpedient to legislate further on the matter,—concurred in.

By *Mr.* Kinney, a preamble and a joint resolution on the subject of demanding justice for the Indiana troops, in the battle of Buena Vista.

A considerable excitement was raised throughout the House on the introduction of the resolution, nothing worthy of note was said—and on motion it was laid on the table—ayes 47, noes 41.

And the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reports continued.

By Mr. Hamilton, of a bill establishing additional election precincts—passed.

By Mr. Fuller, making allowances to the Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals—passed.

By Mr. Windstandley, inexpedient to legislate further.

By Mr. Bryant, allowing mileage—laid upon the table.

By Mr. Jones of S., relative to allowance to the Probate Judge of Ripley county—passed.

By Mr. Orr, relative the elections of township assessors in Delaware county—passed.

By Mr. Cole, repealing an act exempting improvements from taxes, relating to the county of Miami.

By Mr. Hamilton, amending article 3, chapter 31, of the Revised Statutes of 1843—passed.

By Mr. Harlan, for the relief of persons who have made improvements on school sections in the Miami Reserve—passed.

Also, authorizing a levy of a tax on the citizens of Marion, Grant county—passed.

Also, changing the license last winter, so far as relates to the county of Grant—passed.

Leave granted, Mr. Terry introduced a bill repealing part of an act entitled, an act regulating the salaries of the Governor and officers of State, and of the Legislature—allowing three dollars per day to the members of the Legislature.

The question being taken on the passage of the bill, it was lost—ayes 21, noes 53.

Leave granted, Mr. Covington introduced a bill authorizing the supervisor to work a certain road in Ohio county—passed.

By Mr. Cole, improving the breed of horses in the county of Miami—passed.

Resolutions Intoduced.

By Mr. Brown, whether the State of Indiana has any facilities for manufacturing purposes, and what steps were necessary to avail the State of the same—adopted.

By Mr. Harvey, in reference to a claim of A. Bird—adopted.

By Mr. Dole, relative to allowance to committee on education of education convention for services rendered—adopted.

Leave granted, Mr. Line reported a bill for the relief of Wm. Robinson—passed.

By Mr. Hamilton, relative to the claim of Wm. Sullivan—adopted.

By Mr. Roache, relative to the claim of Samuel L. Crossly—adopted.

Joint Resolutions.

By Mr. Neal, relative to the new territories of New Mexico and California.

By Mr. Harlan, relative to volunteers settling on the public lands in the Miami Reserve—passed.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Miller, vacating a street in New Carlisle, St. Joseph county—passed.

Leave granted, Mr. Terry introduced a bill relative to penal actions—adopted.

By Mr. Sullivan, for the benefit of the Jeffersonville and New Albany Railroad company—passed.

By Mr. Fuller, making additional allowance for extra services—passed.

By Mr. May, extending the February term of the probate court of Washington county—passed.

By Mr. Bowling, repealing an act relative to the mode of doing business in Clay county—passed.

By Mr. Harding, relative to the Northern Division of the Central Canal—referred.

By Mr. Terry, amending an act therein named relative to bridges on the New Albany and Vincennes road—referred.

By Mr. Williams of M., exempting the property of deaf and dumb and blind persons, where under $500 in value, also of poll tax—referred.

By Mr. Frazer, amendatory of an act establishing a free turnpike road in Marshall, Kosciusko and other counties—passed.

By Mr. Smiley, incorporating the York Guards—passed.

By Mr. Dole, for the relief of Wm. A. Richardson and others—passed.

By Mr. Orton, amendatory of chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes of 1843.

By Mr. Roache, declaring certain acts in force—passed.

By Mr. Williams of M., changing the name of Andersontown to Anderson—passed.

By Mr. Orr, for the relief of Mrs. Elliner Lee—passed.

By Mr. McKenzie, vacating an alley in Greencastle—passed.

By Mr. Brown, for the government of the insane hospital—referred.

By Mr. Harding, regulating the width of county roads in Marion county—passed.

By Mr. Windstandley, repealing an act therein named—referred.

By Mr. Coble, changing the name of Alton, a town in Crawford county—passed.

By Mr. May, repealing an act therein mentioned—passed.

By Mr. Orr, requiring the auditor to print the amount of miles allowed to the members of the Legislature—referred.

By Mr. Line, to confer authority on circuit courts to change the names of persons and towns and villages.

The House adjourned.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Feb. 8, 1848.

The House bill to encourage the growth of cranberries in the county of Allen—and Senate bill relative to the dam and water power on the central canal in the county of Morgan were taken up and passed. Also a bill incorporating the Cincinnati and St. Louis rail road company.

Several House bills were taken up on their second reading and referred or engrossed.

The following House bills were passed: a bill legalizing the sale of real estate by Peter Navarre; to reduce the law incorporating the city of Madison and the acts amendatory thereto to one act and amend the same; to incorporate the South Bend woollen and cotton manufactory; concerning the State Library; to incorporate the Taylor cotton mills; to incorporate the Cannelton glass manufacturing company; to incorporate the Cannelton paper mill; bill making provision for the payment of the witnesses before the judicial committee in the investigation of the case of the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal; to incorporate the Ward cotton mills; to incorporate the Indiana cotton mills; to incorporate the Cannelton cotton mills; to incorporate the Cannelton foundry; to incorporate the Princeton female academy; to repeal a certain act therein named relative to the auditor of Madison county; to legalize the action of the president and trustees of the town of Rising Sun; to change the name of Ebenezer Barker Twitchell; for the relief of Mary M. Goodrich, giving her power to file a bill to recover certain property; to authorize the auditor and school commissioners of Miami county to make a deed to Jacob Brower; to amend an act entitled an act to enable supervisors more effectually to keep in repair certain highways; in relation to the tax duplicate of the county of Jefferson for the year 1847; fixing juror's fees before justices courts in the county of Delaware; to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the voters of counties to prevent the sale of ardent spirits; to incorporate the town of New London in Howard county; to incorporate the Brownstown and Liberty turnpike company; to lop off extra fees of the auditor of Grant county; for the better securing titles in Spencer and Dubois counties; to amend an act regulating the mode of doing township business in the county of Elkhart; authorizing the location of a State road in Posey county; to regulate clerk's fees in the Probate court of Jackson county; relative to the charter of the town of Indianapolis; to incorporate the Centerville and Abbington turnpike company; to incorporate the Madison, Lexington and Brownstown turnpike company; regulating the salary of the auditor of Putnam county; for the relief of Charity Forden of Floyd county; to authorize John Secrest to build a dam across the Mississineway river; to incorporate the Madison hotel company; declaring Scott Noel the successor in office of a certain justice of the peace; in relation to a certain State road in the county of Daviess; to provide for a county library in the county of Pulaski; to locate a State road in the county of Posey; to incorporate the Perry cotton mills.

Several Senate bills were taken up and referred or engrossed.

A bill to amend an act in relation to the election and salaries of prosecuting attorneys in certain counties, was taken up and passed.

The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Cassatt on leave granted, reported back a bill to extend the time of appraising certain lands belonging to the Wabash and Erie canal, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill passed.

Bills of the Senate passed.

A bill relative to water power on the central canal; fixing the compensation of the Probate judge of Ripley county; to vacate a portion of a certain street in the town of Bloomington; to incorporate the Chamberlain mills; authorizing the commissioners of Jay county to levy an additional tax; concerning the distribution of the laws and journals in the county of Bartholomew; authorizing the sale of a school district in Adams county; to prevent the sale of ardent spirits in the townships of Wayne and Franklin, in Wayne county, in less quantities than 10 gallons; relative to the collection of taxes in Bartholomew county; to locate a State road from Logansport to Winemac in Pulaski county; to fix the time of holding courts in the 8th judicial circuit; to locate a State road in the counties of Allen, Adams and Jay; to incorporate the Fort Wayne and Southern railroad company; to incorporate the Harrison township and Abbington turnpike company; giving the commissioner of the reserve township in Monroe county pay for certain services therein named; to incorporate the Cannelton steam mill and manufacturing company; to incorporate the Mt. Vernon and New Harmony railroad company; to regulate the practice of law in the Lagrange circuit court; to amend an act incorporating the Brookville and Connersville turnpike company; to authorize Thomas Hamilton to build a dam across the St. Joseph river; to amend the charter of the Milford and Columbus railroad company; for the relief of A. Bird; authorizing the commissioners of Daviess county to employ a physician; to authorize the sale of a school section in Tippecanoe county; authorizing the sale of the old Indiana State Prison; to change a State road in the county of St. Joseph; an act extending the provisions of the revised statutes in relation to roads to Lagrange county; relating to the compensation of county Treasurers and Auditors; authorizing the construction of plank or coal roads; to incorporate the Wabash and Greenville railroad company; joint resolution relative to the contract entered into between the State and the bondholders; to change the name of the town of Springfield, in Wabash county; dissolving the bonds of matrimony between Mary Etherton, and David Etherton; to locate a State road in Benton county; joint resolution returning thanks to our officers and men, who have been or are now in Mexico.

Mr. Ellis on leave granted, reported from the joint committee on the State Library, a joint resolution relative to international literary exchanges—which was adopted.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY MORNING, Feb. 8, 1848.

Bills Passed.

A joint resolution upon the subject of a mail route from Bellville Hendricks county, to Lebanon Boone county; a bill disposing of certain stone belonging to the State in Madison county; repealing an act authorizing probate courts to set the time of sales of real estate by executors and administrators; amending an act incorporating Greenfield; amendatory of the laws now in force relative to estates of decedents; repealing an act authorizing Elkhart county to take stock in the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad; prohibiting the removal of causes by certiorari to circuit court in Delaware county; authorizing the State Librarian to procure a book in which to record the names of the volunteers from the State of Indiana to Mexico; amending art. 2, chap. 25 of the revised statutes of 1843; amending an act providing for the office of prosecuting attorney.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the school bill—*Mr. Meredith* in the chair.

After considerable discussion, and some few amendments made, the committee rose, asked leave to report progress, and to set again—granted.

The House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House met, and resolved itself into a committee on the [illegible] bill—Mr. Meredith in the chair.

The afternoon was consumed in the discussion and the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to be discharged, and by their chairman, reported the bill for adoption, and the same ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1848.

Mr. Houghton presented a petition which was referred.

Reports from Committees.

Mr. Murray reported back a bill providing for the payment of certain money to Lustice E. Alvord, and Homer King, which was passed.

Mr. Day reported back a bill for the relief of Collins Adams, of St. Joseph county—passed.

Mr. Morrison reported back a bill in relation to the Treasury and Indianapolis fund—engrossed.

By *Mr.* Murray, against further legislation on House bill, number 15, concurred in.

Mr. Robinson reported back a bill to regulate testimony in certain cases in conveying of real estate—passed; also against a bill for the re-publication of the laws—concurred in.

Mr. Orth reported against legislating on the subject of a change in the law of marriage, concurred in; also against changing the time of fixing the Cass circuit courts—laid on the table; also a bill for the relief of Replevy Bail—passed; also against legislating further on the licence law—concurred in; also against the bill authorizing the administrator of John Fischlie, to sell certain real estate, referred to a select committee; also a bill to regulate the practice of the law, recommending that it be laid on the table, and 500 copies printed—concurred in; also that Mr. Wright, clerk of the land office at Logansport, had violated the provisions of the act of last winter, in relation to purchasing and selling of scrip, but that on its being made known to the trustees of the canal, they had passed a resolution forbidding the repetition of such purchases, since which time it has not been repeated, and such being the case, they reported against further legislation on the subject, which was concurred in; also that Mr. Wright had violated the provisions of the act of last winter, by not allowing interest in full upon canal scrip to purchasers of canal lands, but that his conduct in this respect was free from censure, he acting under the instructions of the trustees and as their agent. Mr. Osborn dissented from that portion of the report exonerating Mr. Wright from censure.

The report of the committee was concurred in.

Mr. Hardin reported back House bill to vacate certain streets and alleys in Indianapolis, recommending that it be laid on the table—concurred in.

Mr. Millikin reported back House bill to give the citizens of Aurora, a city charter, which was passed.

Mr. Cornett reported back a bill of the House, for the more speedy completion of the Indiana Hospital for the insane—which passed.

Mr. Coats reported back a bill to revive an act to incorporate the Crawfordsville Covington and Illinois railroad company—passed.

A message from the Governor was received accompanying a bill for the relief of Patrick McGinley, with his reasons for vetoing the same, and the question being put, shall the bill become a law, notwithstanding the veto; it was passed, ayes 30, noes 17.

Mr. Rosseau moved to reconsider the vote.

Mr. Davis moved the previous question, and the vote was not reconsidered, ayes 20, noes 24.

The bill to vacate certain streets and alleys in Lafayette, with the veto of the Governor to the same, was taken up and the veto sustained.

A bill to incorporate the Indiana canal company was taken up and passed.

Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House Bills passed.

For the relief of the sureties of William Johnson; to change the mode of electing county commissioners in the county of Pike; to authorize the inspection of hay in the several counties of this State; authorizing the board of county commissioners of Madison county, to do a certain act; to amend an act incorporating the Lawrenceburgh and Rushville turnpike company; to incorporate the Harrison, New Trenton, and Brookville turnpike company; to amend an act to authorize the formation of voluntary associations; to amend an act to incorporate the Lawrenceburgh and Rushville railroad company; for the relief of the widow of the late Wm. H. *May*, deceased; to relocate a part of a State road in the county of Delaware; to locate a State road therein named; to locate a State road in Allen and DeKalb counties; regulating the sale of spirituous liquors in Centreville, in Wayne county; authorizing the board of county commissioners to lease the seminary in the county of Wayne; to incorporate the town of Clinton, in Vermillion county; joint resolution sympathizing with Pope Pius IX, in his effort in behalf of liberal reforms in his dominions; to incorporate the Cambridge and *Milton* turnpike company; to legalize the acts of the Probate judge of Lagrange county; defining the duty of the treasurer of Shelby county; providing for the procuring of additional copies of the revised statutes of 1843, in Kosciusko county; in relation to the duties of auditor of State, and sinking fund commissioners; relating to the fees of the clerk of Sullivan county; for the relief of Dempsey Linton, of Randolph county; to authorize the board of commissioners of Grant county to order an election of a justice of the peace; to authorize the county Board of Dubois county, to dispense with a road tax.

For the relief of Lydia Aldrick; to amend the Revised Statutes of 1843; in relation to the school lands so far as the county of Elkhart is concerned; for the relief of purchasers of school lands in Clinton and Carroll counties; to provide for the survey and location of a State road in Elkhart county; to provide for a library in Decatur county; to extend the provisions of a certain act therein named in Jay and Adams counties; declaring George Brown, a justice of the peace in Madison county; to authorize Lemuel Frislie to build a bridge; concerning the duties of clerks of the court in the State of Indiana; establishing additional places of holding elections in Vermillion county; to incorporate the Kosciusko, Elkhart and Miami Railroad Company; to provide for the election of township assessors and treasurers in the county of Jennings; in relation to taking the list of children in the county of Perry for school purposes; to amend an act to provide for the construction of a railroad from Martinsville to Franklin; forming certain sections in Shelby county into a school district; to incorporate the Lafayette, Monticello, Winamac and Michigan railroad company; joint resolution relative to the Indiana Historical Society; joint resolution relative to copies of the laws of Indiana Territory for the years 1801–2–3 and 4; for the relief of Silas Overman of Grant county.

On motion of Mr. Beard, the bill creating additional bank districts was taken up, and the amendments of the House concurred in.

To authorize the individuals therein named to build a bridge across the Kankakee river.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9th, 1848.

House met: When the resolution of the Senate adj