

In conclusion, allow me to say, that whatever may be the future of the people of Alabama, my hopes and ardent prayers for their prosperity will attend them. When I remember their progress, and the evidences they have had of the blessings of free government, I join you in the belief that they "will not act with rashness or thoughtlessness, but with mature and deliberate consideration." Forty-seven years ago, to prevent the massacre of her citizens, it was upon her soil, that I gave the first proofs of my manhood and devotion to the Union. The flag that I followed then, was the same stars and stripes which the sons of Alabama have aided to plant on many a victorious field. Since then, Alabama has risen from an almost wilderness region, under the fostering care of the Federal Government and the power embraced in Union, to a great, wealthy and prosperous people, and obtained a position, which without Union with the other States, she could not have achieved for ages, if ever.

Receive for yourself and the people of Alabama, whose accredited Commissioner you are, the assurances of my esteem and consideration.

I have the honor to be
Your most ob'd't. serv't.,

SAM HOUSTON.

The Senate then retired to their chamber.

On motion the House adjourned till 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, 1861. }

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Rose, member elect from Goliad county, came forward, presented his credentials, took the oath of office and his seat.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Morris was added to the committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, Mr. Henderson was appointed to serve on committee on Federal Relations, in the place of Mr. Manly, during his absence.

Mr. Buckley moved to have printed five thousand copies of the Governor's message with accompanying documents.

Mr. Mabry moved to amend the motion by adding, that they be furnished in five days. Carried, and the motion to print carried.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had passed the House joint resolution, repealing the joint resolution in response to the Governor's message on Kansas affairs, approved Feb., 16, 1858.

Also, had passed a bill in relation to the procurement of money due by the United States to the State of Texas.

Mr. Dale introduced a bill to appropriate money for per diem pay of our late Presidential Electors. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Dale, the rule was suspended, bill read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Foscue, referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill making an appropriation for pay of the mileage and per diem of the members and the per diem pay of the officers of the extra session of the eighth legislature. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Bogart offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proper mode of deciding finally, the question of secession of the State of Texas from the American Union, is the submission of that question, to a direct vote of the qualified electors of the State, at the ballot-box, for approval or rejection.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, resolution laid on the table by the following vote :

Mr. Epperson calling for the yeas and nays.

YEAS.—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Barclay, Baxter, Billingsly, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Daniels, Dennis, Dickson Flewellen, Francis, Franklin, Foscue, Hall, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Hartley, Henderson, Hubbard, Lewter, Lynch, Maverick, Morris, Mills, Munson, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Redwine, Ross, Rose, Shelton, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse and Whitfield—45.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bogart, Branch, Camp, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Davis of H., Duncan, Ellett, Epperson, Hancock, Haynes, Henry, Houghton, Lewis of M., Mabry, McKnight, Middleton, Mundine, Navarro, Norton, Owens, Redgate, Robinson, Shannon, Taylor, Whitmore, and Wrede—29.

Mr. Darnell, chairman of committee on Federal Relations, by permission, submitted the following report :

The committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred a

series of resolutions, touching our relations with the Federal government, have had the same under consideration, and after deliberate discussion of the same, beg leave to report the same back to the House, and recommend that they be laid on the table. The committee, impressed however, with the great and imperative necessity of some decided action being taken by Texas in this emergency, beg leave to report to the House the accompanying joint resolutions, and earnestly recommend their passage at the earliest day.

Mr. Haynes offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be requested to bring in a bill to provide for a permanent military force for the protection of the Rio Grande frontier, to take the place of the Federal troops now in that section of the State, whenever they may be withdrawn by the Federal government.

On motion of Mr. Rose, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Mabry presented a petition of sundry citizens of the State of Texas, and stockholders of the Memphis and El Paso Railroad Company. Referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Shannon introduced a bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Frontier Protection.

Mr. Mills introduced a bill for the relief of Elija Bishop. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the report from committee on Federal relations, reporting a substitute for a series of resolutions touching our relations with the Federal government, was taken up and 200 copies of the resolutions and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wælder, the resolutions were made the special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Nelson the Senate's bill for procurement of money due by the United States to Texas, was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Henry introduced a bill for the relief of the purchasers of Seminary lands. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Finance.

W. Warfield introduced a bill to legalize the election of

James G. Stephens as Chief Justice of Hunt county. Read first and second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shannon introduced a bill to incorporate the Milford Masonic Institute. Read first and second times and referred to committee on State Affairs.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution that the House legislate upon no local or individual measure during the session was taken up.

Mr. Ross offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That this Legislature will entertain no local or general legislation, except that for which it was convened, or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Henderson the substitute was laid on the table.

[Mr. Baxter in the Chair.]

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the bill making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of the members and the per diem pay of the officers of the extra session of the eighth Legislature.

Mr. Buckley moved to re-consider the vote adopting the resolution to legislate on no local business.

Mr. Mills moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Lost by the following vote:

Mr. Duncan calling for the yeas and nays.

YEAS.—Messrs. Anderson, Barclay, Buckley, Caddell, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Dale, Darnell, Daniels, Dennis, Dickson, Flewellen, Francis, Franklin, Foscue, Harrison of C., Houghton, Hubbard, Lewis of M., Maverick, Morris, McCutcheon, McKnight, Mundine, Munson, Parker, Redwine, Ross, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Whitfield, Whitmore—35.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baxter, Billingsly, Bogart, Branch, Camp, Craig, Culberson, Cumby, Davis of H., Duncan, Epperson, Hall, Harrison of V. Z., Henry, Hubert, Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Middleton, Mills, Navarro, Nelson, Norton, Owens, Perry, Redgate, Robinson, Rose, Shannon, Shelton, Taylor, Warfield, Waterhouse, Wortham and Wrede—35.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, a call of the House was ordered.

Absentees.—Messrs. Armstrong, Benevedes, Bryan, Davis of B., Dougherty, Edwards, Ellett, Hancock, Hartly, Kinney, Lewis of R., Mabry, Martin, Maxey, Short, and Smith.

On motion of Mr. Dickson the call of the House was suspended.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider, the vote

adopting the resolution, the House refused to reconsider the vote.

Mr. Buckley offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit to this House, a statement and specifications of the point or points over which jurisdiction has been ceded to the government of the United States for public purposes, under an act of 19th Decr., 1849, and what if any, consideration was received therefor.

Laid over one day for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the rule was suspended, and the resolution adopted.

[Speaker resumed the Chair.]

Mr. Wælder offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives, as well as fuel and stationary be tendered to the Convention, which will meet on next Monday, each day while said Convention may be in session, at and after the hour of 2 o'clock, P. M.

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

Mr. Davis of H., moved to adjourn till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock. Lost.

The question recurring on the motion to lay the resolution on the table.

The yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Baxter, and the House refused to lay it on the table by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Bogart, Camp, Clark, Davis of H., Epperson, Haynes, Henry, Mundine, Navarro, Norton, Owens, Redgate, Taylor, Whitmore, and Wrede—15.

NAYS.—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Barclay, Baxter, Billingsly, Branch, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Daniels, Dennis, Dickson, Duncan, Flewellen, Francis, Franklin, Foscue, Hall, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Henderson, Houghton, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Maverick, Morris, McKnight, Middleton, Mills, Munson, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Rose, Shannon, Shelton, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield, and Wortham—55

And the resolution adopted.

Mr. Henry moved to add Mr. Hancock to committee on Federal Relations.

On motion the House adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, pending Mr. Henry's resolution.