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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.