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CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JUNE 22, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr. Carter offered the following report:

HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention:

SIR: The Committee on Style, to whom was referred the enclosed engrossed provisions numbered 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, have examined the same and return them corrected, with slight alterations in verbiage.

CARTER,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

Mr. Carter offered the following resolution, and asked its reference to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures:

WHEREAS, It being the policy and duty of the people of Texas to foster and encourage the industrial interests of its citizens, particularly as regards its manufacturing interests; therefore be it

Resolved, That all machinery imported into this State for manufacturing purposes, shall be exempt from all taxation for five years from the date of its being put into operation.

It was so referred.

Mr. Mills offered the following resolution, and asked its reference to Committee on Federal Relations:

WHEREAS, The people of the county of El Paso, in the State of Texas, and the county of Dona Anna, in the territory of New Mexico, have petitioned the Congress of the United States to give them a territorial government, and,

WHEREAS, Owing to the geographical position of the aforesaid county of El Paso, it is inconvenient and unwise that it should be longer a part of the State of Texas, and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Convention, it would be better, both for the people of the State and for the people of the aforesaid counties, that such territory should be formed; therefore,

Be it resolved by the people of the State of Texas in Convention assembled, That the political jurisdiction over the said county of El Paso, and the right of public domain therein is hereby relinquished to the United States of America; *provided*, that the said United States shall form a territorial government of which the said county of El Paso shall be a part.

It was so referred.

Mr. Wilson, of Brazoria, offered the following resolution, and asked its reference to Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolved, That every debtor whose property shall be sold by virtue of a writ of execution, to satisfy the payment of debts, shall be entitled to redeem the same at any time before the first day of January, 1874, by refunding to the purchaser or purchasers the amount of money paid for the property thus sold, together with twelve per cent. interest, and paying for all improvements put upon said property, to be valued by two disinterested appraisers; provided, however, that debtors shall not redeem real estate thus sold, if it should bring two-thirds of its assessed value in 1860.

It was so referred.

Mr. Glenn introduced the following ordinance, and asked its reference to the Committee on the Division of the State:

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for a division of the State of Texas.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the people of the State of Texas in Convention assembled*, That the Legislature shall be vested with power to give the consent of the State to the erection of a new State or States, within the limits of this State, and to pass all laws necessary to designate the boundaries of such new State or States, to enable the people of the same to organize State governments.

The Legislature is also vested with power to settle the claims of such new State or States to a proper share of the school fund and public domain.

It was so referred.

The President announced the unfinished business to be the report of the Committee on Finance, with accompanying resolution, as amended by Mr. Hamilton, of Bastrop.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

The question recurring upon the engrossment of the resolution as amended, it was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Armstrong, of Lamar, moved a further suspension of the rules, to put resolution on its third reading.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Mullins offered the following amendment :

Amend by striking out "disposition" and insert "disposal."

Mr. Flanagan moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Carried.

Resolution read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Munroe moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

The yeas and nays were demanded and resulted thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Armstrong of Jasper, Boyd, Burnett, Cole, Evans of Titus, Gaston, Glenn, Johnson of Calhoun, Keigwin, Kirk, Mullins, Munroe, Sorrell—14.

Nays—Messrs. President, Armstrong, of Lamar, Bell, Bellinger, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant of Grayson, Bryant of Harris, Caldwell, Carter, Constant, Curtis, Degener, Downing, Evans of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, W. Flanagan, Fleming, Foster, Goddin, Grigsby, Hamilton of Bastrop, Hamilton of Travis, Harne, Hunt, Johnson of Harrison, Kealy, Kendal, Kuechler, Leib, Lindsay, Lippard, Long, Mackey, McCormick, McWashington, Mills, Morse, Muckleroy, Mundine, Newcomb, Oaks, Patten, Pedigo, Phillips of Wharton, Posey, Rogers, Ruby, Scott, Slaughter, Smith of Galveston, Smith of Marion, Stockbridge, Talbot, Thomas, Vaughan, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, Wright, Yarborough—65.

So the Convention refused to reconsider the vote.

Mr. Evans, of McLennan, moved to take up the unfinished business upon the President's table.

Carried.

The President announced that the first business in order was the resolution of Mr. Lindsay, to amend the rules of the Convention, such rule to be inserted after the twenty-fourth section of the rules.

Mr. Lindsay offered the following amendment :

Amend by inserting after the word "Convention" the following :
"or resolutions relating solely to the internal government of the House, or relating to the printing of documents which have been read in the Convention."

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

Rule as amended was then adopted as a rule of the Convention.

The President announced the next business in order was the report of Committee on Printing, with reference to the purchase of maps for the use of the Convention.

Mr. Degener moved the adoption of the original resolution offered by Mr. Ruby.

Lost.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next business in order being the third reading of a resolution as reported from the Committee on State Affairs, defining the powers

of the Convention, Mr. Armstrong, of Jasper, moved to lay the resolution as reported from committee on the table.

The yeas and nays were demanded and resulted thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong of Jasper, Boyd, Cole, Gaston, Kirk, Mills, Muckleroy, Mullins, Sorrell—9.

Nays—Messrs. President, Adams, Armstrong of Lamar, Bell, Bellinger, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant of Harris, Buffington, Burnett, Caldwell, Carter, Coleman, Constant, Curtis, Downing, Evans of McLennan, Evans of Titus, Fayle, Flanagan, W. Flanagan, Fleming, Foster, Goddin, Gray, Grigsby, Hamilton of Bastrop, Hamilton of Travis, Harris, Harne, Hunt, Johnson of Harrison, Johnson of Calhoun, Jordan, Kealy, Keigwin, Kendal, Kuechler, Leib, Lindsay, Lippard, Long, Mackey, McCormick, McWashington, Morse, Mundine, Munroe, Newcomb, Oaks, Patten, Pedigo, Phillips of San Augustine, Phillips of Wharton, Rogers, Ruby, Schuetze, Scott, Slaughter, Smith of Galveston, Smith of Marion, Stockbridge, Sumner, Talbot, Thomas, Varnell, Vaughan, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, and Wright—74.

So the Convention refused to lay the resolution upon the table.

The question recurring upon the final passage of the resolution, the same was passed.

Mr. Patten 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.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

Leave granted.

Mr. Hamilton, of Travis, moved that Mr. Kirk be indefinitely excused from the sittings of the Convention.

By consent of the House, Mr. Kirk was excused.

On motion the Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JUNE 23, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr. Hunt, of Comal, presented the following petitions, and asked