A bill for the relief of the heirs of Matt Finch, doc'd. Read third time and passed.
A bill to legalize the unconditional headright certificate of John Jordan. Read third time and passed.
A bill to incorporate the Texas Masonic Institute. Read third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.
A bill to empower the County Court of Calhoun county to regulate and restrain the running at large of hogs in said county. Read third time and passed.
On motion, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Wednesday, November 30th, 1859.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—journal of yesterday read and adopted.
Mr. Nelson presented the petition of the citizens of Erath county. Referred to committee on Finance.
Mr. Foscue presented the petition of the citizens of Cherokee county. Referred to committee on Counties and County Boundaries.
Mr. Francis presented the petition of James Hastings. Referred to committee on Public Lands.
Mr. Bogart presented the petition of the Chief Justice and County Commissioners of Collin county. Referred to committee on Judiciary.
Mr. Waterhouse presented the petition of A. H. Dodd. Referred to committee on Public Lands.
Mr. Billingsley presented the petition of the citizens of Fayette county. Referred to committee on Agriculture.
Mr. Shannon, chairman of committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Charles D. Ferris, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.
Mr. Billingsley, chairman of committee on Claims and Accounts, reported, asking to be relieved from further consideration of the bill for the relief of James Dunn. Also, reported a bill for the relief of A. F. Smith, and recommended its passage.—Bill read first time. Also, reported a bill for the relief of Peter B. Norton, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.
Mr. Dougherty, one of the committee on the Judiciary, reported a substitute for the following bills, to-wit:
A bill to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds, &c., in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

A bill supplementary to an act approved May 8th, 1846, entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds, depositions, and other instruments of writing executed out of this State.

And a bill for the taking of depositions of witnesses residing in foreign countries, and recommended its passage.

Also, as one of a Select committee, reported, recommending the passage of the bill regulating the time of holding Justices' Courts in the counties composing the 12th Judicial District.

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

A bill for the relief of James Herndon.

A bill for the relief of Lewis David.

A bill to release Benjamin O' Campbell, James Ingram Nunner and F. J. Lewis from disabilities of minority. And

A bill for the relief of Wiley Burns, the heirs of Robert M. McKinney, the heirs of Carmelo Ramon, and the heirs of David Barlow.

Mr. Branch, one of the committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the indefinite postponement of the bill to provide for payment of State witnesses in certain cases.

Also, as one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled and properly signed, the bill for the relief of A. G. Walker, and that the same had been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Mainly, one of the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the committee deemed it inexpedient to pass the bill to amend the act to regulate proceedings in District Courts, passed May 13th, 1846.

Mr. Pirkey, one of the committee on the Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to define the time of holding the District Courts of the 8th Judicial District.

Mr. Short, one of the committee on Judiciary, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the bill to prevent the keeping, playing and betting on Ten Pin Alleys.

Mr. Backley, chairman of committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the bill supplementary to an act supplementary and amendatory of an act to regulate Railroad Companies, approved December 19th, 1837, with the amendments.

AMENDMENTS.

In section 3rd, add at end of section, “and he shall be liable
for any unpaid balance due upon said stock to the Railroad Company."

In section 4th, at the end of 3rd line after "execution" add "or attachments," after "act" in 5th line, insert "or writ of attachment."

In section 5, strike out in lines five and six the words, "the actual value of the real estate sought to be taken together with;" in 6th line strike out "other;" in 9th line strike out the words "said value and;" 15th line strike out the words "value and;" 18th line strike out "value and;" same line "the actual;" 19th line strike out "value of said property so condemned together with the;" 20th line strike out "other;" 27th line strike out "said value and;" add at the end of this section, "and further provided, that in case either party may be dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioners, the Railroad Company by depositing the amount of the award of the Commissioners or filing a bond, with good security, in double amount payable to the owner of the land, with the Clerk of the District Court of the county in which the land is situated, to abide the final decision in the case, may proceed with the construction of their road as if there was no controversy existing."

Strike out sections 6 and 7.

Add five additional sections.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the report was taken up, and 200 copies of the bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davis of Hays, submitted a minority report, reporting a substitute for the bill to amend the 255th section of Oldham & White's Digest regulating the election of Commissioners for the several counties in the State, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Bryan, one of committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Calvin Gage, deceased, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed the joint resolution for the relief of four clerks in the Comptroller's office. Report accepted.

Mr. Craig, chairman of committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to incorporate the Sulphur and White Oak Bridge Company, &c.

Mr. Bogart introduced a bill to authorize the County Court of Collin county to levy a special tax for the erection of a Court House therein. Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Crawford introduced a bill for the relief of Thomas S.
McFarland. Read first time, and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Harrison of Cherokee, introduced a bill to alter and amend an act authorizing and requiring the County Courts to regulate roads, appoint overseers, &c., approved February 8, 1858. Read first time, and referred to committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Wadler introduced a bill to incorporate the Beneficiary Association of San Antonio. Read first time, and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Perry introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Samuel Ponrod, deceased. Read first time, and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Shannon introduced a bill for the relief of William Rice, Thomas T. Hailey, Moses McKeery and William J. Kyle, assignees of Jerome B. Robinson. Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Flewellen introduced a bill to incorporate the Washington Burleson Bridge. Read first time and referred to committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Hubbard introduced a bill to incorporate the Texas Saving Institution. Read first time and referred to committee on Judicary.

Mr. Camp offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committees on Stock and Stockraising be instructed to enquire into the expediency of numbering the various counties in the State, and that each person branding stock, add to his brand the number of the county, and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill for the relief of George Morrison, assignee of John Sharp. Read first time, and referred to committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Duncan introduced a bill to define the boundary of Calhoun county. Read first time, and referred to committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Nelson introduced a bill to fix the time of holding the Courts of the 19th Judicial District. Read first time and referred to committee on Judicial Districts. Also, introduced a bill to fix the time of holding the Courts in the 13th Judicial District. Read first time, and referred to committees on Judicial Districts.

Mr. Davis of Bastrop, introduced a bill to validate Bounty Warrant, No. 4059. Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Mills introduced a bill to relinquish nine-tenths of the
taxes of Navarro county for the years 1859 and 1860 to said county. Read first time and referred to committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Epperson introduced a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents in certain cases.—Read first time and referred to committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Davis of Bastrop, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Public Buildings be instructed to enquire into the expediency and necessity of painting the Capitol on the outside to protect the walls of the building, and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Davis of Bastrop, introduced a bill for the relief of Addison Litton, deceased. Read first time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report from the Judiciary committee, recommending the passage of a substitute for a bill to repeal the bankrupt law, taken up, the substitute adopted. The bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Report from committee on Internal Improvements, recommending the passage of the substitute for a bill to repeal the 17th section of an act to regulate Railroad Companies, approved February 7th, 1853, taken up. The bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The report from committee on Printing, asking that the resolution as to the expediency of publishing the special report of the State Engineer upon the Southern Pacific Railroad, be referred to committee on Internal Improvements, was taken up. Mr. Norton moved that the report and resolution be indefinitely postponed. Lost, and the report adopted.

The report of the committee on Judiciary, recommending the rejection of the bill to amend chapter 2nd, article 549, Code of Criminal Procedure, taken up, and on motion of Mr. Mills referred to committee on Judiciary.

The bill granting 320 acres land, each, to George Eberly Henry, Mary Eliza Henry and Julia Pierce Henry, taken up. Mr. Pirkey proposed to amend by striking out the names of the children and inserting the name of the mother wherever the names of the children occur. On motion, the amendment was laid on the table, the bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Barclay, Baxter, Benevides, Bogart, Branch, Buckley, Camp, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Davis of Hays, Dennis, Dickson, Duncan, Ellett, Hall,


The report from committee on Judiciary recommending the passage of the bill to amend the act to incorporate the city of San Antonio, approved July 17th, 1856, taken up, and the bill read second time. Mr. Dougherty proposed to amend by inserting after “free white inhabitants” “citizens of the United States.”

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

The report from the committee on Private Land Claims, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Mary Elam, taken up. Bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The report from committee on Judiciary, recommending the rejection of the bill to provide for payment of costs in causes of change of venue, taken up. The bill read second time, and on motion of Mr. Davis of Hays, recommitted to committee on Judiciary.

The report from the committee on Slaves and Slavery, recommending the rejection of the petition of James, Edward, William, Mary, Alexander and Walter Rutchen, taken up. Mr. Duncan moved to re-refer the petition to committee on State Affairs. Lost and the report adopted.

The report from committee on the Judiciary, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Jackson L. Leonard, taken up, and the bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The joint resolution for the relief of four clerks in Comptroller’s office, taken up. Read third time and passed.

The report from the Judiciary committee, recommending the passage of the bill to regulate public sales in Bastrop, taken up. Bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

[Mr. Mills in the Chair.]

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had concurred in the House resolution to go into the election of U. S. Senator on Monday next.

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The report from committee on Judiciary, recommending the passage of the bill to relieve A. E. Benham, daughter of J. J. Benham, from the disability of minority was taken up. Bill read second time.

Mr. Craig moved to adjourn till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Lost.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

THURSDAY, December 1st, 1859,}

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

Mr. Burnaud presented the petition of M. M. Kenney, surveyor of Goliad district. Referred to committee on Land Office.

Mr. Munson presented the petition of Gilbert Wynne. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of S. M. Swenson and John M. Swisher. Referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lewter, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Andrew Mason, assignee of Robert H. Andrews.

Mr. Harrison of Van Zandt, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of Lewis Bonillet and Hetty Kahlman.

Mr. Shannon, chairman of committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to validate bounty warrant No 4059.

Also, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of the heirs of Addison Litton.

Mr. Walworth, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, asking that the resolution requiring that all evidence of claims referred to committee on Private Land Claims shall be taken by interrogatories, &c., be referred to committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Parker, one of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported, recommending the passage of the bill for the relief of the heirs of Bluford Glass, dec'd, and recommended its passage. Bill read first time.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate had passed the joint resolution, originating in