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gineer or artillery corps. I would most respectfully recommend him to the Convention for the post of captain of engineers.

This morning I received information of the arrival in this port of a schooner of 300 tons, belonging to the Federal government, having on board a small quantity of oil, intended for the lighthouses on this coast. With the advice of the committee of safety of this city, I took charge of her and placed her under the eye of Capt. Rogers of the revenue cutter, until instructions from the Convention could be had. She is a very fine vessel of her class, about five years old.

Most respectfully, your obd't servant,

S. Sherman.

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REPORT NO. 8.

*Additional Report of the San Antonio Mission.*

Committee Room, March 11, 1861.

Hon. O. M. Roberts,

President of the Convention.

The committee on Public Safety beg leave to submit herewith vouchers handed them by the commissioners heretofore appointed to San Antonio. By them it will be seen that they have received the sum of \$32,943, and have paid out of the same the sum of \$1,174.92. The committee have examined the vouchers of said commissioners and find them correct; that said expenditures have been made with prudence and economy. It is but due to say that of the sum so expended by them, only the sum of \$300 was expended in securing and getting possession of the property at San Antonio; the balance was paid to the officers and agents who were employed by the United States to bring the money aforesaid from New Orleans, and they thought, very properly, it was a just charge upon the fund itself, and the committee fully approve of the action of the commissioners on this subject.

They further report that against this fund there are debts outstanding and yet to be paid out, the amount they have not yet ascertained, but they believe after all has been paid there will be left belonging to the State about the sum of \$23,000. With the view to place this money and the public property at San Antonio and other military posts, now in the hands of the commissioners, into the hands of proper officers, and to organize departments for the temporary management of the same, and to prevent the same from being wasted, the committee submit an ordinance for the adoption of the Convention. The committee state as a reason for nominating persons for that service that said persons are now occupying those stations by order of the commission-

ers, and have been found to be prudent, reliable and eminently qualified for the discharge of those duties.

Respectfully submitted, I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

John C. Robertson,  
Chairman of Com. Pub. Safety.

Vouchers.

A.

*The State of Texas in account with Commissioners of Public Safety,  
at San Antonio, Texas, in the months of February and March, 1861.*

Debits.

To cash taken from safe of Capt. W. W. Reynolds, Ass't Quartermaster, U. S. Army,	\$ 2,943.00
To cash belonging to the United States, seized upon, with money of the 3rd of March, 1861,	30,000.00
	\$32,943.00

Credits.

By amount of expenditures within the month,	\$ 1,174.92
By balance due the State of Texas, carried to next statement,	\$31,748.00
	\$32,943.00

B.

*Abstract of expenditures in behalf of the State of Texas, by the  
Commissioners of Public Safety, on the 9th day of March, 1861.*

To whom paid.	On what account.	Amount.
Lieut. S. M. Jones.	Expense account.	\$ 700.00
S. B. Maclin.	Do.	135.00
Geo. E. Hinkley.	Expressman.	80.00
Wm. Burke.	Do.	14.00
Samuel Keer.	Do.	14.00
W. G. N. Samuel.	Clerk.	20.00
Messrs. Luckett and Maverick.	Expense account.	100.50
John McBride.	Clerk.	60.42
Fogans, Sweet & Palmer.	Printing.	20.00
J. C. French.	Rent.	15.00
McLeod & Dasheill.	Printing.	5.00
B. R. Sappington.	Ambulance hire.	11.00
		\$1,174.92

(Letter to Henry E. McCulloch.)

Office of Commissioners,  
San Antonio, March 7th, 1861.

Col. H. E. McCulloch

Fort Chadbourne and Camp Colorado.

Dear Sir:

We have just received your favor of the 28th ult., and have to say that the necessary transportation, viz: wagons to transport U. S. troops from your upper posts, left here yesterday. Immediately on receipt of your letter, we made a contract with Mr. Hunter for 200 bushels of corn for your own use. This we do from our anxiety to enable you to carry out your desires, and we do confidently hope the Convention will justify our action. Mr. Hunter leaves to-morrow morning and will overtake the wagons and put the corn on board at Fredricksburg. Please forgive us for cautioning you to use the corn with the greatest stinginess, as the price is \$2.25 at Fredricksburg, and if we had not there wagons on the road we fear that we could not now have sent it at all. The Convention has placed no funds yet in our hands.

The terms of the surrender are just what you consider them to be. All necessary supplies will be furnished out of what we have taken to enable the army to reach the coast, of which please give notice to Capt. Smith and others.

Judge Devine went a week since to the Convention, we have no late news of much importance.

Very respectfully, your obd't servants,

P. N. Luckett,  
S. A. Maverick,  
Commissioners.

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 REPORT NO. 9.
*Report of Committee appointed to wait upon Governor Houston.*

Committee Room, March 21, 1861.

To the Hon. O. M. Roberts,

President of the Convention:

The committee on Public Safety beg leave to report to the Convention that on the 4th day of Feb'y, 1861, having matured their plans for the seizure of the property in the hands of the Federal officers in the State, and selected the officers to perform that duty, on motion, a sub-committee of three, to-wit: Gen. W. P. Rogers, Hon. W. S. Old-

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