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Your committee are, therefore, of opinion, that neither the county of Galveston or Sabine, is entitled to a further representation in this Convention; and that the prayer of the memorialists should not be granted.

J. B. MILLER, Chairman.

Report ordered to lay on the table until to-morrow.

Mr. Gage, Chairman of the select committee to whom was referred the Ordinance relative to the introduction of U. S. troops into Texas, reported a substitute.

RESOLUTION

Relative to the introduction of the United States' forces into Texas.

Be it resolved by the Deputies of the People in Convention assembled, That the President of the United States of America is, hereby, authorized and requested, to occupy and establish posts, without delay, upon the frontier and exposed positions of this Republic; and to introduce for such purpose, and the defence of the territory and people of Texas, such forces as may be necessary and advisable for the same; and the President of the Convention, is requested to make known the same to the Government of the United States, through the accredited Minister of that Government, near this Republic.

The ayes and noes were taken upon its adoption.


No—Mr. Evans—1

A copy of said resolution was ordered to be transmitted to the President of Texas.

Mr. Everts presented the memorial of Horace Bonham, from the Trinity colony, praying to be admitted as a member of this body. Referred to committee on Privileges and Elections.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Tuesday morning, July 8th, 1845.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Jewett; from the select committee for that purpose, reported rules for conducting business before the Convention.
On motion of Mr. Love, it was

Resolved, That the committee on General Provisions be instructed to report a Bill of Rights, to be prefixed to the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a standing committee upon the subject of Education—committee to consist of 7.

The report of the committee on Privileges and Elections, on the memorials of the citizens of Galveston and J. W. Oliver, was taken up, and adopted by ayes 51, noes 2.

On motion of Mr. Navarro, Mr. Volney E. Howard, delegate from the county of Bexar, came forward, presented his credentials, and took his seat.

On motion, Messrs. Hemphill and Caldwell were instructed to wait upon the Hon. A. J. Donelson, and invite him to a seat within the bar.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution, expressive of the gratitude of this Convention, to Ex-President Tyler and his cabinet:

Resolved, That the early and resolute stand taken by John Tyler, whilst he was President of the United States, to restore Texas to the bosom of the republican family, has secured to him the gratitude and veneration of the people of Texas.

Resolved, That the like sentiments are due to the assistance afforded Mr. Tyler, by the able members of his cabinet—who, with a noble enthusiasm, espoused the cause of annexation as a national question; and co-operated faithfully, in securing its consummation, by the passage of the law which has enabled the people of Texas to become a portion of the Union.

Resolved, That the President of this Convention be directed to furnish a certified copy of these resolutions to Mr. Tyler, and to each of the members of his cabinet, viz.: Hon. J. C. Calhoun, Geo. M. Bibb, Wm. Wilkins, John Y. Mason, John Nelson, Chas. A. Wickliffe; and to the family of A. P. Upshur, deceased; and to the family of G. W. Gilmer, deceased; which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of Wm. B. Ochiltree, claiming the seat now occupied by Chas. S. Taylor, of Nacogdoches, reported in favor of the memorialist, and recommended the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, by this Convention, That Wm. B. Ochiltree, having received the highest number of votes given by the citizens of Nacogdoches, at the late election for delegates, is, therefore, entitled to the seat now occupied by the Hon. Chas. S. Taylor.

J. B. MILLER, Chairman.
Laid on the table.
On motion, the member from Bowie, Mr. Tarrant, came forward and took his seat.
Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Wednesday morning, July 9, 1845.
The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.
Prayer by the Chaplain.
Mr. Lewis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to digest and report to the Convention, a plan or system for the organization of the militia of the State of Texas. Adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the
ORDERS OF THE DAY.
The President laid before the Convention the Rules reported by the committee on that subject; which, on motion, were read, article by article; and, with the exception of the 8th, 9th, 20th and 37th, adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lipscomb, the 8th rule was so amended, as to strike out all that portion which required the Secretary to take an oath for the faithful performance of the duties of his office; and, on motion of the same, the 9th rule was amended in like manner, exempting the Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper from taking an oath of office.

In rule 21, Mr. Moore moved that it be so amended, as to require only a majority of the Convention to excuse a member from voting, instead of the unanimous consent, as the rule expresses.

Mr. Caldwell moved, by way of substitute, that two-thirds be required to excuse a member from voting: which was carried.

On motion of Mr. Love, a separate journal of the committee of the whole was ordered to be kept.

On motion of Mr. Gage, it was

Resolved, That the committee on Public Printing, be instructed to contract for the printing of — copies of the rules adopted for the government of this Convention, for the use of the members and officers of the same.

Rule suspended, blank filled with 100, and adopted.
The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.