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SENATE.

THURSDAY, March 15, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate; and Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Bell, Brownlee, Brusié, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Cooley, Duvignaud, Ellis, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kavanagh, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Mohan, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Nelson, Palfrey, Poché, Purcell, Scruggs, Taylor, Welch and Wilcoxon—33 Senators.

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

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

COMMUNICATION.

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

NEW ORLEANS, March 14, 1866.

To the Hon. President and Senate of the State of Louisiana:

The Faculty of the New Orleans School of Medicine most respectfully invite your honorable body to attend their graduation exercises at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. D. FENNER, M. D.,
Dean of the Faculty.

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

REPORT OF AN ENROLLED BILL.

Mr. Brusle, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, Senate bill entitled

An act to amend the second section of an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the organization and government of the State Seminary of Learning, established near Alexandria, approved March 18, 1858, and making an appropriation for the same, approved March 7, 1860;

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHARITY HOSPITAL.

Mr. Scruggs submitted to the Senate the report of the board of the administrators of the Charity Hospital,

The reading of which was dispensed with;

And on motion by the same Senator, the same was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Duvigneaud submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That the use of the Senate chamber and committee rooms be granted to the Immaculate Conception, under the care of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, in the Third District, for the purpose of holding a fair for the benefit of said institution.

The use of the rooms is granted from the 1st of May next to the 16th of same month.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate, That Saturday next, the 17th inst., be set apart for the exclusive consideration of bills of a private and local character, and none others.

COMMITTEE SERVICE.

On motion of Mr. Munday, the President was requested to appoint two additional members on the select committee to whom was referred Senate bill entitled "an act to authorize the leasing of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad," and in accordance thereto the President appointed Messrs. Lapeyre and Fellows.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. E. W. Halsey, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, requested the concurrence of the Senate in House bills and joint resolutions entitled

An act requesting our Senators and Representatives elect to the present Congress to oppose the granting by Congress of a request made on the memorial signed by certain members of the bar of the city of New Orleans;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to license the vending of lottery tickets;

An act to extend relief to the disabled Louisiana soldiers who have been disabled and are in indigent circumstances; and

Joint resolution relative to the Academy Department building.

He also requested the signature of the President of the Senate to House enrolled bill entitled

An act to authorize the recorder of mortgages of the parish of Orleans to erase mortgages resulting from the recording of bonds of notaries public in said parish,

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

By the same message the Senate was informed that the Speaker *pro tem.* of the House had signed Senate enrolled bill entitled

An act to amend the second section of an act entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act for the organization and government of the State Seminary of Learning established near Alexandria, approved March 18, 1858, and making an appropriation for the same, approved March 7th, 1860.

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

BILLS INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE.

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

Mr. Burthe—

An act to amend the second paragraph of the first section of an act entitled an act fixing the terms of the district courts, approved March 2d, 1866;

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

Mr. Lott—

An act appropriating twelve hundred dollars for levee purposes;

Which bill underwent its first and second reading by its title, and it was referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees.

Mr. Scruggs—

An act fixing the compensation of State tax collectors in the city of New Orleans;

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

Mr. Mohan—

An act for the relief of Ed. F. L'hoste,

Which bill underwent its first and second readings by its title, and was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Duvigneaud—

Joint resolution confirming the acts of notaries public and other officers throughout the State from the 21st day of December, 1865;

Which joint resolution underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gordon, from the Committee on Finance to whom was referred Senate bill entitled an act limiting the power of taxation of municipal corporations, submitted a favorable report.

Mr. Kenner, from the same committee to whom was referred House bill entitled an act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Benjamin Ray, deceased, and Senate bill entitled an act to authorize the auditor and treasurer to employ each an additional clerk, submitted a favorable report on each of said bills.

And the same Senator, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bills entitled

An act for the relief of Luke Dillon, late constable of the Second Justice Court for the city of New Orleans;

An act to protect the State from the payment of illegal claims;

An act to amend and re-enact section first, paragraph sixth, of an act entitled an act to provide for increasing the revenue of the State, and raise means to pay the interest on the State debt, approved April 4, 1865;

And petition of Louis Kaiser, praying for relief;

Submitted an adverse report on each of said bills and petition.

REPORT FROM A SELECT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Munday, from the select joint committee appointed to proceed to Baton Rouge for the purpose of investigating the affairs of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum at that place, and report to the General Assembly as soon as practicable, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened:

The undersigned committee, appointed under joint resolution to visit and inquire into the condition and management of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum at Baton Rouge, respectfully report that they have performed the duty imposed, and ascertained that the buildings and inclosures of the institution are in much need of repairs, and that there is a deficiency of furniture and bedding. About one half the building is used as a United States military hospital, and your committee deem such an arrangement detrimental to the legitimate operations of the asylum. As, however, the commanding officer at Baton Rouge stated that there was ample room in the barracks for hospital purposes, and that he was prepared to surrender the use of the asylum whenever authorized by the proper authority to do so, it is probable that the institution will be relieved of this inconvenience at an early day. In connection with this matter it would be unjust to omit mentioning that the asylum has for a length of time received material aid from the general government, in form of supplies of food and other necessaries issued to it from the military stores in Baton Rouge.

Of the internal economy and management of the asylum, as conducted by Mr. Martin, principal, and Mrs. Dufrocq, matron, your committee feel warranted in speaking most favorably; but of the supervisory control exercised by the board of administrators they feel constrained to use language of condemnation, not indiscriminately and collectively, but of acts hereinafter specified and of the individuals named. It was in evidence before your committee that Mr. John O'Conner was, on the 2d of May last (1865), regularly chosen secretary and treasurer, and that he promptly furnished satisfactory bond and security for the faithful discharge of his duties, which bond was put of record in the proper office. No evidence was elicited that Mr. O'Conner, either as secretary or treasurer, had failed to perform his duty, yet on the 13th June he was superseded as secretary by Mr. J. C. O'Connell, and in December following by Mr. Kugler, as treasurer. The bond offered by Mr. Kugler (which seems to have been accepted on the 22d of January last,) is without any witness to it, it is deemed otherwise informal, has not been put of record in any public office, and Mr. O'Connell, secretary, was the custodian of it. On the 13th of November last, by resolution of the board of administrators, Mr. O'Connell was deputed to call upon the Governor and treasurer of the State, to endeavor to procure pecuniary relief to the asylum. According to the regular text of the resolution, this was the sum and substance of his commission; but there were *interlineations*, whereby his powers were amplified, on the strength of which he demanded and received from Mr. Benjamin, with whom it had been deposited by Mr. O'Conner, an auditor's warrant on the State treasury, for four thousand five hundred dollars ($4500,) which he collected.

It was not in evidence before your committee whether the interlineations in question were, or were not, a part of the resolutions as it passed the board, but under any circumstances they were deemed objectionable as a record.

The record so called, kept by Mr. O'Connell, was found to consist of detached sheets or scraps of paper; and in reply to an objection made by one of your committee to so loose a way of keeping it, the secretary declared it to be unparliamentary to keep the original resolutions upon which the body acted. Your committee failed to perceive the force of his reason, but did not deem it their duty to reply in the matter.

Of payments made by Mr. Kugler, treasurer, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and sixty cents ($1872 60) appears to have been disbursed on the warrant of the secretary alone, to-wit:

To F. Otto, an administrator	$1,191 60
To J. C. O'Connell, secretary	675 00

The other disbursements of the treasurer appear to have been sanctioned by the president of the board in due form.

One thing noticed by your committee struck them as being peculiarly reprehensible, namely: That in resolutions of the board directing the payment of bills, etc., the amounts were frequently, if not invariably, left blank, and subsequently filled, and in pencil. All who are familiar with chirography know what an easy matter it is to obliterate pencil marks, and can understand the use that a dishonest secretary might make of the facility, particularly if, as in the case cited above, he could draw money on his own warrant. It is not charged, or even intimated by your committee, that any improper use *has* been made of the facility afforded, but they may most unqualifiedly condemn the mode in question of filling blanks in the acts of the board.

Another irregularity, though a small one, was brought to the notice of your committee. It was in evidence that the sum of fifty dollars had been paid to one of the administrators for the use of a room in which to hold the meetings of the board, though there was no need for such outlay, a suitable room in the asylum building being at all times available. As stated, the amount expended was trivial, but being unnecessary, its expenditure was reprehensible.

It was perhaps the design of the joint resolution under which your committee was appointed, that they should inquire into and report upon the fiscal condition of the asylum; but as such design is not clearly manifest, and as the desired information is before the legislature from other sources, and is believed to be reliable, your committee abstain from attempting an exposition of it.

Very respectfully,

C. W. MUNDAY,
Chairman Senate Committee.
E. W. ALVERSON,
Chairman House of Representatives Committee.

On motion of Mr Munday, ordered that 250 copies of the foregoing report be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

SENATE BILL REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Burthe, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled "an act for the relief of G. R. and E. F. Newman," when on motion by the same Senator the further consideration of the bill was postponed, and the same was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

On motion of Mr. Kenner, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate's joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, at their third reading—

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, a majority of the members elect to each House concurring therein, That the following be adopted and proposed to the people as amendments to the Constitution, 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 provided by the Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The judges of the Supreme Court and of the inferior courts shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the judges of the Supreme Court shall hold their offices for ten years, and the judges of the inferior courts for a term of eight years. The appointments shall be made immediately after this amendment shall have been adopted and ratified by the people. And in order that the Supreme judges shall not go out of office all at the same time, two of the associate justices first appointed, shall be appointed only for five years, but their successors shall be appointed for the full term.

On the adoption of the first article, the yeas and nays were called and the following was the result of the vote, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Brusié, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Duvigneaud, Ellis, Fellowes, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Munday, Nelson, Palfrey, Poché, Taylor, Scruggs and Wilcoxon—23 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Brownlee, Cooley, Foute, Kavanagh, Newton of Morehouse, and Purcell—6 Senators.

So, a majority of the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the first article was adopted at its third reading.

The question being on the adoption of title fifteenth, as offered by Mr. Lott, and which reads as follows, viz:

TITLE 15. That all ministerial and judicial acts and proceedings which have been held and done in this State since the adoption of the ordinance of secession, by any civil officers holding or exercising the functions of their offices after the adoption of the ordinance of secession, which are not in conflict with the Constitution of the State or the Constitution and laws of the United States, be and the same are hereby ratified.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present, the title fifteenth was amended by striking out therefrom, in the third and sixth lines thereof, the words "the adoption of the ordinance of secession," and by inserting in lieu thereof the following words, viz: "the 26th day of January, A. D. 1861."

And on the adoption of the title fifteen as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken resulted as follows, to-wit:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Brownlee, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Cooley, Duvigneaud, Ellis, Fellowes, Gibson, Hough, Kenner, Lott, Munday, Nelson, Palfrey, Taylor, Welch and Wilcoxon—21 Senators.

Nays—Messrs. Brusié, Gordon, Kavanagh, Lapeyre, Newton of Morehouse, Poché and Scruggs—7 Senators.

So, a majority of the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the title fifteenth was adopted at its third reading and the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Duvigneaud, the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

BILLS FIXED FOR A PARTICULAR DAY.

On motion of Mr. Brusié, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled

An act to organize the militia of the State;

When, on motion of the same Senator, the further consideration of this bill was postponed, and the same was made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

SENATE BILL PASSED.

On motion of Mr. Gordon, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled an act limiting the power of taxation of municipal corporations, which underwent its second and third readings, it was passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

On motion of Mr. Kenner, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled an act to authorize the Auditor and Treasurer to employ each an additional clerk, which underwent its second and third readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

HOUSE BILLS CONCURRED IN.

On motion of Mr. Brusié, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled an act founding a Soldiers' Home for Louisiana, which underwent its several readings, it was concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Scruggs, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

House joint resolution relative to the quarantine;

Which underwent its first and second readings, the blank therein was filled with the word "three," it underwent its third reading, and it was concurred in.

And in pursuance thereto, the President appointed Messrs. Scruggs, Ellis and Purcell the committee on the part of the Senate;

And the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Morehouse, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled

An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Benjamin Ray, deceased;

Which underwent its second and third readings, it was concurred in and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Foute, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled

An act for the relief of the succession of Juan Y. DeEgana;

Which underwent its several readings, it was concurred in and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of Mr. Munday, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled

An act for the relief of J. D. Lott, which underwent its second and third readings, it was concurred in, and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of the same Senator, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled "an act for the relief of B. Bloomfield," pending the consideration of which bill the Senate went into

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Duvigneaud, the Senate proceeded, with closed doors, to the consideration of executive business, and after some time therein spent the doors were reopened, when, on motion of Mr. Mohan, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock M.

HENRY B. KELLY,
Secretary of the Senate.

FRIDAY, March 6th, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Hon. Albert Voorhies, Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate, Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barrow, Brownlee, Brusié, Burthe, Campbell, Coco, Cooley, Duvignaud, Ellis, Fellowes, Foute, Gibson, Gordon, Hough, Kavanagh, Kenner, Lapeyre, Lott, Mohan, Munday, Newton of Jackson, Newton of Morehouse, Nelson, Palfrey, Poché, Purcell, Scruggs, Taylor, Welch, and Wilcoxon—32 Senators.

The proceedings were opened with prayers offered by the Rev. Mr. Walker, of the Methodist church.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from his Excellency, the Governor, to-wit:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEP'T,
New Orleans, March 15, 1866.

To the President of the Senate:

I am directed by his Excellency, the Governor, to inform the Senate that he has approved and signed "an act requiring the assessor of the parish of Iberville to correct the assessment rolls thereof, for the year 1865."

"An act for the relief of W. T. Hall."

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

And "an act to establish an additional justice of the peace ward for the parish of St. Mary.

N. C. SNETHEN,
Private Secretary.

REPORT OF STATE SEMINARY OF LEARNING.

Mr. Scruggs submitted to the Senate the report of W. F. Boyd, Superintendent and Treasurer of the Louisiana State Seminary and Military Academy near Alexandria, the reading of which was dispensed with, and, on motion of Mr. Burthe, the same was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Public Education.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Gibson submitted the following resolution, which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That the committee on amendments to the Constitution be requested to report, as early as practicable, a joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, with the view of reducing the salaries of such officers as are fixed therein.

Mr. Scruggs submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Senate fixing 12 o'clock as the hour of assembling daily, shall be so amended as to read "at half-past ten o'clock daily."

On motion of Mr. Kenner, the above resolution was ordered to lie over under the rules.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. E. W. Halsey, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the Senate's amendments to House bill entitled

An act to organize a bureau of immigration, to define the duties thereof, and to fix the salary of the commissioners.

He requested the concurrence of the Senate in House bill 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, and providing penalties for violating the provisions of the act, and for counterfeiting or fraudulently imitating the dies and stamps, or other apparatus authorized by this act, and for wilfully destroying or defacing the stamps imposed under this act.

And he requested the signature of the President of the Senate to the following entitled House enrolled bills, to-wit:

An act founding a Soldier's Home for Louisiana;

An act for the relief of Juan Y. DeEgana;

An act for the relief of J. D. Lott;

An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Benjamin Ray, deceased.

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

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Kenner submitted to the Senate the memorial of Greenberry Dorsey, asking that a certain sum of money, paid into the State Treasury, in error, shall be refunded to him, the reading of which was dispensed with, and on motion, by the same Senator, the same was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mohan submitted to the Senate the petition of Peter H. Degruy, praying for relief, the reading of which was dispensed with, and on motion, by the same Senator, it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Claims.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Palfrey, from the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled an act appropriating twelve hundred dollars for levee purposes, submitted an adverse report.

Mr. Burthe, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate joint resolution confirming the acts of notaries public and other officers throughout the State, from the 22d day of December, 1865, submitted a favorable report.

And the same Senator from the same committee to whom was referred House bills entitled "an act to legitimate Georgiana Dease, natural child of George Marshall Gordon and Sarah Jane Dease, and to confer on her the rights of a forced heir;" and 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 2d, 1865, submitted an adverse report on said bills.

Mr. Monday, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Senate bills entitled "an act for the relief of Theodore Durel and R. D. Hubbard; an act for the relief of the late lessees of the State Penetentiary; and House bill entitled an act for the relief of James M. Pinnegar and John McLean, submitted a favorable report on each of said bills.

And the same Senator, from the same committee, to whom was referred House bill entitled "an act for the relief of E. F. Morehead of the parish of Ascension," submitted a favorable report by substitute entitled an act for the relief of Edward F. Morehead and Patrick Wood, which was passed to a second reading.

REPORTS FROM A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Munday, from a select committee to whom was referred Senate bill entitled

An act to authorize the leasing of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad,

Submitted a favorable report by substitute, with the same title, which was passed to a second reading.

BILLS INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE.

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

Mr. Kenner—

Joint resolution directing the State Engineer to examine the different passes of the Mississippi river;

Which underwent its first and second readings by its title, and it was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Public Works, Lands and Levees,

M. Mohan—

An act to amend the third section of an act entitled an act for the election of district and parochial officers throughout the State, on the first Monday of May, 1866.

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

Mr. Gordon—

An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for increasing the revenue of the State and to raise means to pay the interest on the State debt, approved April 4, 1865;

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

Mr. Mohan—

An act to authorize John C. Sinnot and James McCloskey to remove certain obstructions in Holmes' bayou;

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

Mr. Coco—

An act to amend the seventh paragraph of the first section of the act fixing the terms of the district courts, approved March 2, 1866.

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

Mr. Gordon—

An act relative to official and judicial bonds and sureties;

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

HOUSE BILL REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Kenner, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled

An act to raise a revenue to the State by means of stamps and stamped paper, making appropriation for the purposes of the act, and providing for the penalties for violating the provisions of the act, and for counterfeiting or fraudulently imitating the dies and stamps or other apparatus authorized by this act, and for wilfully destroying or defacing the stamps imposed under this act;

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

HOUSE BILLS CONCURRED IN.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House bill entitled

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

Which bill underwent its several readings, it was concurred in and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

On motion of the same Senator, the rules were suspended and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of House joint resolution

Instructing our Senators and Representatives elect to the Federal Congress to oppose the granting by Congress of a request made in a memorial of certain members of the bar of the city of New Orleans;

Which joint resolution underwent its several readings, it was concurred in and the Secretary was directed to inform the House thereof.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

On motion of Mr. Duvigneaud, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled an act relative to jury trials in the parish of Orleans, which bill underwent its second and third readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

On motion of the same Senator, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate's joint resolution confirming the acts of notaries public and other officers throughout the State from the 24th day of December, 1865, which bill underwent its second and third readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

On motion of Mr. Munday, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate bill entitled an act to authorize the leasing of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, which bill underwent its second and third readings, it passed, and the Secretary was directed to request the concurrence of the House therein.

On motion of the same Senator, the rules were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Senate substitute for House bill entitled an act for the relief of Edward F. Morehead and Patrick Wood.

When Mr. Scruggs moved to recommit the bill, on motion of Mr. Poché, Mr. Scruggs' motion of recommitment was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Munday, 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 therein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being House bill entitled "an act for the relief of B. Bloomfield."

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of Senate bill entitled "an act to organize the militia;" the same was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Brusié, 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 therein.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Poché, the Senate proceeded, with closed doors, to the consideration of executive business, and after some time therein spent, the doors were opened, when, on motion of Mr. Anderson, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock M.

HENRY B. KELLY,
Secretary of the Senate.

OFFICIAL.

PROCLAMATION

BY J. MADISON WELLS,

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Whereas, an act of the General Assembly, approved March 6th, 1866, provides that an election shall be held throughout the State, on the first Monday of May, 1866, for the offices hereinafter named, to-wit:

One District Attorney in and for the parish of Orleans.

One District Attorney in and for each Judicial District throughout the State.

One Sheriff in and for each parish.

One Clerk of Court in and for each parish, except for the parish of Orleans.

One Clerk of Court each, for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth District Courts in and for the parish of Orleans.

One Recorder in and for each parish, except the parish of Orleans.

One Assessor in and for each parish, except the parish of Orleans.

Four Assessors in and for the city of New Orleans.

One Assessor in and for the parish of Orleans, right bank.

One Coroner in and for each parish.

An equal number of Justices of the Peace and Constables, according to the districts and wards in each parish, as established by law.

Four State Tax Collectors, one for each district in and for the city of New Orleans.

One State Tax Collector in and for the Right Bank, parish of Orleans.

One State Tax Collector in and for the parish of Jefferson.

Now, therefore, I do issue this my proclamation commanding all Sheriffs, Commissioners of Election, and other officers therein concerned, to hold said election on the day aforesaid named, to-wit: the FIRST MONDAY OF MAY, 1866, for the various offices as before going enumerated, and for so doing this will be their sufficient warrant and authority without further notice.

Said election to be conducted and returns thereof to be made in all respects according to the provisions of the Constitution and laws in such cases made and provided.

For the guidance and information of voters I annex hereto the qualifications of voters as established by law:

"Every white male who has attained the age of twenty-one years, and who has been a resident of the State twelve months next preceding the election, and the last three months thereof in the parish in which he offers to vote, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, shall have the right of voting."

In addition to the foregoing qualification, every elector is required to produce the amnesty oath prescribed in the President's proclamation, either of the 8th of December, 1863, or that of the 29th of May, 1865, sworn to and subscribed by him before competent authority.

"I do solemnly swear or affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will hereafter faithfully defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder, and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God."

This oath is imperative on and after the 20th day of May, 1866, and will be rigidly enforced. It will be understood, at the same time, that those who are by any of the list of exceptions contained in the excluded from the benefits of this amnesty oath, proclamation, will not be allowed to vote unless specially pardoned by the President.

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the city of New Orleans, the sixteenth day of March, A. D., 1866, and of the independence of the United States the ninetieth.

J. MADISON WELLS.

By the Governor:

J. H. HARDY, Secretary of State.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA—CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known that on this first day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, before me, Selim Magner, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and sworn in and for the parish of Orleans and the city of New Orleans, personally came and appeared the parties whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that, availing themselves of the powers, rights and privileges conferred by the Statutes of the State of Louisiana for the organization of Corporations in the State, they have formed and constituted a Corporation for the purposes and objects, and under the stipulations and regulations following, viz:

ARTICLE 1st. The name and title of the Corporation shall be the "GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS."

The domicil shall be fixed in the city of New Orleans, and it shall have and enjoy succession by its corporate name for the period of twenty-five years from the date of this Act of Incorporation, and it shall in all respects possess full powers to act, and be responsible for its acts as invested in "An act for the organization of corporations for works of public improvement and utility," approved 16th March, 1855.

ARTICLE 2. The purposes and objects of this Company are to insure life and make insurance against accidents, the Company reserving the privilege of exercising both or either purpose of this charter.

All notices, citations and legal proceedings affecting the interests of the Company shall be served on the President of the Company, and in his absence on the Vice President, and in the absence of both from New Orleans, on the Secretary of the Company.

ARTICLE 3. The capital stock of the Company shall be Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into three thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, all of which have been subscribed to and are to be paid at the time and in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

The capital stock of said Company may be extended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the Board of Directors to one million dollars. Five dollars on each share shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer on or before the first Monday day of the Company, and notes for the balance of each subscription shall be furnished, payable at such times and in such sums as the Board of Directors may determine, provided always that the payments shall be of no larger installments than two dollars and a half on any share at one time, and after at least thirty days' notice.

All certificates of stock unpaid shall remain in the hands of the Company until paid in full, either by the subscribers or by the accumulation of premiums and earnings not otherwise appropriated.

ARTICLE 4. All the corporate powers of the Company shall be exercised by a Board of Directors, composed of fifteen stockholders, to be elected on the first Monday of March in each year, at the office of the Company; notice of such election shall be given ten days previous in two of the public newspapers published in the city of New Orleans.

The Board shall appoint three of the stockholders as inspectors to preside at such elections, and if any of said inspectors decline or fail to attend, the President shall appoint others in their stead; the Board thus elected shall take their seats on the second Monday next ensuing their election, and shall hold their seats for one year thereafter or until their successors have been qualified. Elections shall be by ballot, and in all elections those persons receiving a plurality of votes of the stockholders present, shall be considered duly elected; and in the event of no election taking place on the day aforesaid, the President shall cause another election to take place within ten days thereafter, and give notice thereof by advertisement in two of the public newspapers published in the city of New Orleans.

Each and every stockholder shall be entitled to a vote for each and every share which he, she, or they may respectively hold.

In all elections of Directors, votes may be given either in person or by proxy, and no person shall vote on any share transferred to him within ninety days prior to such election. Members of the Board shall be eligible for re-election. And it is hereby agreed that the following named persons are hereby constituted the first Board of Directors, who shall hold office until superseded by a new Board, to be elected on the first Monday of March, 1867, namely:

Gen. Robert E. Lee, of Va.	Gen. James Longstreet.
A. C. Graham.	J. P. Dillingham.
T. P. May.	C. Williams.
J. C. Holdredge.	A. J.