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CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JULY 14, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The President announced the following communications from His Excellency Governor E. M. Pease and Geo. C. Rives, Esq., Acting Comptroller of the State; also, a communication from Brevet Major-General J. J. Reynolds, commanding the District of Texas.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Austin, July 13, 1868.

Hon. E. J. DAVIS,
President of the Convention :

SIR: I transmit herewith the copy of a letter received at this office this morning, from the Acting Comptroller of Public Accounts, which I respectfully request may be laid before the Convention.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E. M. PEASE.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Austin, Texas, July 13, 1868.

His Excellency E. M. PEASE, Governor of Texas :

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the eleventh instant, transmitting a copy of a resolution of the Convention, making an appropriation to procure a frame for the portrait of General Sam. Houston, and asking if I feel authorized, under the resolution, to draw a warrant on the treasury for the amount of the appropriation, in the event that you make a contract with any one to furnish the frame.

I reply that I do not feel authorized to pay any money upon the order of the Convention, unless the same meets the approval of the Commanding General, *and he shall order the payment to be made.*

It cannot be held that the framing of the portrait of General Sam.

Houston is properly chargeable to the contingent expenses of the Convention.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
GEO. C. RIVES,
Acting Comptroller.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF TEXAS,
Austin, July 13, 1868.

Hon. E. J. DAVIS,
President of the Convention :

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the information called for by your honorable body, in a resolution passed July 3, 1868.

I have the honor to remain, sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. J. REYNOLDS,
Brevet Maj. Gen. U. S. A., Commanding.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Austin, Texas, July 10, 1868.

Brevet Major-General J. J. REYNOLDS,
Commanding District of Texas :

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith all the statements asked for by the following resolution of the Constitutional Convention :

Resolved, That Brevet Major-General J. J. Reynolds, commanding the District of Texas, be, and is hereby respectfully requested to cause the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas to prepare and transmit, for the use of this Convention, the following statements and information, to-wit :

First. Statement showing the assessment of taxes in each county in the State, for the year 1867.

Second. Estimate of cost of collection of taxes under existing laws.

Third. Amount collected upon assessment of 1867.

Fourth. Statement of the different accounts, showing the receipts from the fourth of September, 1867, and the balances in the different kind of funds standing at credit of each account on the thirty-first of May, 1868.

Fifth. Statement of warrants drawn by the Comptroller upon the Treasurer, during the period commencing September 4, 1867, and ending May 1, 1868.

Sixth. Statement of public debt.

Seventh. Reports of railway companies made to Comptroller under act of February 7, 1853.

Eighth. Statement showing the present indebtedness of each railroad company to the State; and, also, what amount of interest has been paid; when and in what kind of funds paid; and amounts remaining unpaid.

Ninth. Statement of amounts paid for asylums, from their establishment to June 1, 1868, and in what kind of funds paid.

Tenth. Statement of amounts paid for Penitentiary, from its establishment to June 1, 1868, and in what kind of funds paid.

Eleventh. Statement showing the amount and character of funds paid for school lands during the existence of the rebellion.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE C. RIVES,
Acting Comptroller.