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E. B. Nichols,
Commissioner.

Austin, March 23, 1861.

REPORT NO. 5.

Committee Room, March 22, 1861.

To Hon. O. M. Roberts,
President of the Convention.

The committee on Public Safety beg leave to report to the Convention that they found it absolutely necessary to go to Galveston to distribute means for carrying on the enterprises they had set on foot to obtain the Federal property for the State, and being authorized by the Convention to hold their sessions when and where in their judgment the public safety demanded they made arrangements to adjourn to meet at Galveston. Some of the committee, when they left home not anticipating the action of the Convention in requiring them to remain in session, did not provide means for defraying such expenses. The committee, however, were relieved by Dr. Simms, who generously and patriotically tendered to the committee the use of \$400. The committee accepted the amount for the use of the committee. When the committee reached Galveston, they received from their financial agent, Gen. E. B. Nichols, the sum of \$10,000. A full account of the debits and credits of the committee has been rendered

They beg leave to state that several of the committee being without means for their expenditures for the reason before stated, the chairman of the committee advanced to some of them such sums as appears in said account annexed to their names respectively. It is to be hoped that the amounts expended will not be found extravagant when it is understood that the movements could not go on without money.

The committee are confident of having obtained the Federal property amounting to near \$3,000,000 at a cost of less than \$75,000, all told. When the Convention adjourned the 4th of Feby, the committee having been required to keep a record of all their proceedings, they retained the secretary of the Convention, R. T. Brownrigg, in their service, who was during the whole recess of invaluable service to the committee, and the committee cannot too strongly commend to the Convention the propriety of making to him fair and liberal compensation. They also retained the sergeant-at-arms, B. F. Durham; the committee found their labors ample in the discharge of their duties as such and that they could not go on errands, serve notices, attend the post office and various other duties in person. They therefore retained the sergeant-at-arms, who with the secretary went with the committee to Galveston. The committee take this occasion to say Mr. Durham gave prompt and efficient attention to the demands of the committee at all times. The committee think the thanks of the Convention and especially of the committee are due to Gen. W. Austin for his liberality, kindness and courtesy in furnishing the committee a room for the transaction of business during their stay at Galveston free of charge.

The committee, as will be seen by their report of receipts and disbursements, have now on hand the sum of \$2,258.50, and, as they received the same from Gen. E. B. Nichols and it is not yet certainly known when the State will refund to him, they herewith submit the following resolution and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the chairman of the committee on Public Safety be required to pay over the balance in his hands, viz: the sum of \$2,258.50, to Gen. E. B. Nichols, financial agent of the State of Texas, to be placed by him as a credit on his account against the State of Texas.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,

John C. Robertson,
Chrm'n Com. Pub. Safety.