mittee, recommending amendments, which were adopted and the bill passed to third reading.

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

Mr. Lewis of M., called up the bill making it the duty of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary to pay over to the Commissioners of the county courts, one-half the net proceeds of the labor of such convicts, as whose families are in indigent circumstances for the support and maintenance of their families, with report from committee recommending a substitute.

Mr. Davis of H., proposed to amend as follows:

"Provided, that the proof of the indigency shall be established by two witnesses of the county in which the family live, before the chief justice; and, provided, that the family are endeavoring to make an honest and virtuous living." Amendments adopted and the substitute adopted.

The question recurring upon the engrossment of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Henderson the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to engross the bill by the following vote:


On motion the House adjourned till 9 1/2 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

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House of Representatives,

Thursday, Jan. 19, 1860.

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

Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of bill for the relief of J. H. Robinson.

Mr. Townes, for the committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, reported a bill making an appropriation for the erection of
suitable buildings for the Lunatic Asylum, and for the support and maintenance of the same for 1860 and 1861—read 1st time, and on motion of Mr. Towns, 100 copies of the bill and accompanying letter were ordered to be printed.

Also, reported a bill appropriating money for the Artesian Wells, &c., and recommended its passage.

Mr. Shannon, Chairman of committee on Private Land Claims reported, recommending the passage of a bill for the relief of Caldwell Carson, deceased, with amendments. Amend by striking out "640," and inserting "320."

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill for the relief of Benjamin Baccus.

Also reported, asking that the bill for the relief of heirs of Jesse Simmons, or their assigns, be referred to committee on Judiciary. Report adopted.

Also, reported recommending the passage of the Senate's bill for the relief of Joseph Turner.

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the Senate's bill for the relief of Jose Leonardo de la Garza Trudo, with amendments.

Amend by adding to 1st section "Provided, he has not heretofore received a headright certificate by virtue of his residence in Texas, at the time of the declaration of Independence.

Mr. Daniels, one of the Committee on Private Land Claims reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Mary Henman.

Mr. Crooks, Chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed.

The bill to amend the 20th section of the act to incorporate the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company.

And the bill to authorize the county courts of Shelby county, to regulate the pay of Sheriffs therein, in certain cases.

Mr. Edwards reported a bill for the relief of Wm McDowell, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Maxey, one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled, and properly signed.

A Bill for the relief of the heirs of D. M. Shropshire, deceased, and that the same has been presented to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, 500 copies of the accompanying documents of Governor Houston's message were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Epperson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit to the
House a copy of the contract made for printing under the law regulating Public Printing, and copies of the bids for the same, and that he be requested to state whether the contract which has been entered into, is in conformity to said law, and if not, to specify in what particulars the same varies from the provisions of said law.

Laid over one day for consideration.

Mr. Clark introduced a bill relating to descents and distributions. Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had passed

A bill for the relief of Michael Herbert.

A bill to create the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings.

A bill making an appropriation to repair Capitol and other Public Buildings.

A bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the neighborhood of Soule University.

A bill to encourage the publication of a complete digest of the Reports of the Supreme Court.

Also, had passed the House's bill granting a pension to James E. Field.

Mr. Lewis of M., introduced a bill to repeal the act providing pay to masters whose slaves have been hung, &c. Read first time and referred to committee on slaves and slavery.

Mr. Townes introduced a bill to amend act 410 of the Penal Code. Read first time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Baxter, the rule was suspended, and the bill for taking depositions of witnesses in foreign countries with report from committee, recommending a substitute, was taken up, and the substitute adopted.

Mr. Mabry proposed to amend by adding an additional section.

On motion of Mr. Buckely, the amendment was laid on the table, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard the rule was suspended, and the bill to prescribe police regulations in respect to slaves with report from committee recommending a substitute was taken up, and substitute adopted.

Mr. Redwine proposed to amend Sec. 11, 6th line, by inserting after the word "purpose" "That five or more slaves assembling together may be considered assembling for an improper purpose." Rejected, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hubbard moved a further suspension of rule—lost.
Mr. Buckley offered the following resolution:
Resolved, That the committee on slaves and slavery be instructed to enquire into the expediency of assessing a tax of two cents per head upon the slaves of this State, to create a fund to compensate owners of slaves executed for crime, and report by bill or otherwise.

The hour having arrived, the special order of the day, to wit: "The bill to re-organize the Court of Claims," with pending amendments, was taken up.

Mr. Franklin moved to re-commit the bill to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Davis of B., the motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Davis of B., the substitute for first section was laid on the table, and Mr. Hartley's pending amendment rejected.

Mr. Foscoe proposed to strike out of section 1st from the word "he" in 8th line, to "dollars" in twelfth line. Adopted.

Mr. Shannon proposed the following additional section:
"Sec. — Provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to permit parties to prove up original headright certificates, predicated upon the fact of their living in that part of the State of Texas which is situated between the Nueces and Rio Grande, at the time of the Declaration of Texan Independence."

Mr. Crooks, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the bill for the relief of Crittenden C. Wells, et al.

Mr. Edwards offered a substitute for the proposed amendment —by striking out section 3d.

On motion the House adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'Clock, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—no quorum present.

Mr. McKnight moved to adjourn till 8½ o'clock, A. M., tomorrow. Lost.

Quorum present. The following named Senate bills were taken up, read first time and disposed of as indicated:

A bill for the relief of John Smith, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.
A bill for the relief of Michael Herbert, referred to committee on Private Land Claims.
A bill for the relief of John Frederick, referred to committee on Court of Claims.

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A bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the neighborhood of Soule University. Referred to committee on Education.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed,

A bill supplementary to and amendatory of the act to encourage the improvement of the navigation of the rivers and other navigable waters of Texas, by making appropriation for the same, approved August 23rd, 1856.

And a bill to authorize the corporation of the town of Corsicana, to levy a tax on ten-pin alleys, within the limits of said corporation.

And had concurred in the House’s amendment to the Senate’s bill, supplemental to the act, to ascertain what land certificates have been illegally issued in counties of Peters’ colony, &c.,

Mr. Henderson called up bill for the relief of Alex. Wheeler, which was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Mr. Lewis of R., called up bill to incorporate Lexington Male and Female Institute, which was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Mundine, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed by two-thirds vote.

Mr. Haynes called up the bill to ascertain and adjudicate certain legal claims for land against the State, between the Nueces and Rio Grande.

On motion of Mr. Billingsley the bill was made the special order of the day for Thursday next, 11 o’clock, and 100 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewter called up the Senate’s bill for the relief of Stephen Kelley, which was read second time and passed to the third reading.

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

Mr. Hartley called up the Senate’s bill to incorporate the Factors Cotton Press Company, which was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hartley, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed by two-thirds vote.

Mr. Lynch called up bill for relief of K. Bingham White, which was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.
On motion of Mr. Lynch, the rule was suspended bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Harrison of V. Z., called up the bill to permit Adam Sullivan, to build a bridge across the Sabine river, which was read second time.

Mr. Francis proposed to amend by striking out all in relation to foot passengers. Adopted.

Mr. Ross proposed to amend by striking out the prohibition in the 4th section.

On motion of Mr. Harrison of V. Z., the amendment was laid on the table and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Norton, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed by two-thirds vote.

Mr. Mabry called up the bill for the relief of William McDowell, which was read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Mr. Harrison of C., called up the bill to incorporate the Air Line Railroad Company, which was read third time and passed by the following vote:


Mr. Manly called up the bill for the relief of Lorenzo de Zavala, which was read second time.

The question being on the engrossment of the bill. The yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Davis of H., and the bill ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

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

Mr. Short moved to reconsider the vote incorporating the Air Line Railroad Company. Lost.

Mr. Hall called up the bill to encourage the city of El Paso to irrigate the valley of the Rio Grande, with report from committee, recommending amendments, which were adopted.

Mr. Crooks proposed to amend by striking out El Paso and inserting "the State of Texas." Ruled out of order.

Mr. Nelson proposed to amend as follows:

"The citizens on the Brazos river, in the counties of Palo Pinto and Parker, and down to Falls county, and the North Bosque river, from head to mouth, have the same privileges."

Mr. Francis moved to lay the amendment and bill on the table.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, a division of the question was ordered.

The question recurring on laying the amendment on the table, on motion of Mr. Nelson, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the amendment laid on the table by the following vote:


The question being on laying the bill on the table, the same was put, and the House refused to lay the bill on the table.

Mr. Davis of H., proposed to amend as follows:

"Give the citizens of Hays and Caldwell counties the same privileges the original bill gives to El Paso county."

Mr. Francis moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question ordered, which was on the engrossment.

On motion of Mr. Crooks, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Baxter, Benovides, Bryan, Buckley, ...


On motion of Mr. Dickson, the vote tabling Mr. Nelson's amendment was reconsidered.

Mr. Hall moved to suspend the rule, that bill be read third time.

Mr. Davis of H., moved a call of the House.

Mr. Crooks moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow.—Lost.

The question recurring on the suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Crooks, the yeas and nays were ordered, and stood thus:


No quorum voting.

On motion, the House adjourned till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1
Friday, January 20, 1860.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quo in absentia present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of John H. Blackwell. Referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wrede presented the petition of sundry citizens of Mason county. Referred to committee on Judicial Districts.