

Reynolds, Scott, Shepley, Threlkeld, Waters, Webb, Wheeler, White, Wilson, Wood—40.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Archer, Bailey, Baldwin, Beall, Bennett, Bissell, Brown of Sangamon, Canady, Cavarly, Charles, Darnielle, Denny, Dodge, Dougherty, Drummond, Dunlap, Edwards, English, Francis, Froman, Gillespie, Gridley, Hardin, Henderson, Hull, Humphrey, Kitchell, Lincoln, McDonald, McGinnis, McLean, Marshall, Munsell, Murphy of Cook, Murphy of Perry, Parkinson, Parsons, Peck, Phelps, Prentice, Ross, Thornton, Troy, Trumbull, Turney, West, Woodson, and Mr. Speaker—49.

On motion of Mr. Turney,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of distributing the school fund among the several counties of the State, according to the numbers of white inhabitants in each under twenty years of age, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Froman offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to report a bill to this House within the next two days, fixing the per diem allowance of the members of the present General Assembly of this State at three dollars per day, and reducing the salaries of all officers and agents, whose salaries are fixed by this General Assembly, at least one-fourth.

Mr. Charles moved to strike out of the foregoing resolution all after the word "resolved," and insert as follows:

That a select committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the fees and compensation of all officers under the laws of this State; which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Ordered, That Messrs. Charles, Marshall and Ormsbee be said committee.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of this State, in relation to school commissioners, as to make the same elective by the people of the several counties, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint select committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to confer with the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of Illinois, and to ascertain whether, and upon what terms a loan can be obtained from said bank of a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest upon the internal improvement debt, which shall become due on the first Monday in January next, and that they make report of their proceedings herein without delay.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gillespie, Bissell, and Lincoln be that committee.

On motion of Trumbull,

Resolved, That the Fund Commissioner be requested to furnish this House as soon as practicable with a statement showing the amount of interest which will fall due on the State debt on the first of January next, and to meet which no means have been provided on what account or con-

tracts said interest will be due, also the quantity and cost of railroad iron now in the United States, and where deposited.

On motion of Mr. White,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to examine the militia law, and make such alterations or amendments as they may in their wisdom think proper, and report to the House as soon as convenient.

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved, That the Committee on Canals and Canal Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of stopping all proceedings on the canal for the present, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Shepley, on leave, introduced a bill for an act, "to amend an act exempting certain articles from execution, in addition to those already exempt by the laws of this State;" which was read a first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Fund Commissioner; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Laid on the table.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Berry, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that they have passed a bill entitled "An act, to provide for the manufacture of Salt at the Gallatin Saline, in the passage of which, they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICE OF FUND COMMISSIONER,

Springfield, Dec. 1, 1840.

To the Hon. the SPEAKER of the *House of Representatives*:

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the Senate, bearing date on yesterday, requesting a report of the success of my negotiations, the amount of interest due 1st of January, 1841, and the available means to pay it, has just reached me, or I should have given it an earlier answer.

The amount of bonds sold on account of bank stock, \$2,665,000

On account of Internal Improvements, 3,187,000

Total, \$5,852,000

Upon this sum interest will be required on the 1st January, 1841, which will amount to \$175,560.

Of the above bonds \$300,000 were sold to three banks at Buffalo, New York; and under their contracts an interest account was to have been kept, and no coupons presented for payment until the last payment was made. They have, however, passed the bonds, and some, if not all, of the coupons, were presented for the interest, and will no doubt be presented in future.

In July, I thought of refusing to pay them; but on consulting my counsel, and various friends in New York, it was concluded that when passed into the hands of innocent purchasers the State had no right to refuse to pay them.

Messrs. Wright & Co. of London, have sold about \$250,000 worth of