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CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JANUARY 6, 1869.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read and adopted.

Mr. Thomas presented a petition from citizens of Collin and Hunt, asking the formation of a new county, and asked its reference to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, without reading.

It was so ordered.

Mr. Sorrell presented a petition, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, without reading.

It was so ordered.

Mr. Newcomb introduced the following

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Major General E. R. S. Canby has been placed in command of this Military District; and

WHEREAS, We recognize in our new commander a gallant soldier of the nation, whose meritorious services during the late rebellion, and whose patriotism and wisdom as shown in his administration of the reconstruction acts in the Carolinas, recommend him to the full confidence of the loyal people of this State; therefore,

Be it resolved by this Convention, That we cordially welcome General Canby to our State, and express our confidence in him as the military commander of this district, and our full faith in his ability and disposition to administer its affairs to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of order, and the good of the loyal people thereof.

Second—That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be enclosed by the President of this Convention to General Canby.

Mr. Newcomb moved a suspension of the rules to take up the resolution.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded and resulted thus :

Yeas—Messrs. President, Adams, Armstrong of Lamar, Bell, Bellinger, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant of Grayson, Buffington, Butler, Burnett, Caldwell, Carter, Curtis, Degener, Downing, Evans of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, W. Flanagan, Fleming, Gaston, Goddin, Gray, Hamilton of Bastrop, Hamilton of Travis, Harris, Harn, Horne, Johnson of Harrison, Kealy, Keigwin, Kendal, Kuechler, Lindsay, Lippard, Mackey, McCormick, McWashington, Morse, Mullins, Munroe, Newcomb, Pedigo, Phillips of San Augustine, Posey, Rogers, Ruby, Scott, Slaughter, Smith, Sorrell, Thomas, Vaughan, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, Wright—63.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong of Jasper, Sumner—2.

Rules suspended.

The question recurred upon the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Sumner offered the following amendment :

“While regretting the removal of Brevet Major General Reynolds, and whereas.”

Mr. Newcomb moved the previous question.

Previous question seconded.

The question recurred, “ Shall the main question be now put ?”

Main question ordered.

The question recurred upon the adoption of the resolution.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted thus :

Yeas—Messrs. President, Adams, Armstrong of Lamar, Bell, Bellinger, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant of Grayson, Bryant of Harris, Buffington, Butler, Burnett, Curtis, Carter, Degener, Downing, Evans of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, W. Flanagan, Fleming, Gaston, Goddin, Gray, Hamilton of Bastrop, Hamilton of Travis, Harn, Horne, Johnson of Harrison, Jordan, Kealy, Keigwin, Kendal, Keuchler, Leib, Lindsay, Lippard, Mackey, McCormick, McWashington, Morse, Mullins, Munroe, Newcomb, Patten, Pedigo, Phillips of San Augustine, Posey, Rogers, Ruby, Scott, Slaughter, Smith, Sorrell, Stockbridge, Sumner, Thomas, Vaughan, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, Wright—66.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong of Jasper—1.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Degener moved a further suspension of the rules to put resolution on its passage.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Flanagan offered the following amendment :

“That Texas welcomes, with warm feelings, the estimable lady of the General, and recollect with proud gratitude her very kind treatment to many of the Confederate soldiers in Arizona, when prisoners.”

Mr. Degener moved the previous question.

Previous question seconded.

The question recurred, “Shall the main question be now put?”

Main question ordered.

The question recurring upon the final passage of the resolution.

Resolution read third time and passed.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Contingent Expenses, made the following report, respecting payment to Flake's Bulletin :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 4, 1869.

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

SIR: As one of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, having under consideration a resolution to pay the proprietor of Flake's Bulletin for certain copies of said paper furnished the members of this Convention, the undersigned respectfully begs leave to dissent from the majority report of said committee.

The majority of the committee, through the chairman thereof, says: “Regard for his (Flake's) wishes in the matter renders it, in the judgment of the committee, improper for the Convention to insist on payment for that which the proprietor has respectfully tendered as a complimentary present.”

The bold, dignified and able services of Flake's Bulletin in the cause of the Union, remaining through a series of years, ought, in the opinion of the undersigned, to recommend it to the warmest favor and consideration of every member of this body.

Preserving, as it does, a calm, determined, unflinching course; favoring no crime and outrages upon the laws; defending justice; preserving all in its power the domestic tranquility of the State; radical only in its honesty; it deserves and ought to receive the encouragement and sustenance of the representatives of the people.

It is, beyond all doubt, the strongest exponent of the opinions and views of the dominant party now published in the South. It supported with great earnestness and marked ability the claims of the distinguished President elect in the late presidential canvass. It possesses a circulation double, at least, of that of any other Republican paper published in Texas.

Therefore, and for the foregoing reasons (and I could adduce others equally potent), I respectfully recommend the adoption of the resolution paying Mr. Flake for the copies of his paper furnished the delegates of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
P. P. ADAMS.

Mr. Caldwell moved a suspension of rules to take up the report. Pending the action of the Convention upon the motion, the President announced the hour had arrived designated by the Convention to go into Committee of the Whole, upon the report of the Committee on the Condition of the State.

[Mr. Armstrong, of Lamar, in the Chair.]

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow morning, at half-past eleven o'clock.

Leave granted.

Mr. Wright moved that the Convention adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded and resulted thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong of Lamar, Burnett, Curtis, Evans of McLennan, Flanagan, Kendal, Kirk, Leio, Lippard, Mackey, McCormick, McWashington, Morse, Smith, Sorrell, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, Wright—18.

Nays—Messrs. President, Bellinger, Bryant of Harris, Butler, Degener, Downing, Fleming, Gray, Hamilton of Bastrop, Jordan, Kuechler, Lindsay, Long, Mullins, Munroe, Newcomb, Patten, Scott, Stockbridge, Sumner, Thomas, Watrous, Williams—23.

So the Convention refused to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Degener the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.