A bill to provide for the pay and subsistence of the troops called out by the Governor of the State under command of John S. Ford, James Bourland and John Henry Brown. Also for the pay of the Commissioners sent by the Governor to the Indians. Referred to committee on Finance.

A bill for the relief of A. G. Walker. On motion of Mr. Shannon, the rule was suspended and the bill read second time and passed to a third reading. Mr. Shannon moved a further suspension of the rule. Lost.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Friday.

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House of Representatives,
Friday, Nov. 25th, 1859.

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

Mr. Wrede presented the petition of the citizens of Comal county. Referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Billingsley presented the petition of Hamilton Smith. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of W. Drake. Referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Wortham presented the petition of P. L. Smith. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Pirkey presented the petition of the Baptist Church of Red River. Referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Radgate presented the petition of the officers and members of "Lone Star Circle." Referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Short, one of the committee on Privileges and Elections, made a majority report, asking to be relieved from a further consideration of the bill to amend art. 255 of Oldham & White's Digest.

Mr. Davis of Bastrop, gave notice that he would submit a contrary minority report.

Mr. Lewter, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, asking to be relieved from further consideration of the petition of Thomas Ayres as they find no evidence upon which to grant the desired relief.

Mr. Dougherty, chairman of committee on Stock and Stock Raising, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the
protection of Quail on Galveston county, with a substitute by the committee for the 3rd section.

Mr. Epperson, one of the committee on Slaves and Slavery, reported, asking to be discharged from a further consideration of the resolution requiring the said committee to enquire into the expediency of committing slaves to the Penitentiary, &c., as they deem the measure inexpedient.

Mr. Walworth, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of the heirs of David M. Shropshire, dec'd.

Mr. Bryan, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Timothy McKean and Felix W. Goff, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Shannon, chairman of committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Milton Crooks and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Also, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Jas. Cock, dec'd, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

[Mr. Foscoe in the Chair.]

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had adopted a resolution to raise a joint committee of three from the Senate and —— from the House to enquire into the expediency of granting further time to the Castro Colonists to prove their claims for headrights, and Messrs. Paschal, Duggan and Throckmorton had been appointed on said committee on part of the Senate.

Also, had passed a bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of the city of Galveston to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge from the Island of Galveston to the mainland in aid of the "Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad," and to validate the bonds by them issued or to be issued for such purpose; and to impose a special tax to pay the interest on said bonds, and to provide a fund to meet said bonds when due.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed a bill for the relief of Hannah C. Buckner.

Mr. Buckley introduced a bill for the relief of Thos. J. Smith of Fort Bend county. Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Barnard introduced a bill for the relief of Ezekiel Ballard. Read first time and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. McClarty introduced a bill to relieve Q. K. Gibson from
disability of minority. Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Cunihy introduced a bill to amend art. 1878 of Oldham & White's Digest. Read first time and referred to committee on Slaves and Slavery.

Mr. Nelson introduced a bill for the relief of H. C. Lazenby. Read first time and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Bogart introduced a bill to incorporate the East Fork Bridge Company. Read first time and referred to committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Rock Ford Bridge Company. Read first time and referred to committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Hubbard introduced a bill for the relief of Andrew Mason, assignee of Robert H. Andrews. Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Buckley, by permission, presented the petition of the heirs of B. Garrett. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Pirkey was added to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Billingsley introduced a bill to authorize the Secretary of State to purchase a certain number of Burlage & Hollingsworth's Abstract of Valid Land Certificates. Read first time and referred to committee on Land Office.

Mr. Epperson introduced a bill supplemental to the general act regulating proceedings in the District Court. Read first time and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Flewellen introduced a bill to incorporate Washington Collegiate Female Institute in Washington county. Read first time and referred to committee on Education.

Mr. Mills introduced a bill to repeal art. 932d of Criminal Procedure. Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Dougherty introduced a bill to relinquish the State tax for the years 1860-61 to certain counties therein named. Read first time and referred to committee on Revenue Laws.

Mr. Mills introduced a bill to amend the 4th section of an act to regulate cases of forcible Entry and Detainer. Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Henry introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds, &c., in the Choctaw and
Chickasaw nation. Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Daniels introduced a bill to amend article 161 Oldham & White's Digest. Read first time and referred to committee on Education.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to amend art. 411 of Penal Code in Oldham & White's Digest. Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The petition of Mrs. Mary Jones, widow of the late Dr. Anson Jones, together with the adverse report from committee on Public Debt was taken up and the report adopted.

[Speaker resumed the Chair.]

The petition of John Birth together with report from committee on Public Debt, recommending that the petition be laid on the table, was taken up and the report adopted.

Mr. Maxey, by permission, introduced a bill to encourage the settlement of the frontier. Read first time and referred to committee on State Affairs.

The bill to require the clerks of the District Courts of certain counties to apportion their dockets, with report from committee on Judiciary was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Mills referred to a select committee of three from the 9th Judicial District.

The bill to empower the County Court of the county of Calhoun, in the State of Texas, to regulate and restrain the running at large of Hogs in said county, with report from committee on State Affairs was taken up, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The Senate's bill for the relief of Albert C. Walker was taken up. Mr. McKnight moved to refer the bill to committee on Judiciary. Lost. The bill read third time and passed.

A bill to encourage the increase of population together with report from committee on Stock and Stock-raising, taken up.

On motion of Mr. Nelson the bill and report were laid on the table.

A substitute for the bill for the relief of M. K. Hammond, together with report from committee on Private Land Claims, taken up. Read second time and substitute adopted.

On motion of Mr. Foscoe the preamble was stricken out and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A substitute for the bill for the relief of the heirs of A. Spain Summerlin, with report from committee on Private Land Claims, taken up. Read second time, the substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed.
A bill to abrogate the charter of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company, with report from committee on Internal Improvements, was taken up and the report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Parker the bill for the relief of J. J. McBride, assignee of John Jordan, was taken up. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to provide for the sale of the public domain of the State of Texas, together with report of committee on Public Lands, taken up, read second time and on motion of Mr. Dale laid on the table for the present.

A bill for the relief of Alexander Ferguson with report from committee on Private Land Claims, taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to fix the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature, with report from committee on Judiciary was taken up and read second time.

Mr. Ross proposed to amend by striking out “first Monday in December” and inserting “second Monday in October.”

Mr. Flewellen offered the following as a substitute for the amendment: Strike out “second Monday in October” and insert “second Monday in December.” Lost.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the bill and amendment laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Governor:

Executive Office, 1
Austin, Nov. 25, 1859.

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives:

I communicate herewith to your honorable bodies, a letter of Mr. Joseph F. Lewis of Washington, D. C., relating to the remains of the late Senator J. Pinckney Henderson. I have not felt at liberty to take any steps on the subject of this communication except to promise its reference to the Legislature for consideration, and such action as that body might think proper to take under the circumstances.

H. R. BUNNELS.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the communication and accompanying documents was referred to committee on State Affairs.

The Senate's bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of the city of Galveston to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge from the Island of Galveston to the main land, in aid of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad, and to validate the bonds by them issued or to be issued for such purpose, and to impose a special tax to pay the interest on
said bonds, and to provide a fund to meet said bonds when due, was taken up, read first time and passed to second reading.

A bill for the relief of Hannah C. Buckner was taken up and read third time.

Mr. Buckley proposed to amend by inserting in the 1st section after the word "inheriting" the words "equally with his other children." Amendment adopted and the bill passed.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Navarro, Taylor, Robinson, Redwine and Wrede a committee to act with a like committee on part of the Senate, as raised by a resolution of the Senate, to enquire into the expediency of granting farther time to Castro's Colonists to prove up their certificates.

Also announced Messrs. Hubbard, Fosse and Dale as the select committee to which was referred the bill to require certain District Clerks to apportion their Dockets.

The petition of John W. Scott together with report of committee on State Affairs, was taken up and read, and on motion of Mr. Henderson laid on table.

A bill to authorize the Governor to appoint one or more persons to translate and record from the Spanish to the English language all the Land papers now on file in the county of Austin and other counties having land papers in the Spanish language, together with report of committee on State Affairs, was taken up, read second time and on motion of Mr. Daniels laid on the table.

A bill to appropriate 5,000,000 acres of the public and unappropriated land to the support and maintenance of Free Schools together with report from committee on Public Lands, asking that it be referred to committee on Education, was taken up, read second time and report adopted.

A bill for relief of A. H. Booth with report from committee on Private Land Claims, taken up and read second time.

Mr. Haynes moved to lay the bill and report on the table.—— Lost.

On motion of Mr. Townes it was postponed till the first Monday in December.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Matt Finch, dec'd, together with report and amendments by the committee on Private Land Claims, was taken up and read second time. Amendments adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Mills the vote postponing the bill for the relief of A. H. Booth was reconsidered, the bill taken up and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate Texas Masonic Institute, with report of
committee on State Affairs, was taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Harrison of Van Zandt, moved to adjourn till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Lost.

Mr. Manly, by permission, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, go into joint session on Monday next at 11 o'clock, for the election of State Engineer.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Saturday, Nov. 26, 1859.

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

Mr. Dougherty presented the petition of A. B. Bacon. Referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Buckley, chairman of committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the indefinite postponement of the bill granting further time to purchasers of University land.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the rule was suspended, the report taken up and laid on the table.

Mr. Taylor was permitted to withdraw his amendment relating to interest, and the substitute proposed by the committee on Education was adopted.

Mr. Whitmore proposed to amend by striking out "eight" and inserting "twelve per cent."

On motion of Mr. Bogart, amendment laid on the table.

Mr. Franklin proposed to amend by adding "provided that the provisions of this act shall only extend to the actual settlers and occupants of the lands purchased, and to those persons who may actually use said lands by cutting and using timber for farming purposes on other lands." Lost.

[Speaker resumed the Chair.]

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the rule was suspended and the bill passed by the following vote:

Yea.—Messrs. Speaker; Anderson, Armstrong, Barnard, Baxter, Benevides, Bogart, Branch, Camp, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Daniels, Dennis, Dickson, Duncan, Edwards, Ellett, Epperson, Flewellen,