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"The resolution as amended was adopted.

"I certify that the above is a correct copy of the resolution and amendment, offered by Mr. Hunt, and adopted on this, the 18th day of June, 1868.

"WM. V. TUNSTALL,  
"Secretary of the Convention."

I beg leave to inform the Convention, through you, that no report was made to this office by Wm. Alexander, while Attorney General.

Several months after the resignation of Mr. Alexander, he sent to this office a report, which, I presume, is what the mover of the resolution desired to obtain, and I therefore transmit it to the Convention through you, with a request that it be returned to this office, when the Convention shall have got through with it.

Very Respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

E. M. PEASE.

Upon the motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, the yeas and nays were demanded and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Adams, Armstrong, of Lamar, Bell, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant, of Grayson, Bryant of Harris, Buffington, Butler, Caldwell, Carter, Cole, Coleman, Constant, Curtis, Degener, Downing, Evans, of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, Flanagan, Webster, Fleming, Foster, Gray, Grigsby, Hamilton, of Bastrop, Hamilton, of Travis, Harne, Hunt, Johnson of Harrison, Johnson, of Calhoun, Jordan, Kealy, Keigwin, Kendal, Kuechler, Lindsay, Lippard, Long, McCormick, McWashington, Morse, Mundine, Munroe, Newcomb, Patten, Pedigo, Phillips of San Augustine, Phillips, of Wharton, Rogers, Ruby, Slaughter, Smith, of Galveston, Smith, of Marion, Stockbridge, Talbot, Thomas, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson, of Brazoria, Wright—64.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, of Jasper, Bellinger, Boyd, Burnett, Gaston, Glenn, Goddin, Harris, Kirk, Leib, Mills, Mullins, Sorrel, Wilson of Milam, Yarborough—15.

So the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,  
June 20, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Armstrong of Jasper, offered the following protest :

HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention :

The undersigned delegates ask leave to present their objections to the passage of the resolution offered by the honorable delegate from Travis county, A. J. Hamilton, on the 15th inst., "urging upon the Congress of the United States the necessity of authorizing the organization by this Convention of a militia force in the several counties of this State, to act in conjunction with and under direction of the military commander therein. In the first we are of opinion that the rumors and reports in regard to lawlessness and crime are greatly exaggerated, and many of them have no foundation in fact ; and if the power asked be granted, owing to the existence of much excitement and unfounded fears, the result will be unfavorable to the promotion of peace and good order.

We believe, furthermore, that the organization of such a force by a political party would only tend to exasperate the public mind and in all probability have the effect to produce conflicts of races, and in our judgment, the officers of the Provisional Government, if they will do their duty, together with the military, are fully able to bring all transgressors to punishment ; and we do not hesitate to say that the masses of the people, if called on, would lend any needful assistance.

We believe, moreover, that the military authorities of this District, on proper application made, will furnish ample protection to our citizens.

In our opinion, this resolution, if not an expressed is an implied censure of the commander of this military district, and the granting of such power would invest the commander of this State, through this Convention, with power over the District Commander within the limits of this State. Seeing no good that will probably result from the passage of the resolution, we respectfully submit this protest and ask that the same be spread on the journals of this Convention.

ARMSTRONG of Jasper,  
W. H. MULLINS,  
MARSHALL GLENN,  
J. B. BOYD,  
G. M. L. SOKELLE.

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Mr. Buffington moved to spread the protest upon the minutes.

Mr. Bryant of Grayson moved to lay the protest upon the table, upon which the yeas and nays were demanded.

Mr. Flanagan moved to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Armstrong to speak in support of his protest.

Rules suspended.

The yeas and nays being called upon the motion to lay the protest upon the table, resulted thus :

Yeas—Messrs. President, Bell, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant, of Grayson, Bryant of Harris, Buffington, Carter, Coleman, Constant, Curtis, Degener, Downing, Evans of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, Foster, Grigsby, Hunt, Johnson, of Harrison, Kendal, Kuechler, Leib, Lippard, Long, McWashington, Munroe, Oaks, Patten, Phillips, of San Augustine, Ruby, Slaughter, Smith of Galveston, Smith, of Marion, Sumner, Vaughan, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Yarborough—41.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, of Jasper, Armstrong of Lamar, Bellinger, Burnett, Caldwell, Cole, Evans of Titus, W. Flanagan, Gaston, Glenn, Goddin, Gray, Hamilton of Bastrop, Hamilton, of Travis, Harris, Johnson, of Calhoun, Jordan, Kealy, Keigwin, Kirk, Lindsay, McCormick, Mills, Morse, Muckleroy, Mullins, Mundine, Pedigo, Phillips of Wharton, Rogers, Schuetze, Scott, Sorrell, Stockbridge, Talbot, Thomas, Varnell, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, Wright—41.

So the motion to lay the protest upon the table was lost.

Mr. Whitmore, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following reports :

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, June 20, 1868.

HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention :

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the declaration introduced by Messrs. Evans of McLennan and Armstrong of Lamar, asking an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars to be used by the Governor, if found to be necessary, in the apprehension of lawless and desperate persons, have had the same under consideration. A majority of said committee instruct me to report the same back to the House, and ask that the declaration offered by Mr. Evans of McLennan do pass.

G. W. WHITMORE,  
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
June 20, 1868.

HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention :

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the

resolution offered by Mr. Armstrong of Lamar, providing for the payment of the unsettled balance due the civil officers of this State, appointed by Governor A. J. Hamilton, have had the same under consideration, and herewith transmit the same to the Convention with the recommendation that it do pass.

G. W. WHITMORE,  
Chairman.

Mr. Glenn offered the following minority report :

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, June 19, 1868.

HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention :

SIR : I do not think that the adoption of the resolution appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of desperadoes and thieves, as recommended in the majority report of the Committee on Finance, necessary or expedient.

It seems to me that the measures of the Convention to secure the organization of a militia force throughout the State by Congress, to act in conjunction with the military and civil already existing in the State, if of any effect at all, are sufficient to answer any emergency that may arise in the apprehension and arrest of those contemplated in the original resolution.

The military commander in this State has by his order shown an entire willingness and earnest desire to furnish a sufficient force to any of the post commanders throughout the State, to give protection to the various sections or districts where they may be located. And in no instance has he intimated that his powers were not adequate ; and when I consider the aid he offers in connection with the powers of civil officers in the State, who by law have the authority to call to their aid the *posse committatus*, together with the various expenditures which are bound to be met in the progress of reconstruction from the Treasury Department, am driven to the conclusion that the majority report in this behalf should not be adopted by this Convention. All of which I most respectfully submit.

MARSHALL GLENN.

Mr. Degener moved to suspend the rules to take into consideration the majority report of the Finance Committee upon the resolution offered by Mr. Evans of McLennan, appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars to be used by the Governor of the State in apprehending lawless persons.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Hamilton of Bastrop offered the following amendment to the resolution :

Provided that no part of the sum shall be used unless the military commander of the District of Texas shall first be authorized to organize military commissions for the trial of offenders.

Mr. Burnett moved that the Convention resolve itself into committee of the whole upon the report of the Committee on Federal Relations.

Carried.

Mr. Armstrong of Lamar in the chair.

Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Leave granted.

Mr. Munroe, from the Committee on Engrossed Provisions, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
June 20, 1868.

HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention:

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Provisions, after examination, instruct me to report the following declaration and resolutions as correctly engrossed.

1st. Preamble and resolutions urging upon the Congress of the United States the necessity of appointing a force in each county for the suppression of crime and lawlessness.

2d. Resolution authorizing the Committee on Penitentiary to inquire into the laws under which convicts are held.

3d. Resolution instructing engrossing and enrolling clerks when not engaged in their duties, to assist the Secretary.

4th. Declaration amendatory of a declaration appropriating \$125,000 for the pay of members of the Convention and officers.

5th. Resolution authorizing the publication of the debates of the members of the Convention.

6th. Resolution requesting the Commanding General to approve the appropriation of \$125,000 to defray expenses of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. MUNROE,  
Chairman.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.