
Content downloaded from

Tarlton Constitutions 1824-1876 (http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/constitutions/)

The text of these documents is in the public domain. That is, the original words and content are freely usable.

The images of the documents are copyrighted material; the copyright is held by the Tarlton Law Library. The copyrighted images may be used only with permission. Permission is granted to use the copyrighted materials in the classroom for educational purposes. Downloading, printing, publication, public display or otherwise using any of the copyrighted images, including on the web or in a forum other than a classroom, requires permission from Tarlton. Requests for permission to use these materials should be submitted online to rarebooks@law.utexas.edu.

If you are uncertain whether you need permission to use these materials, please contact us at rarebooks@law.utexas.edu.
Mr. Bunton introduced the following resolution:—Resolved that the Com: on Military affairs be instructed to report a plan to this house, by which supplies, arms, munitions &c. may be immediately despatched to the seat of war: which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rusk. Resolved that Mr. Goodrich be appointed a committee to procure a suitable room in which to deposit the public archives.

Mr. Childress introduced the following resolution: Resolved that a single star of five points, either of gold or silver, be adopted as the peculiar emblem of this republic; & that every officer & soldier of the army and members of this convention, and all friends of Texas, he requested to wear it on their hats or bosoms: which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gazley, the house adjourned till tomorrow, 9. o'clock.

SUNDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The communication of Mr. Moody auditor of public accounts of the late provisional government was received and laid on the table.

Mr. Goodrich, chairman of the Com. appointed to procure a suitable room for depositing the archives of the late provisional government, made a report which was received and concurred in.

On motion the chairman appointed Messrs. Carson and Fisher of Matagorda a Com. to forward commissions &c. to our naval commanders.

Mr. Pennington introduced the following resolution: Resolved that a Com. of three be appointed to receive, examine and receipt for [certain accounts not found herein].

Messrs. Pennington, Barnett of W. and Stewart were appointed by the President the committee.

Mr. Turner introduced the following preamble and resolutions, "Whereas several families from the neighborhood of San Patricio, San Antonio & Refugio, whose husbands and fathers are in the field have been driven by the enemy from their homes, and are now in the colonies without homes or means of support: Be it therefore Resolved That the agents, contractors and quartermasters be instructed and required to furnish such families with the necessary rations for their support and sustenance, while their husbands and fathers are in the field:"—which was laid on the table till tomorrow.

Mr. Rusk introduced the following resolutions:
Resolved that a standing Com. on the state of the Republic be appointed by the President: which was laid on the table, under the rule, till tomorrow.
Resolved that a Com. of five be appointed as a standing Com. of finance; which was accepted.

Whereupon the president appointed Messrs. Collinsworth, Gazley, Hamilton, Childress and Goodrich.

Mr. Brigham introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by this Convention that a National bank be founded, and that the provisional government when formed may grant a charter to that effect: which was laid on the table under the rule of the house.

On motion of Mr. Parmer the house took a recess till the hour of two o'clock.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met and was called to order by the President.

Mr. Parmer chairman of the Com. on the constitution asked and obtained leave to make a further report on the Constitution: the same on motion was received.

Mr. Parmer chairman of the Constitution Com. asked that the Com. be discharged; which was granted.

On motion, the report of the Com. made on the Constitution today was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Gazley the house resolved itself into a Com. of the whole upon the Constitution. Mr. Gazley in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Potter the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again: which was granted.

Mr. Carson introduced the following resolution:

Resolved That a standing committee of five on naval affairs be appointed to draw up and forward all necessary instructions and orders for the government of the officers of our navy; and the chairman thereof is hereby empowered to sign all communications in his official character as chairman; and which instructions and orders when agreed on by the committee, and so signed, shall be binding on the officers to whom directed. It shall be the further duty of said chairman to make out Copies of all such communications and file them with the Secretary of this Convention for the use of the government: which was adopted.

Whereupon the President appointed Messrs. S. Rhoades Fisher, Chairman, Hamilton, Zavala, Gazley and Carson.

The Standing Committee on Naval affairs by their Chairman S. R. Fisher reported that they had appointed and commissioned the following persons officers in the naval service of Texas, towit:

George Wheelright, Captain to schooner Liberty; Charles Hawkins, Captain to schooner Independence Jeremiah Brown captain to schooner Invincible; William A. Hurd, Captain to schooner Brutus; Arthur Robertson, Captain of Marines. All bearing date the 12th of March 1836.—Also that they had forwarded letters
of instructions to said officers, copies of which were retained and filed with the Secretary of this Convention.

On motion of Mr. Gazley the Convention adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1836.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Carson asked leave to be excused from serving on the Naval committee, which request was granted; and the President appointed Mr. Waller to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. Powers, Resolved that a government brand be adopted, which will be placed on all horses, mules, oxen, carts, wagons and other property of the Republic, as the nature of the case may be; and it is hereby made the duty of the officers in charge of such property, to see the same carried into effect.

On motion of Mr. Potter the same was referred to the Committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr. Everett the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Constitution. Mr. Everett in the chair; and after some time spent therein, on motion of Mr. Gazley the committee rose.

Whereupon Mr. Everett reported that the committee of the whole had had under their consideration the report of the committee on the Constitution and had instructed him to report progress, and ask leave to sit again; which report was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gazley the Convention adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Potter, Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to draft a provision for the constitution on the subject of lands; and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Potter, Carson, Childress, Fisher and Coleman.

The President laid before the Convention a communication from Mr. Wm. S. Fisher, collector at Velasco, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Potter referred to the com. on Naval affairs.

The President laid before the Convention the report of the auditor of public accounts, which are as follows, towit:

"Washington, March 7, 1836.

The Honb. Prest. & members of the Convention. In conformity with the existing laws, I beg leave to report the amount of the