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reoccupying the line of posts between Red River and Rio Grande as early as possible.

Lost.

Mr. Saunders offered the following resolution as a substitute for the ordinance :

Resolved, That the Provisional Governor of the State of Texas be requested to call into service a regiment of mounted troops, for the immediate protection of the frontier.

Lost.

Mr. Jones of Bexar offered the following amendment :

To come in at the end of 2d Section.

And said Commissioner is authorized to signify to the General Government the consent of the State of Texas that a treaty may be made by the Government, by which the privilege of hunting, for a limited number of years, on the unoccupied territory of the State west of the 100th parallel of longitude, may be conceded to the Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Cherokees, upon condition that these tribes will aid in protecting the frontier of Texas, and give information of the movements of hostile bands ; and that said Commissioner be instructed to give information particularly of the hostile operations of the Kickapoo tribe, now settled in Mexico, upon the south-western settlements of this State.

Mr. Allen offered the following substitute for the ordinance and proposed amendments :

Resolved, That the Provisional Governor be requested to have organized at least four companies of mounted Rangers, to be raised in the frontier counties, and have them stationed at such points along the line of frontier as will afford the most efficient protection to the people.

On motion of Mr. Ranck, the whole subject was referred to a select committee of five

Upon which motion the President appointed the following committee :

Mr. Ranck, chairman : Messrs. Norris, Lindsey, Drake, Jones of Bexar.

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

TUESDAY, March 20th, 1866.

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

Mr. Hancock, chairman of committee on General Provisions of Constitution, made report, as follows :

COMMITTEE ROOM, March 17, 1866.

Hon. Wm. M. Taylor, President, pro tem, of the Convention :

The committee on General Provisions of the Constitution direct me to report the accompanying provision, to be added to the General Provisions of the Constitution, and recommend its passage :

SECTION — The Legislature shall have power to make appropriations for the encouragement of literature, and the useful arts and sciences.

Read first time, and passed to the orders of the day

Mr. Johnson of Tarrant offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention it will be proper for the Provisional Governor of this State to cause the officers of the present Provisional Government to be so paid as to make their salaries equal in specie to the amount of their salaries respectively, as the same are now fixed by law.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, resolution was referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Walker offered the following ordinance :

Resolved, That no suit or prosecution shall be maintained, or recovery had, against any agent, bailee, executor, administrator, or trustee, who may have been compelled, by virtue of the acts of the Confederate Congress, in good faith, to surrender and deliver to the Confederate States Receivers property or money in their hands, held as such agents, bailees, executors, administrators, or trustees.

Read first time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Varnell offered following resolution :

Whereas, That distinguished patriot, General Sam Houston, after being elected to the office of Governor of the State of Texas, by the people, was removed from said office without any authority of law, and,

Whereas, Upon his retirement from the active discharge of the duties of his office, he solemnly asserted his right to hold the same, because of his election by the people, and,

Whereas, He has since been removed by the dispensation of Providence from the scene of his earthly labors : therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Provisional Governor of the State shall cause to be paid to the widow of Governor Houston, from any funds in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum equivalent in specie to the salary which Governor Houston would have been entitled to receive had he remained in the discharge of

the duties of his office during the term for which he was elected, less any amount which was actually received by him.

Read, and referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Saunders offered the following resolution of instruction :

Resolved, That the committee on the General Provisions of the Constitution be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Legislature to pass a general act of incorporation, conferring the right to grant charters upon the District Courts.

Read, and referred to the committee on General Provisions of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Waul, Mr. Camp of Upshur was added to the committee on Finance.

The ordinance creating a Criminal Court for the counties of Galveston and Harris taken up, and on motion of Mr. Roberts, postponed till action is had on the general report of the Judiciary Committee.

The Article IV, Judicial Department, reported by the Judiciary Committee, taken up.

On motion of Mr. Waul, the rule was suspended, and Article IV taken up, section by section, to receive amendments.

Mr. Saunders moved to lay the matter under consideration on the table, and the Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Ball, Benge, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Middleton, Norton, Parsons, Perry, Richardson, Runnels, Saunders, Saufley, Selman, Shuford, Shaw and Young—16.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Bacon, Beall, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Clements, Davis of Webb, Degener, Drake, Flanagan, Gentry, Giddings, Gurley, Hart, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bastrop, Jones of Bexar, Lane, Latimer, Ledbetter, Lindsey, McCormack, Murchison, Nelson, Norris, Parker, Phillips, Porter, Randolph, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Smith of Colorado, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Thompson, Tyus, Varnell, Walker, Waul, and Woods—50.

The Convention refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question recurring on the consideration of the article, section by section, and amendments being in order to Section 1,

Mr. Walker offered the following amendment, to come in at the end of the section :

“The Legislature may establish Criminal Courts in principal cities within the State, with such jurisdiction, and under such regulations, as may be prescribed by law.”

Mr. Davis of Webb offered the following as a substitute for the amendment offered by Mr. Walker:

“And the Legislature, in cases of necessity, may establish courts of criminal jurisdiction exclusively.”

Mr. Walker, having the floor, was called to order by the President, under the rule restricting members to one speech on any one question, and the question being shall the gentleman have leave to speak a second time, the same was put, and the leave was granted.

The question recurring on the adoption of Mr. Davis' substitute, the same was put, and the substitute lost.

Mr. Allen offered following as an amendment to the amendment of Mr. Walker, viz:

“*Provided*, Any county, city, or town, in which such court may be created, shall pay all expenses incident to the same.”

Mr. Hancock offered the following, to be added to the amendment of Mr. Walker:

“And the judge thereof may preside over the courts of one or more cities, as the Legislature may direct.”

Accepted by Mr. Walker.

Question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Allen,

Mr. Davis of Webb moved to lay all the amendments on the table.

Lost.

Question recurring on Mr. Allen's amendment, the same was put, and the amendment lost.

Question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Walker, the same was put, and the amendment adopted.

Amendments being in order to the 2d section,

Mr. Saufley offered to amend as follows:

Strike out ten, and insert six, in 4th line, and also insert three thousand dollars in lieu of four thousand five hundred dollars, in the 4th and 5th lines.

On motion, a division of the question was granted.

The question being on striking out “ten,” and inserting “six,” another division of the question was asked, and granted, which was on striking out the word “ten.”

The Yeas and Nays were ordered, and stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong, Benge, Dalrymple, Drake, Flanagan, Hart, Jones of Bexar, Lane, Norton, Nelson, Parsons, Perry, Porter, Richardson, Saufley, Selman, Shaw, Smith of Lamar, Tyus, Walker, Woods and Young—22.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Ball, Beall, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Davis of Webb,

Degener, Gentry, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bastrop, Latimer, Ledbetter, Lindsey, Mabry, McCormack, Murchison, Norris, Parker, Phillips, Randolph, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Thompson, Varnell and Waul—42.

So the Convention refused to strike out.

The question recurring on striking out "four thousand five hundred," and inserting "three thousand," a second division was ordered, when

Mr. Mabry moved to lay the amendment on the table, whereupon,

The Yeas and Nays were ordered, and stood :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Beall, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Davis of Webb, Degener, Gentry, Gurley, Hancock, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Lane, Latimer, Mabry, McCormack, Murchison, Norris, Parker, Parsons, Phillips, Porter, Randolph, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Fannin, Thompson, Varnell, Walker, Waul and Young—38.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Bengé, Dalrymple, Drake, Flanagan, Giddings, Hart, Jones of Bexar, Ledbetter, Lindsey, Middleton, Norton, Nelson, Perry, Richardson, Runnels, Saunders, Saufley, Selman, Shaw, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Tyus, and Woods—25.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Walker offered following :

"Substitute for first part of Section 2, down to where the word 'shall' occurs the first time in line 3, the following :

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of five Justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum. They shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State, at a general election for State or County officers, and they shall elect from their own number a presiding officer, to be styled the Chief Justice."

Amendment adopted.

Mr. Giddings offered following amendment :

After the word "dollars," in fifth line, insert "in coin, or its equivalent."

On motion of Mr. Hart, amendment laid on the table,

Mr. Burke offered the following :

Amend 2d section by striking out the words five hundred, in 4th and 5th lines.

Mr. Degener moved to lay the amendment on the table, and the Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bacon, Ball, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Davis of Webb, Degener, Gentry, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bastrop, Ledbetter, Lindsey, Mabry, McCormack, Murchison, Norris, Parker, Phillips, Porter, Ranck, Randolph, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Taylor of Fannin, Thompson, Varnell, Walker, Waul and Young—40.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Beall, Benge, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Burke, Dalrymple, Drake, Flanagan, Hart, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Middleton, Nelson, Norton, Parsons, Perry, Richardson, Runnels, Saunders, Saufley, Selman, Shaw, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Tyus and Woods—28.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Parsons moved to amend by striking out the word five, after the word thirty, in 3d line, and the Yeas and Nays being called, on the adoption of said amendment, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Beall, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Davis of Webb, Flanagan, Giddings, Gurley, Hart, McCormack, Norton, Parsons, Porter, Ranck, Randolph, Runnels, Saunders, Saufley, Shuford, Shaw, Thompson and Walker—24.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Bacon, Ball, Benge, Bradshaw, Dalrymple, Degener, Drake, Gentry, Hancock, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Ledbetter, Lindsey, Mabry, Middleton, Murchison, Nelson, Norris, Parker, Perry, Phillips, Reeves, Richardson, Roberts, Selman, Shields, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Tyus, Varnell, Waul, Woods and Young—42.

Amendment was lost.

Mr. Saufley offered the following amendment :

Insert after the words thirty-five years, in the 3d line, the words and shall not exceed sixty-five, and the question being on said amendment,

Mr. Slaughter moved to lay on the table, and the Yeas and Nays being called stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Bacon, Bradshaw, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Dalrymple, Davis of Webb, Degener, Drake, Flanagan, Gurley, Hancock, Hart, Hill, Hunt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Ledbetter, Lindsey, Mabry, McCormack, Middleton, Murchison, Parker, Parsons, Perry, Phillips, Ranck, Randolph, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Shuford, Shaw, Slaughter,

Smith of Colorado, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Thompson, Tyus, Varnell, Walker, Waul and Woods—51.

Nays—Messrs. Ball, Beall, Giddings, Hurt, Nelson, Norton, Norris, Richardson, Runnels, Saunders, Saufley and Young—12
So amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Roberts offered to amend by inserting the word they before the word shall, where it first occurs in the 3d line.

Adopted.

Amendments being in order to the 3d section,

Mr. Mabry offered to amend as follows :

At the end of the sentence in 3d line, add "or under such laws as are now in force."

On motion of Mr. Phillips, laid on the table.

Mr. Norton moved to amend as follows :

Strike out all after the word at, in the tenth line, and insert Canton, in Van Zandt county, and Woodville, in Tyler county

Mr. Phillips moved to lay proposed amendment on the table and the Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Bacon, Ball, Beall, Bengé, Bradshaw, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Dalrymple, Davis of Webb, Degener, Drake, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Ledbetter, Mabry, McCormack, Middleton, Nelson, Norris, Parker, Parsons, Perry, Phillips, Ranck, Randolph, Richardson, Roberts, Selman, Shields, Shaw, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Thompson, Tyus, Varnell, Waul and Woods—49.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Bumpass, Flanagan, Gentry, Hart Lindsey, Norton, Saufley and Shuford—9.

So amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Jones of Bexar moved, by way of amendment, to strike out the 10th line.

Lost.

Mr. Norton moved to strike out all in the 10th line after the word at, and insert Tyler, in Smith county.

Mr. Bengé offered to amend as follows, to come in at the end of 10th line :

The time and place of holding said courts to be designated by the Chief Justice.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, amendment of Mr. Norton laid on the table.

Question recurring on amendment of Mr. Bengé.

On motion of Mr. Norton, laid on the table.

Mr. Parsons offered to amend by striking out "not more than," in the 10th line, and inserting "least," in lieu thereof.

On motion of Mr. Degener, the amendment was laid on the table.

Amendments being in order to the 5th section,

Mr. Norton proposed to amend by striking out in the 3d line the word ten, and insert in lieu thereof the word six.

The question being on the adoption of said amendment,

Mr. Hurt moved to lay on the table.

On motion, a division of the question was granted, and the question being on laying the motion to strike out the word ten on the table,

The Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradshaw, Camp of Goliad, Davis of Webb, Degener, Drake, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Ledbetter, Mabry, Parker, Phillips, Ranck, Randolph, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Smith of Colorado, Thompson and Varnell—26.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Bacon, Ball, Beall, Benge, Camp of Upshur, Dalrymple, Flanagan, Gentry, Hart, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Lindsey, Middleton, Nelson, Norton, Norris, Parsons, Perry, Porter, Richardson, Runnels, Saufley, Selman, Shuford, Shaw, Slaughter, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Tyus, Walker, Waul and Woods —36.

Convention refused to lay on the table the amendment.

The question recurring on the motion to strike out ten, in the 3d line, and the Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Bacon, Ball, Beall, Benge, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Dalrymple, Drake, Flanagan, Gentry, Giddings, Hart, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Lindsey, Middleton, Nelson, Norton, Parsons, Perry, Porter, Ranck, Richardson, Runnels, Saufley, Selman, Shuford, Shaw, Slaughter, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Tyus, Walker, Waul and Woods—39.

Nays—Messrs. Bradshaw, Burke, Davis of Webb, Degener, Gurley, Hancock, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Ledbetter, Mabry, Murchison, Norris, Parker, Phillips, Randolph, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Smith of Colorado, Thompson and Varnell—25.

So ten was stricken out.

The question recurring on inserting six,

Mr. Jones of Bexar moved to fill with eight, and the Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Beall, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Davis of Webb, Degener, Gentry, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Ledbetter, Lindsey, Mabry, Murchison, Norris, Parker, Phillips, Ranck, Randolph, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Smith of Colorado, Thompson and Varnell—34.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Bacon, Ball, Bengé, Dalrymple, Drake, Flanagan, Hart, Johnson of Titus, Middleton, Nelson, Norton, Parsons, Perry, Porter, Reeves, Richardson, Runnels, Saufley, Shuford, Shaw, Slaughter, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Tyus, Walker, Waul and Woods—30.

So the amendment was made.

Mr. Norris offered the following amendment :

Strike out all of the 2d line to the word Judge, and insert in lieu thereof the words appointed by the Justices of the Supreme Court.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, laid on the table.

Mr. Norton proposed to amend by striking out in the 4th line the words three thousand five hundred, and inserting in lieu thereof the words two thousand five hundred.

Mr. Degener moved to lay the amendment on the table, on which motion the Yeas and Nays were called, and stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Bacon, Ball, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Davis of Webb, Degener, Drake, Gentry, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Ledbetter, Mabry, Murchison, Norris, Parker, Phillips, Ranck, Randolph, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Smith of Colorado, Thompson, Varnell, Walker and Waul—39.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Beall, Bengé, Burke, Dalrymple, Flanagan, Hart, Johnson of Titus, Middleton, Nelson, Norton, Parsons, Perry, Porter, Richardson, Runnels, Saufley, Selman, Shuford, Shaw, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Tyus and Woods—26.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Richardson proposed to amend by striking out the words five hundred, in the 4th line.

Amendment lost.

On motion of Mr. Waul, Convention adjourned till 7½ o'clock.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present.

The subject of consideration at the hour of the last adjournment, viz: Article IV, Judicial Department, again taken up.

Amendments being in order to the 7th section, Mr. Norris offered the following, as a substitute for said section:

SEC. 7. There shall be a Clerk for the District Court and a Sheriff for each county, who shall be appointed by the Presiding Judge of the district, subject to removal by said Judge, at his pleasure, or by information, or indictment of a grand jury and conviction by a petit jury.

On motion of Mr. Camp of Goliad, laid on the table.

Amendments to Section 13 being in order, Mr. Degener offered to amend as follows:

In first line, strike out the words "two-thirds of."

And the question being on the adoption of said amendment, and the Yeas and Nays being ordered, stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Bengé, Degener, Drake, Hunt, Lane, McCormack, Murchison, Roberts, Shepard, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Tyus, Varnell, Walker and Waul—17.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Ball, Bradshaw, Burke, Camp of Upshur, Dalrymple, Flanagan, Gentry, Hart, Hill, Hurt, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Lindsey, Middleton, Nelson, Norris, Norton, Parsons, Perry, Phillips, Reeves, Richardson, Runnels, Saunders, Shields, Shaw, Shuford, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Fannin, and Young—34.

So the Convention refused to adopt said amendment.

Mr. Norton moved to amend as follows:

Strike out the first line, and second line to the word "whose," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "An Attorney General shall be elected by the people."

And the question being on the adoption of said amendment, and the Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Ball, Beall, Bengé, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Dalrymple, Davis of Cherokee, Degener, Drake, Flanagan, Gentry, Hart, Hill, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bastrop, Lane, Middleton, Murchison, Nelson, Norton, Norris, Parsons, Perry, Ranck, Reeves, Richardson, Saunders, Saufley, Shields, Shuford, Shaw, Slaughter, Smith of Lamar, Thomas of Cameron, Tyus, Walker and Young—41.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Davis of Webb, Giddings, Gurley, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Latimer, Ledbetter, Mabry, McCormack, Parker, Phillips, Roberts, Shepard, Smith of Colorado, Taylor of Houston, Thompson, Varnell, Waul and Woods—24.

So the amendment was made.

Mr. Norton proposed to farther amend by striking out "four," in the third line, and inserting "two."

Lost.

Mr. Norton proposed to amend by striking out the word "three," in fourth line, and insert "two;" and the question being on the adoption of said amendment, and the Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Beall, Benge, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Dalrymple, Davis of Cherokee, Drake, Flanagan, Hart, Johnson of Titus, Middleton, Nelson, Norton, Parsons, Perry, Richardson, Runnels, Saunders, Saufley, Shuford, Shaw, Smith of Lamar, Tyus and Woods—30.

Nays—Messrs. Bacon, Ball, Davis of Webb, Degener, Gentry, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Lane, Latimer, Ledbetter, McCormack, Murchison, Norris, Parker, Phillips, Reeves, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Thompson, Varnell, Walker, Waul and Young—35.

So Convention refused to adopt the amendment.

Mr. Norris proposed to amend as follows:

After the words Attorney General, in second line, insert the words, "who shall reside at the capitol of the State during his continuance in office."

The question being on the adoption of said amendment, and the Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus:

Ayes—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Ball, Beall, Benge, Burke, Camp of Upshur, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock, Hart, Hill, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bexar, Lane, Nelson, Norton, Norris, Parsons, Perry, Porter, Ranck, Reeves, Richardson, Roberts, Runnels, Saunders, Saufley, Shields, Shuford, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Thompson, Tyus, Varnell, Walker, Waul, Woods and Young—45.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Bacon, Bumpass, Camp of Goliad, Davis of Webb, Degener, Drake, Flanagan, Gentry, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bastrop, Latimer, Ledbetter, McCormack, Middleton, Parker, Phillips, and Shepard—18.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Shepard proposed to amend as follows:

Strike out the words, "if not removed by the Governor," in the second and third lines. Adopted.

Mr. Parsons moved to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment proposed by Mr. Norris.

Lost.

Mr. Norris moved to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment proposed by Mr. Norton; and the Yeas and Nays being called on the adoption of said motion, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bacon, Bradshaw, Bumpass, Davis of Webb, Gentry, Giddings, Gurley, Hancock, Henderson, Hunt, Hurt, Johnson of Tarrant, Jones of Bexar, Latimer, Ledbetter, Lindsey, Mabry, McCormack, Murchison, Parker, Phillips, Roberts, Shepard, Shields, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Taylor of Fannin, Thompson, Varnell, Walker and Woods—33.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Beall, Benge, Burke, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Dalrymple, Drake, Flanagan, Hart, Hill, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bastrop, Lane, Nelson, Norton, Parsons, Perry, Porter, Reeves, Richardson, Saunders, Saufley, Shuford, Shaw, Taylor of Houston, Tyus and Young—28.

So the motion prevailed.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock to-morrow, pending Mr. Norton's amendment.

WEDNESDAY, March 21st, 1866.

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

Mr. Gurley presented the petition of W. A. Smith, of Travis county, and the following ordinance relating thereto :

AN ORDINANCE,

Validating Claims therein named.

Be it ordained by the people of Texas, in Convention assembled,

SEC. 1. That the claims of W. A. Smith, for one thousand dollars, for services rendered in the years 1863, 1864, and 1865, as Superintendent of the Blind Asylum; the claim of Mrs. Julia A. Smith for seven hundred and fifty dollars, as matron of said Asylum for the years aforesaid; and the claim of Miss Mary E. Smith, for six hundred and fifty dollars, and that of Miss S. J. Smith, for four hundred dollars, for services as teachers in the Blind Asylum, for the years 1863, and 1864, and 1865, in all aggregating the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars, be and they are hereby validated, and declared to be valid and subsisting claims against the State of Texas.