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the Convention for the present, with the privilege of submitting his credentials when received to the appropriate committee, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stell the credentials submitted were referred to the committee on Credentials, and the Convention adjourned until 7 ½ o'clock P. M.

7 ½ o'clock P. M., March 2nd 1861.

The Convention met. Upon calling the roll it appeared that there was no quorum present.

Mr. Green moved an adjournment until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Lost.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Austin Texas, Monday, March 4th A. D. 1861.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. Quorum present.

Mr. Terry of Tarrant presented the credentials of Mr. J. W. Henderson, delegate elect from Harris county vice Wm. McCraven resigned.

Mr. Runnels presented the credentials of J. A. Chambers and Geo. H. Bagby, delegates elect from Red River county.

Mr. Chilton presented the credentials of Mr. Tignal W. Jones, delegate elect from Smith county vice Mr. Lofton resigned.

All of which were referred to the committee on Credentials.

The newly elected delegates were admitted to their seats in the Convention, and the Secretary ordered to enroll their names.

Mr. T. J. Chambers offered the following resolution which was adopted,

“Resolved by the Convention of the State of Texas, That the President and Secretary of this Convention do now proceed to count the votes of the people upon the ‘Ordinance to dissolve the Union between the State of Texas and the other States, united under the compact styled the constitution of the United States of America,’ and to declare the result.”

Mr. Portis moved to appoint a committee of three to wait on the Secretary of State and obtain from his office certified copies of the votes of such counties, received by him as have not yet been returned to the President or Secretary of the Convention. Carried.

Mesrs. Portis, Terry of Tarrant and Broadus were appointed the committee.

Upon counting the vote it resulted as follows, viz: For secession

46,129 votes; against secession, 14,697 votes; majority for secession 31,432 votes; aggregate vote 60,826, as will appear by the annexed tabular statement of the vote cast in each county. Whereupon the President announced that the ordinance had been ratified by a large majority of the voters of the State.

“And that the State of Texas was and had been since March 2nd, A. D. 1861, a free, sovereign and independent nation of the earth, and that her citizens were absolved from all other allegiance than to her as such, [’]’¹and

The Hon. Jas. M. Maxey was invited to implore Divine favor in behalf of the new government, which was done.²

Tabular Statement of Election returns, February 23, A. D. 1861.
For and against Secession.

County	For Secession	Against Secession	County	For Secession	Against Secession
Anderson	870.	15.	Bell	495.	198.
Angelina	139.	184.	Bexar	827.	709.
Atascosa	145.	91.	Blanco	86.	170.
Austin	825.	212.	Bosque	233.	81.
Bandera	33.	32.	Bowie	268.	15.
Bastrop	335.	352.	Brazoria	527.	2.
Bee	139.	16.	Brazos	215.	44.

“The announcement was responded to by joyous cheering throughout the whole hall.”—*Comprehensive Hist. of Texas*, II, 114

“The Lone Star banner, which had been presented to the Convention by the ladies of Texas, was planted upon the dome of the Capitol, and was saluted by a discharge of artillery.”—*The State Gazette*, March 9, 1861.

When the convention adjourned for dinner that day, March 4, 1861, in passing out of the capitol grounds there was found posted on the southern gate the following proclamation issued by the governor:

“PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

“Whereas, by virtue of an act of the legislature of the State of Texas, an election was ordered to be held on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1861, at which the people of Texas were called upon to vote in favor of or against ‘secession’ from the government of the United States; and, Whereas, said election was held and returns thereof received on the 2d of March have been opened and counted as required by law, and it appearing that a majority of those votes, as well as a majority of those received since that period are in favor of ‘secession;’

Now, therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby issue this my proclamation declaring that a large majority of the votes received and counted, of said election, are in favor of the ‘secession’ of the State of Texas from the United States of America.

“Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Texas, at Austin, this the 4th day of March, A. D. 1861.

“SAM HOUSTON.

“By the governor.

“E. W. Cave, Secretary of State.”

—*Comprehensive Hist. of Texas*, II, 114-115. The proclamation is also printed in *The Southern Intelligencer* (Austin), March 13, 1861.

County	For Secession			Against Secession
Brown	75.	none.	Houston	552. 38.
Burleson	422.	84.	Hunt	416. 339.
Burnet	159.	248.	Jack	14. 76.
Caldwell	434.	188.	Jackson	147. 77.
Calhoun	276.	16.	Jasper	318. 25.
Cameron	600.	37.	Jefferson	256. 15.
Cass	423.	32.	Johnson	531. 31.
Chambers	78.	6.	Karnes	153. 1.
Cherokee	1106.	38.	Kaufman	461. 155.
Collin	405.	948.	Kerr	76. 57.
Colorado	584.	330.	Lamar	553. 663.
Comal	239.	86.	Lampasas	85. 75.
Comanche	86.	4.	Lavacca	592. 36.
Cooke	137.	221.	Leon	534. 82.
Coryell	293.	55.	Liberty	422. 10.
Dallas	741.	237.	Limestone	525. 9.
Denton	331.	256.	Live Oak	141. 9.
DeWitt	472.	49.	Llano	134. 72.
Ellis	527.	172.	McLennan	586. 191.
El Paso	871.	2.	Madison	213. 10.
Erath	179.	16.	Marion	467. none.
Falls	215.	82.	Mason	2. 75.
Fannin	471.	656.	Matagorda	243. 8.
Fayette	580.	626.	Medina	140. 207.
Fort Bend	486.	none.	Milam	468. 135.
Freestone	585.	3.	Montague	50. 86.
Galveston	765.	33.	Montgomery	318. 98.
Gillespie	16.	398.	Nacogdoches	317. 94.
Goliad	291.	25.	Navarro	621. 38.
Gonzales	802.	80.	Newton	178. 3.
Grayson	463.	901.	Nueces	142. 42.
Grimes	907.	9.	Orange	142. 3.
Guadalupe	314.	22.	Palo Pinto	107. none.
Hamilton	86.	1.	Panola	557. 5.
Hardin	167.	62.	Parker	535. 61.
Harris	1084.	144.	Polk	567. 22.
Harrison	886.	44.	Red River	347. 284.
Hays	166.	115.	Refugio	142. 14.
Henderson	400.	49.	Robertson	391. 76.
Hidalgo	62.	10.	Rusk	1376. 135.
Hill	376.	63.	Sabine	143. 18.
Hopkins	697.	315.	San Augustine	243. 22.

County	For Secession	Against Secession	County	For Secession	Against Secession
San Patricio.....	56.	3.	Van Zandt	181.	127.
San Saba.....	113.	60.	Victoria	313.	88.
Shelby	333.	28.	Walker	490.	61.
Smith	1149.	50.	Washington	1131.	43.
Starr	180.	2.	Webb	70.	none.
Tarrant	462.	127.	Wilson	92.	21.
Titus	411.	275.	Wise	76.	78.
Travis	450.	704.	Wharton	249.	2.
Trinity	206.	8.	Williamson	349.	480.
Tyler	417.	4.	Wood	451.	191.
Upshur	957.	57.	Young	166.	31.
Uvalde	16.	76.	Zapata	212.	none.

122 counties heard from; aggregate vote, 60,826; for secession 46,129; against secession 14,697; majority for secession, 31,432. 154 counties in all; 30 unorganized; 2 organized counties not heard from, viz: McCulloch and Presidio.

Mr. Chilton offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

“Resolved that those delegates who have been elected since the adjournment of the Convention be permitted to sign the ordinance of secession. [”]

Mr. Maxey offered the following resolution.

“Resolved that the committee on Business be instructed to enquire into the expediency of framing an ordinance in relation to revenue by import duties under the tarriff laws of the Usited States and report by bill or otherwise. [”]

On motion of Mr. Cooke the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution.

“Resolved that the Secretary be required to keep open the tabular form of vote for the purpose of counting and inserting any votes that may be received until the 15th inst.”

Mr. Robertson of Washington moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Wharton offered the following resolution which was adopted.

“Resolved that a committee of seven be appointed by the President to prepare and submit to the Convention an ordinance defining what shall constitute treason against the State of Texas. [”]

Mr. Diamond of Cooke offered the following resolution which was adopted.

“Resolved that the Secretary be authorized to employ an additional assistant for the purpose of transacting the business of the

Convention, and that he be required to apportion and prescribe the duties of his assistants, and that a committee room not otherwise occupied, in the capitol building, be assigned him as a clerk's office for the purpose of more conveniently and expeditiously transacting the business required of him."

Mr. Rogers of Harris offered the following resolution.

"Resolved that a committee on Judiciary to consist of seven members be appointed by the President of the Convention.[""]

Mr. Wiley offered the following as an amendment, "and a committee on the Constitution to consist of _____ members.[""]

On motion of Mr. Robertson of Washington the blank was filled with "ten" and the amendment adopted.

Mr. Portis offered the following as an amendment. "And a committee of seven on the Executive and seven on the Legislative to which the constitution of the State of Texas shall be submitted with instructions to report the necessary changes to adapt the same to our independent condition.[""] Adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Devine offered the following resolution,

Resolved by the people of the State of Texas in Convention assembled that the State of Texas has ceased to be a member of the government known as the "United States of America" or a party to the compact known as the constitution of the United States of America, and is a free, sovereign and independent State.

Mr. Dancy offered the following as a substitute.

"Whereas at an election held on the 23rd day of Feby, A. D. 1861, in accordance with law, a majority of the votes of the people of Texas were cast in favor of an ordinance submitted to them by this Convention, entitled 'An Ordinance to dissolve the Union between the State of Texas and other States united under the compact styled the Constitution of the United States of America,' therefore we the people of the State of Texas by delegates in Convention assembled do hereby declare that said ordinance has been ratified by the qualified electors of the State of Texas in the manner contemplated by said ordinance, and that the State of Texas is therefore a separate sovereign State and has been since March 2nd 1861, and that her citizens and people are absolved from all allegiance to the government known as the United States of America."

On motion of Mr. Henderson the resolution and substitute were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Robertson of Washington was added to the committee of Public Safety in lieu of Mr. Oldham who has resigned his seat in this Convention.

Mr. Graham introduced an ordinance relating to the removal of the United States troops from the limits of the State of Texas, which was read three several times under a suspension of the rules and adopted.

Mr. Campbell introduced "An ordinance to accomplish a union between this State and the confederate States of America" which was read and on motion of Mr. Chilton referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the President.

Mesrs. Campbell, Chilton, Maxey, Devine and Brown were appointed the committee.

Mr. Wiley introduced an ordinance relating to commerce³ which was read and referred to the committee on Commerce, Revenue and Navigation.

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

Austin Texas, Tuesday March 5th 1861.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called, quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Perry.

The Journals of the 2nd and fourth inst were read and adopted.

The President submitted communications from R. T. P. Allen of the Bastrop Military Institute, from T. N. Waul delegate from the State of Texas to the congress of the Confederate States of America, from Col. H. E. McCulloch commanding on the Northwestern frontier, from C. G. Forshey of the Texas Military Institute and from S. B. Callahan a resident of the Creek nation. All of which were on motion of Mr. Nelson referred to the committee on Public Safety.⁴

Montgomery Ala. Feby 23d 1861⁵

Hon O. M. Roberts

President of the Texas State Convention

Sir

The enclosed letter from the Secretary of War of the Confederate States is the result of an interview between the President and Secretary of War with the Texas delegation. Learning by Telegraph from Genl. Rogers⁶ that several detachments were in the field and advancing upon the military posts within the borders of Texas, it was

³The original draft of this ordinance has not been found.

⁴The communications from R. T. P. Allen and S. B. Callahan have not been found. While the original of the letter from H. E. McCulloch has not been found, perhaps it is identical with that printed under date of February 25, 1861, on page 368.

⁵A. L. S. in Miscellaneous Papers of the Secession Convention.

⁶See Report of J. H. Rogers, page 313.