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On motion of Mr. Davis, the Convention proceeded to the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Executive Department being first in order, was taken up.

Mr. Forbes moved to lay the report on the table. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Van Zandt, the Convention went into committee of the whole, on the said report, Mr. Van Zandt in the chair. After some proceeding therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which report was adopted; and, on motion, the Convention adjourned until half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

HALF PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Convention went into committee of the whole, upon the report of the Executive Committee, Mr. Smyth in the chair. After some proceeding therein, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Convention adjourned until half past 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, July 19, 1845.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain.

Present—Messrs. President Rusk, Armstrong of R., Armstrong of J., Bagby, Baylor, Bache, Brashear, Brown, Burroughs, Caldwell, Cazneau, Clark, Cunningham, Cuney, Daruell, Davis, Evans, Everts, Forbes, Gage, Hemphill, Henderson, Hicks, Hogg, Horton, Howard, Holland, Hunter, Irion, Jewett, Jones, Kinney, Latimer of L., Latimer of R. R., Lewis, Love, Lumpkin, Lusk, Lipscomb, Mayfield, McGowan, McNeill, Miller, Moore, Navarro, Parker, Power, Rains, Runnels, Scott, Smyth, Standefer, Tarrant, Van Zandt, White, Wood, Wright and Young.

Mr. Anderson was granted leave of absence, in consequence of the indisposition of his family.

The journal of the preceding day was read, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gage, Mr. Bagby was added to the Committee on the Legislative Department.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Convention took up the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Executive Department, being first in order, was taken up; and, on motion of Mr. Jones, it was laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Parker's resolution of the 16th instant, to go into the election of a public printer, for this body, was taken up; and, on motion of Mr. Forbes, it was laid on the table.

The resolution of Mr. Hogg, of the 17th instant, in relation to the apportionment of representation, was taken up, and referred to the Committee on the Legislative Department.

The resolution of Mr. Jones, in relation to the apportionment of representation, was taken up; and, on motion of Mr. Moore, referred to the Committee on the Legislative Department.

The resolution of Mr. Wright, requiring the Committee on General Provisions to enquire into the expediency of establishing judicial counties, was taken up, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution of Mr. Lipscomb, requiring the Committee on General Provisions to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the Legislature to protect, by law, from forced sale, a certain portion of the property of all heads of families, was taken up, and adopted.

The resolution of Mr. Forbes, of the 16th instant, requiring the Committee on General Provisions to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting the passage of any law, taking away the legal remedy for the collection of debts, &c., was taken up, and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education, of the 16th inst., was taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Young, 500 copies were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jones moved that six additional members be added to the Committee on the Legislative Department, viz: 2 from the east-

ern, 2 from the middle, and 2 from the western sections of the country ; which motion was carried.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on General Provisions be requested to take into consideration, the propriety, and expediency, of authorizing the first session of the State Legislature to divide such counties as the convenience of the citizens require.

Which was read ; and, on motion of Mr. Davis, the rule was suspended, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Caldwell, from the Committee on the State of the Nation, made the following report :

The committee, to whom was referred the various propositions for a division of the General Land-Office, have had the same under consideration, and directed me to report the following article, and recommend the passage thereof.

JOHN CALDWELL,
Chairman.

Which is as follows :

“That the Legislature shall, as early as practicable, establish two land-offices, one in the eastern and the other in the western section of the State.”

Which report was read and laid on the table, to come up among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the report of the Committee on the Executive Department was taken up ; and,

On motion of Mr. Young, the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said report, Mr. Scott in the chair.

After some proceeding therein, the committee rose, reported various amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Which report was adopted.

After various motions to adjourn,

On motion of Mr. Van Zandt, the Convention adjourned until Monday morning, 8 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, July 21, 1845.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain.

Present—Messrs. President Rusk, Anderson, Armstrong of J., Armstrong of R., Bagby, Baylor, Bache, Brashear, Brown, Burroughs, Caldwell, Clark, Cunningham, Cuney, Darnell, Davis, Evans, Everts, Forbes, Gage, Hemphill, Henderson, Hicks, Hogg, Horton, Howard, Holland, Hunter, Irion, Jewett, Jones, Kinney, Latimer of L., Latimer of R. R., Lewis, Love, Lumpkin, Lusk, Lipscomb, Mayfield, McGowan, McNeill, Miller, Moore, Navarro, Parker, Power, Rains, Runnels, Scott, Smyth, Tarrant, Van Zandt, White, Wood, Wright and Young.

Messrs. Cazneau and Standefer, were granted leave of absence, in consequence of ill health.

Mr. Lewis presented the credentials of Charles B. Stewart, claiming a seat in this body, from the county of Montgomery, which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The President announced the additional members of the Committee on the Legislative Department, contemplated by the resolution of Mr. Jones, of the 19th instant, which are as follows :

Messrs. Gage, Tarrant, Lewis, Armstrong of R., Howard and Horton.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up.

The amendments of the Committee of the Whole, on the Executive Department, being first in order, was taken up.

Mr. Lewis moved the report be laid on the table, and the report of the Committee on the Legislative Department be taken up; which motion was lost.

The amendments of the committee were then taken up.

The first amendment—to strike out “General Assembly,” wherever it occurs, and insert “Legislature,” was adopted.

In the substitute of the committee for the 3d section, Mr. Jones moved to strike out the words “highest number of votes,” and insert the words “being constitutionally eligible,” which was lost.

On motion of Mr. Runnels, the words “being constitutionally eligible,” were inserted after the words “highest number of votes.”

The substitute of the committee for the 3d section, then reads as follows :

“The returns of every election for Governor, until otherwise provided by law, shall be made out, sealed up, and transmitted to