

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Hon. Aldert Yoshies, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and Messrs. Armstrong, Barrow, Bell, Brown, Bruns, Burke, Campbell, Cooley, Davigneaud, Ellis, Fellos, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kavanagh, Kennen, Lapoyre, Lott, Mohan, Munday, Newton, Palfrey, Poche, Purcell, Scroggs, Taylor and Wilcox—30 Senators.

The proceedings were opened with prayers, offered by the Rev. Mr. Beckwith, of the Episcopal Church.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION.

The President laid before the Senate the following communications, to-wit:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, New Orleans, March 13, 1866.

To the President of the Senate: I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that he has approved and signed.

Joint resolution relative to the public buildings and property of the State, located at Baton Rouge.

An act for the relief of G. B. Marshall.

An act for the relief of the Baton Rouge, Grand Teles and Opelousas railroad company.

N. C. SNEYDEN, Private Secretary.

NEW ORLEANS, March 13, 1866.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

The members of the Senate are invited to attend a free lecture on the "Genius of Water Soot," to be delivered in the Lyceum Hall, this evening, at 7 o'clock, by Mr. E. W. White.

This lecture is one of a series to be delivered for the benefit of the Lyceum Library, under the direction of the Board of Public Schools of the city of New Orleans.

EDWIN L. JEWELL, Chairman Committee on Lectures.

On motion of Mr. Bruns, the above invitation was accepted.

REPORT OF AN ENROLLED BILL.

Mr. Bruns, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled Senate bill entitled "an act requiring the assessor of the parish of Iberville to correct the assessment rolls thereof for the year 1865, and the Secretary was directed to request the signature of the Speaker of the House thereon."

MR. E. W. HALEY, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, requested the concurrence of the Senate in House bills of the following titles, to-wit:

An act for the relief of S. L. Slack.

An act supplemental to an act entitled "an act to regulate the sale of property seized under an order of seizure and sale or writ of fieri facias, approved March 1, 1866."

An act to provide for the supplying the loss of the public records and other papers burned or otherwise destroyed in the parishes of Madison, Concordia, Carroll and Iberville.

An act to provide for the election of municipal officers in the town of Vernon, parish of Jackson.

An act supplementary to an act to incorporate the town of Vernon, in the parish of Jackson.

An act to exempt from taxation certain property used by the New Orleans school of medicine for educational purposes. An act to authorize the recorder of mortgages for the parish of Orleans to issue mortgages resulting from the recording of bonds of notaries public in said parish.

An act for the relief of John W. Pinnegar and John McLean. An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the College of Franklin in the parish of St. Landry. An act for the relief of the succession of Jean Y. de Bagna. An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1866.

He also informed the Senate that the House has concurred in Senate bill entitled "an act relating to the inspection of scales, weights and measures to be used in trade and traffic within the limits of the city of New Orleans."

And he also informed the Senate that the Speaker pro tempore of the House had signed Senate enrolled bill entitled "an act requiring the assessor of the parish of Iberville to correct the assessment rolls thereof for the year 1865."

Which bill thereupon received the signature of the President of the Senate, and was by Mr. Bruns, on behalf of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted to His Excellency the Governor for his approval and signature.

By the same message the Senate was informed that the House had concurred in Senate bills of the following titles, to-wit:

An act for the relief of W. H. C. King & Co.

An act to amend the second section of an act entitled "an act for the organization and government of the State Seminary of Learning, established near Alexandria, approved March 18th, 1853, and making an appropriation for the same, approved March 7th, 1861."

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the government of the city of New Orleans, and the administration of the affairs thereof."

Which bill thereupon received the signature of the President of the Senate, and was, by the Secretary, returned to the House of Representatives.

MEMORANDUM WITHIN NOTICE.

The hereinafter named Senators, without previous notice given, and with a suspension of the rules granted, respectively asked and obtained leave to introduce the following enrolled bills, which were severally disposed of as indicated below, to-wit:

Mr. Kennen—An act to fix the terms of the district courts of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, to-wit:

Which bill underwent its several readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House thereon.

Mr. Bruns—An act to amend and re-enact section sixth, first paragraph, of an act entitled "an act to provide for increasing the revenue of the State; and raise money to pay the interest on the State Debt, approved April 4th, 1864."

Which bill underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bruns—An act supplemental to an act entitled "an act to incorporate the city of Carrollton, approved March 17th, 1861."

Which bill underwent its several readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House thereon.

Mr. Munday—An act to authorize the lease of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western railroad; which bill underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to a select committee of five.

And the President appointed on the committee Messrs. Munday, Davigneaud, Anderson, Wilcox and Kennen.

Mr. Munday—An act to legalize a contract between Mrs. R. S. Boone and Elizabeth Callahan in regard to the ferry at Simpsonton.

Which bill underwent its several readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House thereon.

Mr. Mohan—Joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana; which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and on motion of Mr. Davigneaud, the same was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Newton, of Morehouse, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act to legitimate Georgiana Deane, natural child of George Marshall Gordon and Sarah Jane Deane, and to confer on her the rights of a forced heir, which underwent its first and second readings by its title, when on motion of Mr. Burthe, the further consideration of the bill was postponed, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary."

On motion of Mr. Brownlee, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act for the relief of James M. Pinnegar and John McLean, which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Claims."

On motion of Mr. Kennen, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1866," which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act to amend and re-enact section 897 of the Code of Louisiana," which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being Senate's joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

The pending question being the adoption of Mr. Ellis' substitute for the title of the original joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the same was amended by inserting in the eighth line before the word "Constitution," the words "of this State or of."

And the substitute offered by Mr. Ellis was adopted in lieu and place of the original title 15th. Mr. Munday moved to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the enacting clause of the joint resolution.

The reconsideration being granted, on motion of the same Senator, the same was amended by inserting in the fifth line, after the word "Constitution," the following words, to-wit: "And shall be submitted to the people at the election for district and parish officers, to be held on the first Monday of May next, in the manner and form as prescribed by the Constitution."

On motion of the same Senator, the second article of the joint resolution was stricken out.

Mr. Ellis offered the following as a substitute for article one:

Article 1. The judges of the Supreme Court shall be elected for the term of ten years, in the following manner: The chief justice shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State. The legislature shall divide the State into four districts, and the qualified electors of each district shall elect one associate justice. The judges of the several circuits shall be elected by the duly qualified voters of their respective districts, for the term of eight years. It shall be the duty of the legislature to fix the time for holding the elections for all judges at a time which shall be different from that fixed for all other elections.

Mr. Davigneaud moved to lay Mr. Ellis' substitute on the table, and upon that motion Mr. Kavanagh, in reply, said that he was not in order, and being taken, retired as follows, viz: Yea—Messrs. Bell, Brownlee, Bruns, Burthe, Campbell, Davigneaud, Gordon, Hough, Kennen, Lapoyre, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Palfrey, Taylor and Wilcox—18 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Armstrong, Barrow, Cooley, Ellis, Fellos, Gibson, Kavanagh, Lott, Mohan, Nelson, Poche, Purcell and Scroggs—14 Senators.

So Mr. Ellis' substitute was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Palfrey, the further consideration of these joint resolutions was postponed, and the same were ordered to be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of Senate bill entitled "an act to amend an act to organize free public schools in the State of Louisiana," approved March 15, 1865; the same was taken up.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, that the second section of the above entitled act, which reads as follows, to-wit: "That for this purpose there shall be annually levied upon the colored amount of taxable property in each parish, one mill on the dollar, which shall be collected by the collectors of State taxes, in the same manner as other State taxes are levied and collected," be so amended and re-enacted as to read as follows, to-wit: "The police jury of the several parishes of the State are hereby authorized to establish free public schools in their respective parishes, and levy and collect such taxes, and also such mill on the dollar, as by them may be deemed proper for the maintenance and government of the same."

On motion of Mr. Palfrey, the first section was amended by inserting in the fifth line, after the word "State," the following words, to-wit: "And the common council of the city of New Orleans, as hereafter."

And the first section was adopted as amended.

readings, and on the final adoption of this bill, which reads as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, (a majority of the members elected to both Houses concurring therein), That the office of Superintendent of Public Education be and the same is hereby abolished.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act take effect from and after its passage.

In pursuance to article 140 of the Constitution of the State, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yea—Messrs. Armstrong, Barrow, Bell, Brownlee, Bruns, Cooley, Davigneaud, Ellis, Fellos, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kavanagh, Lapoyre, Lott, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Nelson, Palfrey, Scroggs, Taylor and Wilcox—24 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Kennen, Mohan and Purcell—4 Senators.

A majority of the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the bill passed.

And on the adoption of its title, on motion of Mr. Lott, the same was amended by substituting therefor the following title:

An act to abolish the office of Superintendent of Public Education.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House thereon.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of Senate bill entitled "an act prescribing additional duties to the Auditor of Public Accounts; the same was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the rules were suspended, this bill underwent its second and third readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House thereon.

Mr. Burthe, from the Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled "an act to legitimate Geraldine Clarke Osborne and Charlotte Dozaine Osborne, wife of Justin Bernard, natural children of David Clarke Osborne of the city of New Orleans, and to confer on them the rights of forced heirs," and Senate bill entitled "an act to amend and re-enact section 897 of the Code of Louisiana," submitted a favorable report on said bills.

The same Senator, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled "an act in relation to special and judicial mortgages in certain cases," and an act to amend article 356 of the Civil Code," submitted an adverse report on said bills.

And the same Senator, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled "an act to authorize George G. Wilson of the parish of Carroll, to make title of certain property of his minor children by private act," submitted an adverse report by a majority of the committee.

Mr. Newton of Jackson, from the Committee on Public Education, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled "an act regarding trespasses upon swamp and sixteenth section lands, submitted an adverse report.

Mr. Munday, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bills entitled "an act for the relief of J. D. Lott," and "an act for the relief of B. Bloomfield," submitted a favorable report on said bills.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bruns, from the select joint committee on founding a soldiers' home for Louisiana, submitted the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred joint resolution relative to the founding of a soldiers' home for Louisiana, beg leave respectfully to report, through the undersigned, their chairman, the accompanying bill, as the result of their joint labor, and strongly urge its immediate passage by your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. N. BRISLE, Chairman of Senate Committee.

And the same Senator presented a bill to be entitled "an act founding a soldiers' home for Louisiana," which underwent its first reading, and was ordered to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Gibson, from the select committee to whom was referred House bill entitled "an act to organize a bureau of immigration, to prescribe the duties thereof, and to fix the salary of the commissioner," submitted a favorable report, with amendments.

SECTION CONCERNING HOUSE AMENDMENTS.

On motion of Mr. Newton, of Morehouse, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House amendment to Senate bill entitled "an act for the relief of W. T. Hall."

The House amendment being taken up in the third line of the first section of the words "three hundred dollars," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "two hundred and fifty dollars."

On motion of Mr. Newton, of Morehouse, the House amendment was concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

REPORT OF ENROLLED BILLS.

Mr. Bruns, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled Senate bills of the following titles, to-wit:

An act for the relief of W. H. C. King & Co.

An act to establish an additional police jury ward in the parish of St. Mary.

And the Secretary was directed to request the signature of the Speaker of the House thereon.

HOUSE BILLS CONSIDERED.

On motion of Mr. Burthe, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act to authorize the Recorder of Mortgages of the parish of Orleans to issue mortgages resulting from the recording of bonds of notaries public in said parish," which bill underwent its several readings, it was concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hough, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act for the relief of S. L. Slack," which underwent its first reading, and was postponed to to-morrow.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to S. L. Slack, of the parish of Ouachita, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that amount be paid him on the warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts; this amount being granted said Slack for services rendered by him as district attorney pro tempore at a term of the twelfth judicial district court, begun and held at the town of Columbia, in the parish of Caldwell, on the 27th day of November, 1865.

On motion of Mr. Hough, the first section was amended by striking out in the fourth line the words "one hundred and fifty dollars," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "two hundred and fifty dollars." And the first section was adopted as amended.

The second section was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hough, the rules were further suspended, this bill underwent its second and third readings, it was concurred in as amended, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act to organize a bureau of immigration, to prescribe the duties thereof, and to fix the salary of the commissioners, and the same was taken up and considered as follows, to-wit:

The first section was read and adopted.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, etc., The bureau established by the first section of this act shall be composed of two citizens of the State of Louisiana and the mayor of the city of New Orleans, who shall be a member of said bureau; provided that he shall not receive any compensation for his services as such.

The amendment proposed by the select committee of the Senate to whom this bill had been referred, being to strike out in the third line of the second section the words "composed of two citizens," and insert in lieu thereof the words "under the charge of a citizen," and to strike out in the fourth line all after the word "Louisiana," and to insert in lieu thereof the words, "and to insert in lieu thereof the words, "whose salary shall be thirty-five."

And to strike out in the sixth line after the word "quarterly on," the word "their," and insert in lieu thereof the word "the."

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the amendment of the Senate was adopted, and the third section was adopted as amended.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of immigration to collect and have published in English, French and German, and such other languages as they may think proper, statistical information setting forth the advantages of soil, climate and productions, which Louisiana presents to the enterprising immigrant, to publish and distribute abroad, in the several languages, and such others as they may select, this act of the General Assembly and all other acts thereas may relate to the encouragement of immigration, and the protection of the immigrant; to appoint agents of immigration in foreign countries, whose salaries shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars each per annum, and whose members shall not exceed five, to assist and aid in the settlement of such citizens who may desire to settle in Louisiana, by giving counsel and information; in making contracts for public means of transportation; to bring to the port of New Orleans at the lowest rates of passage possible such immigrants as may elect to come to said port, and to make arrangements with steamboats, railroads and other means of transportation, to convey immigrants to the United States, to visit and make reports to the General Assembly, to visit their places of destination in a comfortable manner, and at the least expense possible; to use every effort to inform, advise and assist immigrants to Louisiana in order to protect them against imposture or false information, to negotiate with any steamship company to place a line of two or more steamers between New Orleans and Bremen, and other foreign ports from which large numbers of persons emigrate to the United States, to visit and make reports to the General Assembly of the State of the number of immigrants who have arrived, with a tabular statement showing ages, places of birth, sex, trade, profession and destination of all immigrants, who may have arrived during the year at the port of New Orleans, together with such information and recommendations as in their opinion may promote immigration to the State of Louisiana, together with a full statement of the expenses incurred by them in the bureau. Provided, nothing in this section shall be construed as to make the State liable for the passage money of any immigrant coming into the State.

The amendment proposed by the committee being to strike out in the second line of the fourth section the word "commissioner," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "chief of bureau."

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the fourth section was adopted, as amended.

Additional section proposed by the committee, viz: Be it further enacted, etc., That the chief of bureau shall have power to appoint one or more clerks, as may be found necessary, not to exceed three, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars each per annum, and to be paid out of the Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the additional section offered by the committee was adopted as the fifth section of the bill.

The sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and is hereby appropriated to pay the salaries of the commissioners of the bureau of immigration and expenses of said bureau, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The amendment proposed by the committee to strike out in the fourth line thereof the word "commissioner," and insert in lieu thereof the word "chief."

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the amendment of the committee was adopted, and the fifth (now the sixth section of the bill) was adopted as amended.

The sixth section was read and adopted as the seventh section of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the rules were suspended, this bill underwent its second and third readings, and on the adoption of its title, on motion of Mr. Gibson, the following was substituted and adopted therefor:

An act to organize a bureau of immigration, to prescribe the duties thereof, and to provide for the expenses of the same.

And the bill was concurred in as amended.

On motion of Mr. Kavanagh, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

HENRY B. KELLY, Secretary of the Senate.

of the Senate to whom this bill had been referred, being to strike out in the third line of the second section the words "composed of two citizens," and insert in lieu thereof the words "under the charge of a citizen," and to strike out in the fourth line all after the word "Louisiana," and to insert in lieu thereof the words, "and to insert in lieu thereof the words, "whose salary shall be thirty-five."

And to strike out in the sixth line after the word "quarterly on," the word "their," and insert in lieu thereof the word "the."

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the amendment of the Senate was adopted, and the third section was adopted as amended.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of immigration to collect and have published in English, French and German, and such other languages as they may think proper, statistical information setting forth the advantages of soil, climate and productions, which Louisiana presents to the enterprising immigrant, to publish and distribute abroad, in the several languages, and such others as they may select, this act of the General Assembly and all other acts thereas may relate to the encouragement of immigration, and the protection of the immigrant; to appoint agents of immigration in foreign countries, whose salaries shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars each per annum, and whose members shall not exceed five, to assist and aid in the settlement of such citizens who may desire to settle in Louisiana, by giving counsel and information; in making contracts for public means of transportation; to bring to the port of New Orleans at the lowest rates of passage possible such immigrants as may elect to come to said port, and to make arrangements with steamboats, railroads and other means of transportation, to convey immigrants to the United States, to visit and make reports to the General Assembly, to visit their places of destination in a comfortable manner, and at the least expense possible; to use every effort to inform, advise and assist immigrants to Louisiana in order to protect them against imposture or false information, to negotiate with any steamship company to place a line of two or more steamers between New Orleans and Bremen, and other foreign ports from which large numbers of persons emigrate to the United States, to visit and make reports to the General Assembly of the State of the number of immigrants who have arrived, with a tabular statement showing ages, places of birth, sex, trade, profession and destination of all immigrants, who may have arrived during the year at the port of New Orleans, together with such information and recommendations as in their opinion may promote immigration to the State of Louisiana, together with a full statement of the expenses incurred by them in the bureau. Provided, nothing in this section shall be construed as to make the State liable for the passage money of any immigrant coming into the State.

The amendment proposed by the committee being to strike out in the second line of the fourth section the word "commissioner," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "chief of bureau."

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the fourth section was adopted, as amended.

Additional section proposed by the committee, viz: Be it further enacted, etc., That the chief of bureau shall have power to appoint one or more clerks, as may be found necessary, not to exceed three, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars each per annum, and to be paid out of the Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the additional section offered by the committee was adopted as the fifth section of the bill.

The sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and is hereby appropriated to pay the salaries of the commissioners of the bureau of immigration and expenses of said bureau, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The amendment proposed by the committee to strike out in the fourth line thereof the word "commissioner," and insert in lieu thereof the word "chief."

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the amendment of the committee was adopted, and the fifth (now the sixth section of the bill) was adopted as amended.

The sixth section was read and adopted as the seventh section of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the rules were suspended, this bill underwent its second and third readings, and on the adoption of its title, on motion of Mr. Gibson, the following was substituted and adopted therefor:

An act to organize a bureau of immigration, to prescribe the duties thereof, and to provide for the expenses of the same.

And the bill was concurred in as amended.

On motion of Mr. Kavanagh, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

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dollars, and of the Auditor's office to fifteen hundred dollars.

Change the sum in the one hundred and eleventh line from twenty-five thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars.

Change the appropriation for the payment of commissions to tax collectors to fifteen thousand dollars.

Strike out the word "Treasurer," in the two hundred and eighty seventh line, and insert "Auditor," instead.

And the bill as amended was read a second time, ordered to be engrossed, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Walker, chairman of the Committee on Finance, asked and obtained leave to report out of order on House bill No. 73, entitled "an act to raise a revenue to the State by means of stamps and stamped paper, making appropriations for the purposes of the act, etc., etc."

Reported favorably, with amendments.

The amendment proposed by the committee being to strike out in the first line of the third section the word "members," and to insert in lieu thereof the word "chief of bureau."

To strike out in the first line all after the word "years," down to the words, "imposed dollars," and to insert in lieu thereof the words, "whose salary shall be thirty-five."

And to strike out in the sixth line after the word "quarterly on," the word "their," and insert in lieu thereof the word "the."

On motion of Mr. Gibson, the amendment of the Senate was adopted, and the third section was adopted as amended.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of immigration to collect and have published in English, French and German, and such other languages as they may think proper, statistical information setting forth the advantages of soil, climate and productions, which Louisiana presents to the enterprising immigrant, to publish and distribute abroad, in the several languages, and such others as they may select, this act of the General Assembly and all other acts thereas may relate to the encouragement of immigration, and the protection of the immigrant; to appoint agents of immigration in foreign countries, whose salaries shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars each per annum, and whose members shall not exceed five, to assist and aid in the settlement of such citizens who may desire to settle in Louisiana, by giving counsel and information; in making contracts for public means of transportation; to bring to the port of New Orleans at the lowest rates of passage possible such immigrants as may elect to come to said port, and to make arrangements with steamboats, railroads and other means of transportation, to convey immigrants to the United States, to visit and make reports to the General Assembly, to visit their places of destination in a comfortable manner, and at the least expense possible; to use every effort to