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—OF THE—

CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

FRIDAY, January 25, 1861.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hon. A. Moreno, President, in the chair, and 120 Delegates.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Mr. Marks, of Orleans, the reading of the record of votes for Assistant Secretary was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Moore, it was ordered that for the future, the recording of the names of the Delegates answering to roll-call should be omitted, it being only necessary to state the number so answering as being present.

The President of the Convention then announced the standing committees, as follows, viz:

1. On Citizenship of Louisiana: Thos. H. Kennedy, chairman; E. Lawrence, W. R. Peck, A. Talbot, N. McCollom, S. Hollingsworth, W. M. Perkins of Orleans, A. M. Gray, T. Johnson, H. McFarland and Felix Lewis.

2. On Judiciary and Federal Jurisdiction, and Property in Louisiana: P. E. Bonford, chairman; B. L. Hodge, Louis Bush, A. DeBlanc, C. C. Briscoe, B. S. Tappan, J. B. Elam, W. H. Hough, C. L. Swayze, H. Richardson and C. Roselius.

3. On Commerce, Revenue and Navigation: T. J. Semmes, chairman; M. O. H. Norton, R. W. Estlin, F. Gardere, J. Pemberton, T. C. Manning, L. P. Conner of Concordia, L. Texada, G. L. Fuseliar, B. Avegno and W. S. Pike.

4. On Postal Affairs: A. Walker, chairman; E. Bermudez, M. E. Girard, A. S. Herron, W. M. Kidd, F. Labatut, R. C. Martin of Assumption, J. A. Rozier, E. C. Davidson of Sabine, S. W. Dorsey, J. N. Marks of Orleans.

5. On State Constitution and Protection of Private Rights: J. G. Olivier, chairman; R. Taylor of St. Charles, A. B. Roman, C. D. Stewart, R. B. Todd, T. A. Cook, T. W. Scott of East Feliciana, J. J. Michel, M. Valentine, Y. W. Graves, L. D. Marks of Caddo.

6. On Military and Naval Affairs: R. Taylor of St. Charles, chairman; E. G. W. Butler, H. Marshall, J. Garrett, R. Hodges, J. McCloskey, D. O'Bryan, A. H. Gladden, W. Barton, W. M. Smith, W. D. Anderson.

7. On Formation of a Southern Confederacy: John Perkins, Jr., of Madison, chairman; H. Marshall, J. Moore, G. L. Fuseliar, A. Walker, E. Sparrow, J. A. Taylor of St. Landry, J. L. Lewis of Claiborne, A. H. Gladden, L. J. Dupre, T. C. Manning.

8. On Finance and Contingent Expenses: B. L. Hodge, chairman; F. Gardere, Z. York, J. H. Martin of Carroll, N. W. Pepo, J. B. Slawson, A. Provosty, T. J. Caldwell, J. M. Williamson, J. H. Elgee, R. Taylor of St. Charles.

9. On Foreign Relations: Ed. Sparrow, chairman; A. Declouet, P. E. Bonford, J. J. Michel, J. Perkins, Jr., of Madison, W. R. Miles, L. Texada, C. L. Swayze, W. C. Carr, L. P. Conner of Concordia, A. S. Herron.

10. On Patents: M. E. Girard, chairman; W. R. Adams, F. Cannon, J. E. Miller, J. O. Fuqua.

11. On Enrollment: P. S. Wiltz, chairman; F. Gardere, C. Benveuu, J. Pemberton, A. DeBlanc.

The following additional officers of the Convention were appointed by the President, viz:

A. M. Perrault, Sergeant-at-Arms.
J. R. T. Haynes, Warrant Clerk.
Emile Wiltz, Albert Fabre, Translating Clerks.
William Simmons, Door-Keeper.
James Kirby, Page.

Hon. C. M. Conrad was, on motion of Mr Miles, invited to take a seat on the floor of the Convention.

The hour having arrived for the formal introduction and reception of Hon. J. L. Manning, the duly accredited Commissioner from South Carolina, and the Hon. John A. Winston, the duly accredited Commissioner from Alabama; they were conducted to the floor of the Convention by Mr. Conner, of Concordia, when being presented to the Convention in their official capacity, respectively addressed the Convention on the object of their mission, and presented their credentials, and the State Documents with which they were charged, into the hands of the President of this Convention.

Mr. Elgee then presented an address to the Convention of the State of Louisiana, from the Honorables John Slidell, J. P. Benjamin, John M. Landrum and T. G. Davidson, at Washington City, which was read to the Convention; and, on motion by Mr. Elam, 2500 copies of said address were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Perkins, of Madison, then called up the special order of the day, it being the consideration of "An Ordinance of Secession," reported by him, as Chairman of the Committee of Fifteen.

Mr. Rozier then addressed the Convention upon the subject of the ordinance submitted by him as a substitute for the ordinance reported by the Committee of Fifteen. After which, the ordinance submitted by Mr. Rozier being read, preparatory to the vote being taken, on motion of Mr. Briscoe, a call of the House was had, when 122 Delegates were found to be present.

Whereupon Mr. Cottman called for the yeas and nays, which resulted as follows:

Ayes, Bermudez, Bienvenu, Clark, Cook, Connelly, Conner of St. Tammany, Cottman, Davidson of Sabine, Duffel, Garrett, Gill, Haugh, Lewis of Orleans, Meredith, McCollum, Patterson, Pierson of Winn, Roselius, Rozier, Smart, Stocker, Taliaferro, Verret, Williams—24 yeas.

Messrs. Adams, Anderson, Avegno, Barbin, Barrow, Bonford, Bonner, Briscoe, Burton, Butler, Caldwell, Cannon, Carr, Conner of Concordia, Davidson of Livingston, Declouet, DeBlanc, Dorsey, Duperé, Elam, Elger, Estlin, Fuseliar, Gladden, Graves, Gray, Gill, Girard, Griffin, Hernandez, Hodge, Hodges, Johnston, Kennedy, Kidd, Labatut, Lawrence, Lewis of Bienville, Manning, Marshall, Marrero, Marks of Caddo, Marks of Orleans, Martin of Carroll, Miles, Michel, Miller, Moore, Mouton, McCloskey, McFarland, McNealy, Norton, Olivier, O'Bryan, Perkins of Madison, Provosty, Richardson, Slawson, Swayze, Stewart, Sparrow, Smith, Tappan, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor of St. Landry, Texada, Todd, Towles, Valentine, Warren, Williamson, Wiltz and York—73 nays—and therefore the said substitute was lost.

Mr. Bienvenu called up the resolution offered by him on yesterday, which being read, he withdrew them, and submitted instead the following resolution, which he offered as a substitute:

Resolved, That whatever the action of this Convention on the question whether or not this State ought to secede from the Union, it shall have no effect until the same shall have been ratified by the vote of the majority of the people at the ballot-box, and, to this effect, an election shall be held at the various election precincts of the State, on the 25th day of February next, under the regulations and laws now in force in regard to the election of State officers. Those voting for the ordinance shall indorse on their tickets "Ratification;" and those voting against it the words "No Ratification." The Governor shall publish a proclamation duly notifying the people of the holding of said election, and ordering the Sheriffs of the several parishes of this State to cause an election to be held under the existing laws.

Mr. Lewis, of Claiborne, then moved to adjourn, but said motion was withdrawn at the request of Mr. Kidd, who offered the following resolution, which, on being put to the Convention, was passed:

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be authorized to pay the warrants of the delegates and officers to this Convention, when they are countersigned by the President of the Convention and the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

The following ordinance was then introduced by Mr. Polk, which was ordered to lie over under the rules:

Be it ordained by the Convention of the State of Louisiana, in Convention assembled, that the action of this Convention, in passing the ordinance which is to dissolve the connection of the State of Louisiana with the other States of the Federal Union, is not to be understood as abandoning to the other States, which may not secede, its rightful claim to the property and territory now held in common by the United States of America.

Whereupon, on motion by Mr. Perkins, of Madison, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

J. T. WHEAT, Secretary.

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—DE LA—

CONVENTION DE L'ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE.

VENDREDI, 25 janvier.

La Convention se réunit conformément à l'ajournement.

L'Honorable Alexandre Moreno occupe le fauteuil, et 120 délégués répondent à l'appel.

Durant la lecture du journal d'hier.

Sur motion de M. Marks, d'Orléans, la Convention se dispense de la lecture du compte rendu de l'élection du Secrétaire adjoint.

Sur motion de M. Moore, il est ordonné qu'il n'y aura le reste plus fait mention des noms des délégués répondant à l'appel; il suffira seulement de porter le nombre total des membres présents.

Le Président de la Convention fait savoir qu'il a composé les comités permanents, comme suit:

1. Sur les droits de citoyens de la Louisiane: Thomas H. Kennedy, rapporteur, et E. Lawrence, W. R. Peck, A. Talbot, N. McCollom, S. Hollingsworth, W. M. Perkins d'Orléans, A. M. Gray, T. Johnston, H. McFarland, et Felix Lewis.

2. Comité Judiciaire, de Juridiction Fédéral et du Domaine de Louisiane: P. E. Bonford, rapporteur; B. L. Hodge, Louis Bush, A. DeBlanc, C. C. Briscoe, B. S. Tappan, J. B. Elam, W. H. Hough, C. L. Swayze, H. Richardson et C. Roselius.

3. Comité du Commerce, du Revenue et de Navigation: T. J. Semmes, rapporteur; M. O. H. Norton, R. W. Estlin, F. Gardere, J. Pemberton, T. C. Manning, L. P. Conner de Concordia, L. Texada, G. L. Fuseliar, B. Avegno, et W. S. Pike.

4. Des Affaires Postales: Alex. Walker, rapporteur; E. Bermudez, M. E. Girard, A. S. Herron, W. M. Kidd, F. Labatut, R. C. Martin de l'Assomption, J. A. Rozier, E. C. Davidson de Sabine, S. W. Dorsey, J. N. Marks d'Orléans.

5. De la Constitution d'Etat et de Protection des Droits Privés: J. G. Olivier, rapporteur; R. Taylor de St. Charles, A. B. Roman, C. D. Stewart, R. B. Todd, T. A. Cook, T. W. Scott d'Est Feliciana, J. J. Michel, M. Valentine, Y. W. Graves, L. D. Marks de Caddo.

6. Militaire et des Affaires Navales: R. Taylor de St. Charles, rapporteur; E. G. W. Butler, H. Marshall, J. Garrett, R. Hodges, J. McCloskey, D. O'Bryan, A. H. Gladden, W. Burton, W. M. Smith, W. D. Anderson.

7. Sur la formation d'une Confédération du Sud: John Perkins, Jr., rapporteur; H. Marshall, J. Moore, G. L. Fuseliar, A. Walker, E. Sparrow, J. A. Taylor de St Landry, J. L. Lewis de Claiborne, A. H. Gladden, L. J. Dupré, T. C. Manning.

8. Des Finances et de Dépenses Casuelles: B. L. Hodge, rapporteur; F. Gardère, Z. York, J. H. Martin de Carroll, A. W. Pepo, J. B. Slawson, A. Provosty, T. J. Caldwell, J. H. Williamson, J. H. Elgee, R. Taylor de St. Charles.

9. Des Relations Fédérales: Edward Sparrow, rapporteur; A. Declouet, P. E. Bonford, J. J. Michel, J. Perkins jeune de Madison, W. R. Miles, L. Texada, C. L. Swayze, W. C. Carr, L. P. Conner de Concordia, A. S. Herron.

10. Des Patentes: M. E. Girard, rapporteur; W. R. Adams, F. Cannon, J. E. Miller, J. O. Fuqua.

11. D'Enrôlement: P. S. Wiltz, rapporteur; F. Gardère, C. Benveuu, J. Pemberton, A. DeBlanc.

Les officiers dont les noms suivent sont nommés par le Président, savoir:

A. M. Perault, Sergand d'Armes.
J. R. T. Haynes, Commis aux Mandats.
Emile Wiltz, Albert Fabre, Traducteurs.
William Simmons, Portier.
James Kirby, Page.

Sur motion de M. Miles, l'honorable C. M. Conrad est invité à prendre un siège dans la Convention.

L'heure fixée pour la réception de l'honorable J. L. Manning, commissaire dûment accrédité de l'Etat de la Caroline du Sud, et de l'honorable John A. Winston, commissaire dûment accrédité de l'Etat de l'Alabama, ces messieurs sont conduits et présentés en leur capacité officielle, présentant au Président leur lettre de créance, après quoi ils font chacun un discours relatif à l'objet de leur mission.

M. Elgee soumet à la Convention une communication des honorables John Slidell, J. P. Benjamin, J. M. Landrum et T. G. Davidson de la ville Washington, adressée à cette Convention; après lecture, l'impression en est ordonnée à 2500 exemplaires.

M. Perkins, de Madison, ayant fait la motion de s'occuper de l'ordonnance de séparation, rapportée par le comité des quinze, et qui est à l'ordre spécial du jour.

M. Rozier, parle en faveur de l'ordonnance présentée par lui comme substitut à l'ordonnance rapportée par le comité des quinze.

L'appel nominal réclamé par M. Briscoe, constate la présence de 120 délégués.

Sur la motion de M. Cottman d'adopter le substitut de M. Rozier, l'appel nominal donne le résultat suivant:

MM. Bermudez, Bienvenu, Clark, Cook, Connelly, Conner de St Tammany, Cottmah, Davidson de Sabine, Duffel, Garrett, Gill, Haugh, Lewis d'Orléans Meredith, McCollom, Patterson, Pierson de Winn, Roselius, Rogers, Smart, Stocker, Taliaferro, Verret et Williams votent dans l'affirmative—24 voix.

MM. Adams, Anderson, Avegno, Barbin, Barrow, Bonford, Bonner, Briscoe, Burton, Butler, Caldwell, Cannon, Carr, Conner, Davidson de Livingston, Declouet, De Blanc, Dorsey, Dupré, Elam, Elgee, Estlin, Fuseliar, Gladden, Gardere, Gaudet, Graves, Gray, Girard, Griffin, Hernandez, Herron, Hodge, Hollingsworth, Johnston, Kennedy, Kidd, Labatut, Lawrence, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Lelbourgeois, Lewis de Bienville, Lewis de Claiborne, Manning, Marshall, Marrero, Marks de Caddo, Marks, d'Orléans, Martin de l'Assomption, Martin de Carroll, Magee, Melancon, Miles, Michel, Miller, Moore, Mouton, McCloskey, McFarland, McNealy, Norton, Olivier, O'Bryan, Perkins de Lafourche, Perkins, de Madison, Perkins d'Orléans, Peck, Pemberton, Pierson des Natchitoches, Pike, Polk, Pope, Provosty, Pugh, Richardson, Roman, Slawson, Swayze, Semmes, Stewart, Sparrow, Sampayrac, Scott de Claiborne, Scott d'Est Feliciana, Smith, Tappan, Talbot, Taylor, de St Charles, Taylor de St Landry, Texada, Thomasson, Todd, Towles, Tucker, Valantine, Warren, Walker, Williams d'Est Baton Rouge, Williamson, Wilkinson, Wiltz et York, votent dans la négative—156 voix.

En conséquence la dite ordonnance est rejetée.

M. Fuqua demande lecture de l'ordonnance présentée par lui comme substitut de l'ordonnance rapportée par le comité des Quinze, et fait un discours sur ce sujet à la Convention.

Ensuite, sur motion de M. Kidd, la Convention s'ajourne pour se réunir de nouveau à 6 heures P. M.

SEANCE DU SOIR.

La Convention se réunit suivant ajournement à 6 heures P. M.

Présent, l'honorable A. Moreno, Président.

La présence d'un quorum de la Convention étant clairement évidente, sur motion de M. Richardson, on omet de faire l'appel nominal.

Sur motion de M. Lewis, de Claiborne, l'ordonnance de M. Fuqua est prise en considération ci lieu, et l'appel nominal étant demandé sur l'adoption du dit substitut, donne le résultat suivant:

MM. Bermudez, Bienvenu, Bush, Clark, Cook, Connelly, Conner de St Tammany, Cottman, Davidson de Sabine, Duffel, Fuqua, Gardère, Garrett, Gaudet, Herron, Hough, Hollingsworth, Lagroue, LeBlanc, Le Bourgeois, Lewis de Claiborne, Lewis d'Orléans, Martin d'Assomption, Magee, Melancon, Meredith, McCollom, Patterson, Perkins de Lafourche, Pierson de Winn, Pike, Polk, Pope Pugh, Roman, Roselius, Rozier, Sompayrac, Scott de Claiborne, Scott d'Est-Féliciana, Stocker, Thomasson, Tucker, Verret, Walker, Williams d'Est-Baton-Rouge, Williams de Ste Hélène—47 oui.

MM. Adams, Anderson, Avegno, Barbin, Barrow, Bonford, Bonner, Briscoe, Burton, Butler, Caldwell, Cannon, Carr, Conner de Concordia, Davidson de Livingston, Declouet, DeBlanc, Dorsey, Dupré, Elam, Elgee, Estlin, Fuseliar, Gladden, Graves, Gray, Gill, Girard, Griffin, Hernandez, Hodge, Hodges, Johnston, Kennedy, Kidd, Labatut, Lawrence, Lewis de Bienville, Manning, Marshall, Marrero, Marks de Caddo, Marks d'Orléans, Martin de Carroll, Miles, Michel, Miller, Moore, Mouton, McCloskey, McFarland, McNealy, Norton, Olivier, O'Bryan, Perkins de Madison, Provosty, Richardson, Slawson Swayze, Stewart, Sparrow, Smith, Tappan, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor de St Landry, Texada, Todd, Towles, Valentine, Warren, Williamson, Wiltz et York—73 non.

En conséquence le dit substitut est rejeté.

Sur motion de M. Bienvenu, la Convention s'occupe des résolutions présentées par lui, hier, lesquelles ayant été lues, sont retirées par le membre, qui présente comme substitut des dites résolutions la suivante, qu'il offre comme substitut:

RESOLUTION.

Resolu, Que quelque soit la décision de la Convention sur la question de savoir si l'Etat doit se séparer de l'Union, elle n'aura aucun effet avant d'avoir été ratifiée par le vote de la majorité du peuple, et à cet effet, une élection sera tenue aux divers bureaux d'élection de l'Etat le vingt-cinquième jour de février prochain, conformément aux règlements et lois actuellement en vigueur à l'égard de l'élection des officiers de l'Etat.

Ceux qui voteront pour l'ordonnance mettront sur leurs bulletins le mot "Ratification" et ceux qui voteront contre, les mots "Pas de Ratification." Le convocation faite par une proclamation donnant pleinement avis au peuple de la dite élection, et ordonnant aux shérifs des diverses paroisses de cet Etat de faire tenir une élection sous les lois existantes.

M. Lewis, de Claiborne, fait alors la motion de s'ajourner, mais ladite motion est retirée à la requête de M. Kidd, qui présente la résolution suivante, laquelle ayant été soumise à la Convention est adoptée:

Resolu, Que l'auditeur des comptes publics soit autorisé à payer les mandats des délégués et des officiers de cette Convention lorsqu'ils seront contresignés par le Président de la Convention et par le président du comité des dépenses casuelles.

L'ordonnance suivante est présentée par M. Polk et reste déposée sur le bureau conformément au règlement:

Qu'il soit ordonné par la Convention de l'Etat de la Louisiane réunie en convention, que l'action de cette Convention en adoptant l'ordonnance qui doit dissoudre l'union de l'Etat de la Louisiane avec les autres Etats de l'Union fédérale ne doit pas être interprétée comme un abandon aux autres Etats qui pourraient ne pas se retirer de ses droits légitimes aux propriétés et territoires aujourd'hui possédés en commun par les Etats-Unis d'Amérique.

Puis, sur motion de M. Perkins, de Madison, la Convention s'ajourne jusqu'à demain matin à 9 heures.

J. T. WHEAT, Secrétaire.

FANCY DRESS AND MASKED BALL.—We are indebted for tickets of invitation to the managers of the grand fancy, dress and masked ball, to be given by Jackson Fire Company No. 18, at Odd Fellows' Hall this evening. The occasion will doubtless be a delightful one—mirth, pleasure and gaiety will rule the roast. If opportunity allows, we will be glad to avail ourselves of the courtesy of the managers.

WASHINGTON FIRE COMPANY NO. 20.—The officers and members of this company are notified in another column that the regular monthly meeting will be held at the Engine House on Sunday, 3d inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

LAFAYETTE HOSE AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 1.—A special meeting of this company will be held this evening, at 7 o'clock, at their hall. The punctual attendance of members is requested.

Hotel Arrivals Yesterday.

CITY HOTEL.—J Lear, La; W H Jenkins, N Y; J Hammersell, Ala; J H Hunshaw, Miss Hunshaw, J Lamb, G Williams, A B Thompson, La; J Reely; D Askew, F Jones, Miss; F A Sharp, A A Harwood, O N Worthington, Tenn; D Flannery, Miss; L B Harris and lady, Cal; C H Jones, Fla; Mrs Kennon, B L Roberts, Ala; J S Jones, Fla; S A Griffin, P A Quinn, Miss; P F Espes, La; C Holmes, Miss; D K Bannerman, Texas; W S DeVan, Ala; J H Gayle, J R Gayle, J M Batchelor, La; A McGahey, Tex; G H Barwert; Dr A T Pollard, Ala; C S Boddell, La; B William Tradwell, Florida.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL.—J M Brown, La; W H Jones; J W Echols, N H Clarendon, J D Porter, C D Thrall, Ala; J W Dwane, Ga; R Ransom, S M Grayson, J W Cook, J Bellingsby, W A Buck, Miss S E King, Ala; W H Trader, Ark; C C Harris, E H Luke, Ala; T G Sanders, Tenn; Mrs Coffee, Miss; Mrs Burke, Miss Forbie, Tenn; Dr J Hawkins, La; L Lyons, Mo; D Chase, Fla; A Baugh, E Coleman, J A Beeeland, La; A J McGill, Miss; A C Torrence, N C; G S Harvess, O Long, C C Morgan, Ky; Dr J A Craig, Miss; W W Pugh, La.

ST. LOUIS HOTEL.—S Windham and lady, La; G Lockery, Md; J Coleman, W Duplar, Ala; J Fox, Miss; T S Tort, Miss M Barlow, N Y; J Carew, La; J S Ryan, Ky; R C Roberts and lady, N Y; N Pantigan; Wm Parks, Miss; P Bader, La; J M Sanders, La; J Harland, La.

ST. JAMES HOTEL.—D Hayers, Mo; J Crull, Tex; A H White; T Ballard, Miss Watson, Ala; A C Hinson, Miss; Mrs Booth, Ala; C H McAlpine, Ark; R J Menefee, Ky; J Lafloytaunt; P M West, Miss; L H Norwood, Texas; W Latom, Ky; H Crawford, La; Jno Stamps, Texas; B Ballard, Ala.

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THE LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION.

TUESDAY'S SECRET PROCEEDINGS.

Ordinance on Commerce, Revenue and Navigation.

IMPORTANT DELIBERATIONS.

FRIDAY, Feb. 1, 1861.—The Convention assembled at quarter to 11 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Father Perche, of the Catholic Church.

The roll was called, and 108 members answered to their names.

The journal was read and approved.

Report of the Military Board.

The President announced having received from Gov. Moore a report from the Military Board. On motion, the report was referred to the Military Committee without reading.

The Secret Proceedings.

Mr. Elgee moved that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the secret proceedings of Tuesday last, and that the minutes of those proceedings be now read. Mr. Semmes concurred, and the motion carried.

Mr. Olivier asked if all the secret proceedings were to be read. The President answered yes, as he understood it. Mr. Walker objected to a certain part of the proceedings being read. Mr. Elgee concurred; the vote was reconsidered; and the resolution was laid over, to be acted on at the next secret session.

The Public Lands.

Mr. Bonford offered a resolution that the President appoint a standing committee of seven members on Public Lands, in addition to the standing committees already appointed. Adopted.

Paying Government Employes.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Plaquemines, offered a resolution providing for the payment of persons who have been at work on the Government Works in this State, and moved its reference to the Committee on Commerce. Referred.

Another Amendment.

Mr. Thomasson, of Claiborne, offered an ordinance to amend Article 51st of the Constitution, in reference to the election of Judges of the inferior Courts by the people, etc. Referred to the Committee on the Constitution.

Promulgation of Ordinances.

A resolution was offered instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to report an ordinance providing for the promulgation of the ordinances of this Convention. Adopted.

Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Rozier, of the committee appointed to inquire into the necessity of an additional Assistant Secretary for the Convention, reported strongly in favor of such an officer, and offered a resolution authorizing the Secretary to appoint a Second Assistant. The resolution was adopted.

Purchase of War Vessels.

Mr. Davidson, of Sabine, offered a resolution requiring the Military Committee to inquire into and report upon the expediency of purchasing the war steamers Gen. Miramon and Marquis de la Habana, now lying in this port. Referred to the Military Committee.

Standing Committees.

The President called for reports from standing committees. None had reports ready, except the Committee on Enrollment, who, through Mr. De Blanc, reported a list of ordinances and other documents which had been enrolled.

Order of the Day.

The order of the day, to-wit, the ordinance amending the Constitution, was taken up at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Olivier, Chairman of the Committee on the Constitution, read and explained the sections of the ordinance, one by one; and as there was debate upon some of the sections, and as some sections were not adopted, we separate them, in order to show the action upon each:

ORDINANCE.

We, the people of the State of Louisiana, in Convention assembled, do declare and ordain, and it is hereby declared and ordained,

1st. That Article tenth of the Constitution of this State be altered so as to read as follows, to-wit: Every free white male who has attained the age of twenty-one years, and who has been a citizen and a resident of the State twelve months next preceding the election, and the last six months thereof in the parish he will be entitled to vote, shall have the right of voting, but no voter on removing from one parish to another, within the State, shall lose the right of voting in the former until he shall have acquired it in the latter. Electors shall, in all cases, except treason, felony, or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest, during their attendance at, going to, or returning from elections.

Mr. Olivier stated that the only change in Article 10 consisted in inserting the words "a citizen and" in one place, and striking out "citizen of the United States" in another place. Mr. Rozier, moved to amend further, by adding to the section a proviso defining the strict meaning of the word citizen. Mr. Olivier objected to the proviso, seeing no necessity for it. Mr. Elam thought the Committee on Citizenship should first define the meaning of citizenship, and then let this section be framed to accord with it. After further debate, between Messrs. Olivier, Rozier, Elam, Lawrence and Bush, the above section was made the special order of the day for next Monday, just after the Convention shall have acted on the report of the Committee on Citizenship.

2d. That Article twelfth of the Constitution of this State be altered so as to read as follows, to-wit: *No soldier, seaman or marines in the army or navy of this State*, no pauper, no person under interdiction, nor under conviction of any crime punishable with hard labor, shall be entitled to vote at any election in this State.

Upon this section there was a lengthy debate. Mr. Perkins, of Orleans, moved to amend by striking out the words above printed in italics, and argued the right of soldiers, seamen and mariners to vote, as well as other people. Mr. Moore, of St. Martin, warmly seconded Mr. Perkins. Mr. Olivier opposed the striking out, and stated that the object in excluding the classes named from the right of suffrage was to prevent that laity of action, in those classes, by which the Government might be subverted, and become a despotism under a military despot. He stated that all history showed that no class of men were ever so devoted to their leaders as soldiers. Mr. Tappan took strong grounds against Mr. Olivier, and stood up stoutly for the soldiers. Mr. Tappan's speech being twice applauded in the lobby and galleries, Mr. Walker called upon the President to protect the Convention from these noisy and insulting interruptions; and the President gave the order to have the lobby and galleries cleared if any more noise were heard. Mr. Walker went on and explained that the clause relative to soldiers, seamen and mariners, as copied from the State Constitution, had reference only to such as were in the employ of the United States Government. Mr. Marks, of Caddo, was willing to accept Mr. Perkins' amendment, but still agreed with Mr. Olivier that it was a dangerous thing to give soldiers the right of suffrage. Mr. Wilkinson, of Plaquemines, took the same side with Messrs. Olivier and Marks. Mr. Olivier spoke again, saying that the section had reference to a regular standing army, and not to the volunteer companies of the State. Mr. Elgee, of Rapides, saw nothing worthy of discussion in this whole matter, for he held that the definition of citizenship and the right of voting as given in the first section of the ordinance rendered it useless to attach any importance to the provisions of the second section. Mr. Butler, of Iberville, made a short speech, which we could not hear distinctly. Mr. Walker read from the South Carolina Constitution, showing that in that State soldiers not merely vote, but have particular privileges in voting. The motion to strike out the words above given in italics was put to vote and carried by a large majority, and then, as amended, the section was adopted.

3d. That Article thirty-fourth of the Constitution be and the same is hereby repealed.

The Article repealed was a dead letter—the provision for the election of United States Senators.

4th. That Article thirty-sixth of the Constitution be altered so as to read as follows, to-wit: No person shall be eligible to the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, who shall not have attained the age of twenty-eight years, and been a citizen of and a resident within the State for the space of four years next preceding his election.

The change being merely to make it necessary that such candidates shall have resided at least four years in the State—this requirement not being in the old Constitution. Section adopted.

5th. That Article thirty-nine of the Constitution be and the same is hereby repealed.

The Article repealed declared the ineligibility of members of Congress or United States officers as candidates to the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor. Section adopted.

6th. That Article forty-six of the Constitution be altered so as to read as follows, to wit: He shall be Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy of this State, and of the militia thereof

A mere technical alteration—striking out so much as referred to the United States. Section adopted.

7th. That Article ninety-nine of the Constitution be and the same is hereby repealed.

This section was, on motion of Mr. Olivier, referred back to the Committee, he having changed his mind about entirely repealing Article 59.

8th. That Article one hundred and ten be altered so as to read as follows, to wit: No liability shall be contracted by the State, as above mentioned, unless the same be authorized by some law for some single object or work, to be distinctly specified therein, which shall be passed by a majority of the members elected to both Houses of the General Assembly, and the aggregate amount of debts and liabilities incurred under this and the preceding Article shall never, at any one time, exceed eight millions of dollars, except in case of war, when the public safety may require it.

This section, being opposed by Mr. Tappan, for reasons which he gave, was, on motion, referred back to the Committee.

9th. That Article one hundred and twenty-six be altered, so as to read as follows, to-wit: Any citizen of this State who shall, after the adoption of the Ordinance of Secession of the State of Louisiana from the Federal Union, fight a duel, etc. (Inserting the rest of the article.)

This section changes the form of the first part of the act in reference to dueling, so as to restore to their franchises men who were under disfranchisement for dueling prior to the passage of the Ordinance of Secession. Mr. Briscoe, of Madison, proposed a substitute for the amendment, repealing the entire article 126, in regard to dueling. Mr. Olivier agreed that it would be better to repeal the entire article; he believed much mischief had resulted from it; the bar against dueling had the effect of putting any brave and generous man at the mercy of any ruffian or cut-throat; and most of the men who had fought duels were equally ready to fight for the honor and welfare of their State. He objected, however, to repealing the article, because it was not certain that the people would approve it. Mr. Thomasson moved to lay Mr. Briscoe's substitute on the table. Carried. The section, as reported by the committee, was then adopted.

10th. That Article one hundred and twenty-seven be altered so as to read as follows, to wit: The Legislature shall have power to extend this Constitution and the jurisdiction of this State over any territory acquired by compact with any State or power.

Mr. Walker moved to amend by adding, at the end of the sentence, the words, "or which may be otherwise acquired." After some discussion, Mr. Walker's amendment was rejected, and an amendment of Mr. Herron adopted, making the last part of the section read, "any territory acquired by the State of Louisiana." Thus amended, the section was adopted.

11th. That Article one hundred and twenty-eight be altered so as to read as follows, to-wit: None of the lands heretofore granted by the Congress of the United States to the State of Louisiana, for aiding it in constructing the necessary levees and drains, to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands in this State, shall be diverted from the purposes for which they were granted, except for arming and defending the State.

A member from St. John the Baptist moved to amend by adding at the last part of the section a proviso that lands diverted as proposed should subsequently be restored. Mr. Elam opposed this, saying that a restoration could be made only by taxing the people. The amendment was lost, and the section adopted without alteration. These sections of the ordinance adopted singly were then taken up and adopted as a whole.

Abolition of the Legislature.

Mr. Cannon, of Avoyelles, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the duly authorized Delegates in Convention assembled, do abolish the legislative body known as the General Assembly of Louisiana.

In support of this resolution, Mr. C. made a speech which commanded the largest attention of his hearers, and some gentlemen which excited not a little mirth. He proposed to abolish the Legislature for various reasons. One reason was, that there was no use for a Legislature when this superior body, the Convention, was in existence; another, that the State could not support two such bodies at once; another, that members of the Legislature had dogged and persecuted the Convention like a lot of vampires and bloodsuckers; and another reason, that the President of this Convention had given them permission to come within the bar, and that they had taken advantage of this to come rushing and chambering in and over the members like a pack of wild beasts. He was decidedly for protection against these vampires, and wanted to have that Augean stable, the Legislature, cleaned out. The gentleman's style and remarks at times were so humorous, that it was evident the resolution was intended as a rebuke to somebody for pestering the Convention too much.

Mr. Moore, of St. Martin, complimented his friend from Avoyelles upon his fine speech, and, premising that the object of the resolution had already been attained, moved to lay it on the table. The motion carried, Mr. Cannon alone voting nay.

Committee on Public Lands.

In conformity to a resolution passed in the morning, the President appointed the following gentlemen to the Standing Committee on Public Lands: Messrs. Elgee, Swayze, Barrow, Fuqua, Elam, Todd and Polk.

Secret Session.

The Convention then, on motion, (the hour being quarter past 2) went into secret session.

The Convention remained in secret session till nearly 4 o'clock, when the doors were thrown open, and the Convention adjourned to meet on Saturday (this day) at 10 o'clock A. M.

The proceedings of this session were kept secret, except one thing, and that was to make public, as follows, Tuesday's

Proceedings in Secret Session.

The President appointed the following delegates on a special committee to receive and confer with Commissioners from other States: Messrs. Moore, Conner of Concordia, and Roman.

Mr. Herron moved that the ordinance on commerce, revenues and navigation, be postponed till Wednesday, and be made the special order that day, and that it be printed. Lost.

Mr. Elgee moved that the ordinance reported by Mr. Semmes, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, etc., be taken up section by section. It was as follows:

Be it ordained, That all Federal officers in the civil service of the United States, and the laws of the United States relating to said Federal officers and their duties and compensations within the State of Louisiana, in office and in force at the time of the passing of the Ordinance of Secession, and not incompatible therewith, are hereby adopted and continued in office and in force, as officers and laws of the State. Adopted.

Be it further ordained, That the revenue, collection and navigation laws of the United States so far as they may be applicable, be and they are hereby adopted as laws of this State, saving that no duties shall be collected on imports from the States forming the late Federal Union, known as the United States of America, or the Territories thereof, nor upon the tonnage of vessels owned in whole or in part by the citizens of said States and Territories. Adopted.

Be it further ordained, That the President of this Convention is hereby authorized to require of all Federal Officers aforesaid in the parish of Orleans, the immediate recognition by them of the sole and exclusive authority of the State of Louisiana, and to administer to them the oath of office; and in case of refusal, to demand and take possession of all the property, money and effects, papers and documents held by them in their official capacity; and the like authority is hereby conferred on the Governor, as to all Federal Officers aforesaid in the State; and the officers and the offices of such persons as refuse to hold the property, money and effects in their custody, subject to the disposal of the State, and to take the oath of office, are hereby declared vacant.

Mr. Bush moved to amend, that the President of this Convention be authorized to designate all officers necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance. Voted upon. Yeas 7, nays 103. Lost.

The section was adopted.

The 5th section was taken up, when Mr. Elgee submitted the following amendment:

That the Governor shall have authority to remove any officer now holding Federal office in this State, if he shall consider the said removal conducive to the public good.

Mr. Semmes accepted the amendment, and it was adopted.

The ordinance was then adopted as a whole.

Mr. Semmes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Convention appoint a committee of five, to take an inventory of all property, money and effects delivered into their possession and control of the State by Federal officers in the parish of Orleans.

Adopted.

Mr. Walker moved to take up the report of the Committee on Postal Affairs.

Mr. Elam moved that the doors be opened, and then the Convention adjourned to 6 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.—The Convention met at 6 P. M. There were 98 members present. The doors were closed again.

Mr. Semmes then presented the following ordinance, reported by him as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, which was taken up section by section.

AN ORDINANCE relative to the Revenues collected at the Port of New Orleans.

Be it ordained, by the people of Louisiana, in convention assembled, That the revenues collected at the port of New Orleans, are held in trust to the State of Louisiana, and shall be held separate and apart from all other funds.

Be it further ordained, That the Governor, and he alone,