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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.

On motion of Mr. Everette the following preamble and Resolution was read.

Whereas Messrs. Wharton, Austin and Archer, the agents of the Provisional Government of Texas have made contracts for loans, with certain citizens of the United States of America, and Whereas, the contract was to have been ratified by this Convention, and Whereas, the present emergency of the country has compelled this Convention to form an Executive Government, to whom plenary powers are granted, and in as much as it would be difficult to take into consideration the merits of the loan, with that reflection that would be necessary to due justice to our country and the parties concerned.

Be it therefore Resolved, That the documents and papers, and all the information in the possession of this Convention be referred to the Executive Government for their action, and that they be, and are hereby empowered to ratify said loan or loans, or to make such compromise as the good faith of our Country may require.— And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

The Hon. Saml. P. Carson Secretary of State of the Republic laid before the House the following communication and Resolution.

Washington, 17th March, 1836.

To the Honl. The President of the Convention.

Sir:—I respectfully Submit to the Convention for their consideration the propriety of authorizing the Executive Government ad-interum to issue Treasury Notes to an amount adequate to the present exigencies of the Country—And I would respectfully Suggest that an early action of the House on this matter appears to me important.

I have the honor to be, with high consideration,

Your Obt Servt

DAVID G. BURNET.

Resolved, that the Executive Government *ad interim* of the Republic be, and is hereby authorized to supply the wants and exigencies of the Government by issuing Treasury Notes based on the faith and Credit of the Republic, payable at the Treasury, and to bear interest of eight per cent per annum, which notes shall be receivable in payment of all debts due the Government.

Resolved that the also Executive Government ad interim shall have the power of regulating such as system of import tonage and other duties as may be deemed necessary and expedient to meet exigencies of the Republic, subject to such alterations, as Congress at the first meeting shall or may direct.—And the question being taken thereon, it was unanimously adopted.

On Motion of Mr. Everette, Resolved That Captain James Chester shall be, and is hereby employed, to draw on the Treasury of the Republic of Texas, for such funds as may be necessary to pay the expenses of equipping and furnishing with provisions and other necessary articles, as may be wanted for the use of the men raised, or to be raised in the Municipality of Jasper, for the aid of the Country.—And should it be necessary, he is hereby empowered to press for the public service all articles that he may not otherwise be enabled to procure.—The Country being responsible for the Same.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On Motion of Mr. Roberts.

Resolved, That the proposition of John T. Lamar now before the Military Committee, be adopted—and that he be constituted the agent of this Government as set forth in his proposition. And that he be clothed with the authority necessary to acquire the aid for the country, so requisite in this, our present emergency.—And the question being taken it was decided in the Affirmative.

Mr. Conrad called for the resolution introduced by himself some days since, and laid on the table.—The House sustained the call, and the resolution was read, amended and adopted.

On Motion of Mr. Childress, the Convention adjourned Sine die.

Done in Convention at Washington, on the 17th day of March, Anno Domini, 1836, and in the first year of the Independence of the Republic of Texas.

Attest

H. S. KIMBLE

Secretary of the Convention.

(Signed) RICHARD ELLIS, President  
of the Convention and  
Delegate from Red River.