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territory sought to be laid off in a county, and unless the said territory shall contain nine hundred square miles"—and the question being taken was decided in the affirmative.

A letter from Genl. Sam Houston, announcing the fall of the Alamo, was read by the President.

On motion of Mr. Potter the Convention adjourned till tomorrow 8 o'clock.—

MARCH 16TH, 1836.

Wednesday Morning, 9 o'clock.

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

Mr. Collinsworth, Chairman of the Committee of Finance, submitted a report as to the claims of Messrs. McKinney & Williams against the Government, which was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Waller, an address to the people of the United States of America, was ordered to be prepared to accompany the letter of General Sam Houston, Commander in Chief of the Army, &c., announcing the fall of the Alamo.

Mr. Briscoe introduced the following resolution: Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to arrange for the publication of the intelligence from San Antonio, which was, on the question being taken, was decided in the negative.

Mr. Collinsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, asked leave for said committee to be discharged, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Rusk, that portion of the Constitution denominated the general provisions was taken up for its final reading.

Mr. Rusk offered the following amendment to the twelfth Section, "and all titles issuing upon such Surveys shall be null and void." On motion the Ayes and Nays were taken and decided in the Negative. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Hardin, Legrand, Menard, Navaro, Roberts, Rusk, Smyth and Taylor,—eight.—Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs. Barnett of Washington, Briscoe, Blount, Badget, Brigham, Byrom, Barnett of Austin, Bowers, Bunton, Collinsworth, Carson, Coleman, Childress, Clark, Crawford, Everette, Fisher, of Gonzales, Fisher of Matagorda, Grimes, Goodrich, Hamilton, Hardiman, Lacy, Latimore, Menefee, McKinney, Motley, Moore, Maverick, Potter, Parmer, Pennington, Power, Robertson, Swisher, Stapp, Stewart, Thomas, Turner, Waller, Wert, Woods, and Zavalla, forty-three.

Mr. Parmer asked and obtained leave to be discharged from further attendance as a delegate of this Convention.—Mr. Walker asked and obtained leave to be discharged from further attendance as a delegate to the Convention.

Mr. Carson asked that the rules be suspended, with leave to introduce the following resolution.—Resolved: That Spies be immediately despatched under the direction of this house, for the protection of this Convention and also; for the procurement of arms.

Mr. Power introduced the following resolution—Resolved: That no member of this Convention shall be eligible to any office filled by them while a sitting member, or four months after they vacate their seats, Whereupon the question being taken the same was decided in the Negative.

On motion Convention adjourned until Three o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment and was called to Order by the President.

Mr. Isham Parmer Sergeant-at-Arms asked and obtained leave to be discharged, which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, Charles Lay was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Gazley asked to be discharged from further attendance as a delegate of the Convention, which was done.

Mr. Rusk introduced the following resolution.—Resolved, that John G. Love of the Municipality of San Augustine, James English of Shelby, Solomon R. Peck of Nacogdoches, S. B. McMahan of Sabine, Joseph Wert of Jasper, are hereby authorized and empowered to list the names of the Militia in their several Municipalities and Organize them. which was adopted.

Mr. Rusk introduced the following resolution.—Resolved: That J. W. Moody be authorized to raise a guard of at least four men, and press Horses, waggons, provisions, to move in poor families who are on the Colorado exposed to the ravages of the enemy. Which was adopted.

The House On Motion of Mr. Thomas again took up the consideration of that part of the Constitution denominated the "General Provisions"—whereupon Mr. Thomas moved that the twelfth Section be amended by striking out the words "Eleven Leagues"—The Ayes and Nays being Called for, the same was decided in the Negative. Twenty eight members being present, those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Byrom, Fisher of Matagorda, Maverick, Thomas, Zavalla, five— Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs. Barnett of Washington, Blount, Badget, Brigham, Barnett of Austin, Bowers, Carson, Clark, Crawford, Conrad, Everette, Fisher of Gonzales, Gains, Hamilton, Legrand, Latimore, Menefee, McKinney, Moore, Potter, Pennington, Power, Robertson, Rusk, Swisher, Stepp, Smyth, Stewart, Turner, Wert, and Mr. President Ellis with leave of the house. Twenty Eight.

Mr. Rusk introduced the following resolution.—Resolved: That Col. Martin Parmer be, and he is hereby authorized to demand, re-

ceive, and dispose of as the exigencies of circumstances may require any and all public property, whether money, provisions, horses, waggons, and teams, arms and other munitions of war to be found within the Municipalities of Nacogdoches, or of San Augustine, giving the corresponding receipts, and that he be also: fully authorized within the said municipalities to make requisitions for, and if need be to press into the public Service, such provisions, horses, waggons and teams, arms and other munitions of war not the property of the public, as may be needful for the efficient equipment and sustenance of the army, or any portion thereof, rendering the proper vouchers to individuals and being accountable to the Government for what he may do in pursuance of this Constitution.—Which was adopted.

On motion the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 17th, 1836.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Turner chairman of the Select Committee to whom was refered the subject of the Condition of families that were compelled to retreat from beyond San Antonio and Guadalupe, asked leave to report.

The Committee to whom was refered the Resolution to take into consideration the condition of the families compelled to retreat from beyond the San Antonio and Guadalupe to seek protection from their fellow countrymen to the East, beg leave to report as follows.

That there are a number of families who have been compelled to retreat into the Colonies to the east, and many of them unable to provide for themselves.

Resolved therefore; that any contracting or other agent of the Government who may have provisions, Clothing, or any other necessaries they may require, shall supply them with the same, at the expense of said Government.—And on motion of Mr. Turner the report was received.

Mr. Menefee introduced the following in lieu thereof.—Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Executive Government to provide for those who may be, or have been drove from their homes by the invading enemy.—And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the Negative.

Mr. Turner moved for the adoption of the report of the committee, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Childress Col. Robert Triplett explained the nature of the loan made by the agents of the Republic in New Orleans, which he done at some length and great satisfaction.