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So the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Saunders was excused from attendance on the House, on account of indisposition.

On motion, the House went into committee of the whole, in consideration of the matter before it at the hour of its last adjournment, viz: Constitution, Art. III, as reported by the Legislative Committee.

Committee rose, and through its chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again at 9½ o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9½ o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, March 3d, 1866.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by the chaplain; roll called; quorum present; journal of yesterday read, and adopted.

Mr. Norton, chairman of committee on Condition of State, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, March 3d, 1866.

To the President of the Convention:

The committee on Condition of State, to whom was referred an ordinance for the protection and encouragement of manufactures, by instructing the Legislature to pass a law providing for an exemption from forced sale of manufactories, machinery, and manufactured articles, except for the purchase money of the same, the wages of mechanics and employees, and for taxation, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That in their judgment the subject is within the legitimate province of legislation. They are unanimously of opinion that the establishment of manufactories, and the introduction of machinery of every kind into the various parts of the State, would prove highly beneficial to the people, and remunerative to those who may engage in such business.

While believing that inducements should be held out to capitalists to engage in the erection of manufacturing establishments, and that reasonable protection and encouragement should be extended to them, they nevertheless are constrained to report the same back without recommending action by the Convention, being well satisfied that the importance of the subject will sufficiently commend itself to the minds of the members of the first Legislature, to insure appropriate legislation.

Received, to come up in order.

Mr. Jones of Bastrop made the following report, from committee on Privileges and Elections.

To Hon. D. C. Dickson, President, pro tem., of Convention

The committee on Privileges and Elections unanimously instruct me to report that they have had under consideration the credentials of W. J. Bacon, delegate from the county of El Paso whose certificate of election is herewith presented. It appears to the committee that there was no civil officer in the county owing to the fact that no communication with the Department of State had taken place since the establishment of the Provisional Government. The people, however, having received unofficial information that the election was to take place, requested the military authority to order the election. The election was conducted, so far as practicable, in conformity with the laws of the State, and there is no doubt that Mr. Bacon was the choice of the people; but it does not appear to the satisfaction of the committee that he had been a citizen of the State, or resident of the county, for more than one or two months next preceding the election. A majority of the committee instruct me to recommend that he retain his seat.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the rule was suspended and the report was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Jones of Bastrop presented the following report from same committee :

COMMITTEE ROOM, March 2d, 1866.

Hon. D. C. Dickson, President, pro tem., Convention :

The committee on Privileges and Elections unanimously instruct me to report back the resolution referred to them, concerning the amendment to the State Constitution, approved January 16th, 1850, and ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject, the same being under consideration by the committee on the Judiciary.

Passed to orders of the day.

Mr. Waul presented the following report, from committee on Finance :

COMMITTEE ROOM, March 2d, 1866.

Hon. D. C. Dickson, President, pro tem., Convention :

SIR: The committee on Finance, to whom was referred the subject of the public debt of the State, have instructed me to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following ordinance, by the Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

AN ORDINANCE

Declaring the War Debt void, and for other purposes.

Be it ordained by the people of the State of Texas in Convention assembled, That all debts created by the State of Texas in aid of the late war, directly or indirectly, are hereby declared null and void, and the Legislature shall have no authority, and they are hereby forbidden, to ratify the same, or to assume, or provide for, the payment of the same, or any part thereof.

SEC. 2. *Be it further ordained,* That the Legislature of this State shall have no authority, and are hereby forbidden, to assume, or make any provision for, the payment of any portion of the debts contracted or incurred, directly or indirectly, by the Confederate States, or by its agents, or by its authority.

SEC. 3. *Be it further ordained,* That the Legislature of this State shall have no authority, and are hereby forbidden, to assume, or make any provision for, the payment of any portion of the debts contracted or incurred, or warrants issued, by this State, from the 28th day of January, 1861, until the 5th day of August, 1865.

On motion of Mr. Waul, the rule was suspended, and on further motion, 300 copies were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Beall offered the following resolution :

Whereas, the health of the members of this Convention is essential to the dispatch of the important duties devolving upon it, and,

Whereas, the holding of night sessions, so late in the night as has been the case during the past week, is now inducing great indisposition in many of the members :

Resolved, That this Convention commence its business at 10, A. M., and adjourn at 1, P. M., for dinner, to resume its business at 3, P. M., and adjourn at 5, P. M.

Passed to the orders of the day.

Mr. Hancock moved to suspend the rules, and take up the 5th Article of the Constitution.

Lost.

The House went into committee of the whole, to consider further Article III of the Constitution, Mr. Taylor of Houston in the chair.

Committee rose, and, through their chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this evening at 7½ o'clock.

Report adopted.

Mr. Hancock moved that Mr. Jones of Bastrop be excused all Monday evening.

Carried.

Mr. Gentry moved that the Convention adjourn till 10 o'clock on Monday next.

The Yeas and Nays being called, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Benge, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Davis of Cherokee, Degener, Drake, Gentry, Halbert, Hancock, Jones of Bastrop, Ledbetter, McCormack, Norton, Parsons, Paschal, Perry, Phillips, Ranck, Roberts, Saufley, Selman, Shields, Shuford, Shaw, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Varnell, Waul and Young—29.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Bryan, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Camp of Upshur, Davis of Webb, Dickson, Flanagan, Frazier, Giddings, Gurley, Henderson, Hunt, Ireland, Johnson of Tarrant, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bexar, Lindsey, Middleton, Murchison, Nelson, Norris, Parker, Porter, Runnels, Shepard, Spaight, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Thompson, Walker, Whitfield and Woods—34.

Convention refused to adjourn to the hour named.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, Convention adjourned till this evening at 7½ o'clock.

7½ o'clock, P. M.

Convention met ; roll called ; quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, Mr. Bacon was excused, on account of indisposition.

On motion, the Convention went into committee of the whole, in consideration of the matters before it at the hour of the last adjournment, viz: Report of the Legislative Committee, Article III of the Constitution, the amendment of Mr. McCormack, and the substitute therefor offered by Mr. Parsons.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Adopted.

Mr. Roberts moved to refer both Sections of the ordinance reported by the committee, which referred to the basis of representation, to a select committee of one from each Judicial District.

Mr. Gentry moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday, A. M.
Lost.

Mr. Henderson moved a call of the House.

Lost.

Mr. Roberts withdrew his motion.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Convention adjourned until 9½ o'clock, A. M., Monday.