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. Re-
ferred 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. Harrison of Van Zandt in the Chair.]
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,
Crockett, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Daniels, Den-
nis, Dickson, Duncan, Edwards, Ellett, Epperson, Flewellen,
A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had passed: A Bill to authorize and require the clerk of the District Court of Cherokee county, to apportion the causes on the docket of said Court.

A Bill for the relief of Jno. Ricord. And

A Bill to change the time of holding the Courts in the Sixth Judicial District.

Mr. Buckley, chairman of committee on Judiciary, reported recommending the passage of the bill to regulate the duties of common carriers, and to define their duties, with the amendments by the committee. Amendment by committee:

Sec. 3 "Provided that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent waggoneers and cartmen from making special contracts in regard to freight carried by them:"

Also reported recommending the passage of the bill to legalize the marriage of C. B. Wood and Mary E. Wood, formerly Mary E. Terry, with the amendments by the committee:

Amend by striking out the preamble—add to Section 1st, "And this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

Strike out Section—

Mr. Hubbard, chairman of the committee on Slaves and Slavery, reported a substitute for the bill to amend articles 688 and 689, of the Penal Code, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Shannon, chairman of committee on Private Land Claims reported a bill for the relief of Wm. Buford, and recommended its passage. Also reported recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Lycurgus S. Roberts and James Lehed. Also reported recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Chas. Lockhart and John Welch.

Mr. Henderson, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, reported recommending the passage of the Senate's bill validating certain surveys in Fisher & Miller's and Peter's colonies.

Mr. Craig, chairman on part of the House, of the committee on Court of Claims, reported a bill for the relief of G. B.
Mr. Craig moved a suspension of the rule that the bill might be taken up. Lost.

Mr. Foscue, one of the committee on State Affairs, reported a bill to appropriate $450 to pay for the services of an Assistant Clerk in the State Department, and recommended its passage.—Bill read 1st time.

Mr. Dennis, chairman of committee on State Affairs, reported recommending the passage of the bill to relieve Tomas A Rodriquez, from the disability of minority.

Mr. Short, one of the committee on State Affairs, reported recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of the city of Austin.

Mr. Darnell, one of the committee on State Affairs, reported recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the Galveston Turner's Association.

Mr. Walworth, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of H. Clay Davis, and recommended its passage. Bill read 1st time. Also recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Jas. D. White.

Mr. Ross, one of the committee on State Affairs, reported recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the Galveston "Casino."

Mr. Wortham, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported asking to be relieved from further consideration of the bill to amend the 8th and 9th sections of an act to authorize the sale of the public domain. Also asked to be discharged from further consideration the bill to grant to settlers on vacant public domain, preemption privileges.

Mr. Norton, one of the committee on Public Lands, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to encourage settlement on the frontier to secure to each actual settlers 200 acres of land as follows:

[Report not handed in by the Clerk.]

Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Alexander Miller, and recommended its passage. Bill read 1st time.

Mr. Lewis of Montgomery, one of the committee on State Affairs, reported a substitute for the bill to incorporate the town of Danville, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Foscue, the vote engrossing the bill for the relief of Michael K. Hammond was reconsidered, and the vote to strike out the preamble in said bill was on motion of Mr.
The bill as originally introduced was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Lynch introduced a bill supplementary to an act, appropriating $110,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the mileage and per diem pay of the members, and the per diem pay of the officers of the 8th Legislature. Read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Lynch the rule was suspended and the bill read 2nd time.

Mr. Harrison of Van Zandt, proposed to amend by striking out "and also by the committee on printing." Adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Lynch, the rule was further suspended, the bill read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Perry introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Jno. Bailey, deceased. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Mabry introduced a bill to regulate Agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies in this State. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Martin introduced a bill for the relief of Geo. W. Sweat. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Crooks introduced a bill to regulate the advertising which may be required emanating from the State Departments. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Printing.

Mr. Mabry introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Apportionment be required as soon as convenient to present a bill making the apportionment of the members of the next Legislature, as required by Law.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, laid on the table.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to amend articles 951 and 952 of Oldham & White's Digest. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Pirkey introduced a bill for the relief of Samuel W. McKneely. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Navarro introduced a bill appropriating $200 for payment of Juana Navarro Allsby's pension. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Pirkey introduced a bill to regulate the time of the holding the District Courts in the several counties in the 8th Judicial District. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wrede offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed.
to enquire into the expediency of passing a law making slander an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment. Adopted.

Mr. Calhoun introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Shadrack Corzine, deceased. Read 1st time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution relative to the election of a State Engineer, pending when the House adjourned yesterday, taken up.

[Mr. Lewis of Montgomery in the Chair.]

Mr. Mills moved an indefinite postponement of the resolution. Mr. Dickson moved to refer it to the committee on Judiciary.

On motion the House adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday morning, pending the motion to refer.

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House of Representatives, Monday, Nov. 28, 1859.

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

Mr. Speights presented the petition of citizens of Sabine county, for relief of Nancy Sumpter. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims. Also presented the petition of the citizens of Sabine County. Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Waterhouse presented three several petitions, that of P. W. Fuller, that of the heirs of David Kenly, deceased, and that of the heirs of Philip Potter, deceased: all referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Foster, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Rail Road Company, with the amendments by the committee:

AMENDMENTS.

In section 2nd, strike out the word "practicable" and insert "eligible."

In section 7, strike out the first five lines, down to the word "thence" inclusive, and the following:

"There is hereby granted to said company the right of way over any of the public roads or highways, necessary for the construction of said road; and said company may purchase or otherwise obtain from the owners the right of way over lands through which the road may run, as well as all lands necessary for the construction of Depots and other necessary buildings." And in