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THE COURTS.

The State Floating Debt Matter.

Samuel Smith & Co., et als, vs. the Board of Liquidators.—Yesterday came up before Judge Dibble the several cases of holders of State warrants vs. the State Board of Liquidators, in order to compel the distribution by the board of several hundred thousand dollars worth of State bonds in the hands of the board, under the recent act of the Legislature. There were four cases in all, which, as they involved the same issues, were, by consent, taken up together.

The case was opened by reading to the court the petition of Samuel Smith & Co., in which plaintiffs ask for a writ of mandamus to compel the issuance of bonds for $165,000, at the rate of seventy cents upon the dollar. He also read the answer of the board, in which no cause for action is set up, and in which it is alleged that the demand by Messrs. Smith & Co. was not made until after a written order had been received from the board of liquidators to deliver to them all the bonds in the hands of the bank, to be distributed in accordance with the award made in said order, to which order the bank assented in conformity with law, and was progressing in the verification of the evidences of indebtedness presented to her, about half of which having already been ascertained as correct, and the bonds for some set aside, when the bank was stopped: 1. By letter of Samuel Smith & Co., notifying of mandamus. 2. By a mandamus of Levy. 3. By the injunction of Samuel Smith; and 4. By the notice of Klein.

That the order of evidences ascertained to be correct, when the notices were received, were as follows:

A. Carriere, $7917; P. J. Kennedy, $9948 69; Citizens' Bank, $6813 80; L. F. Generes, $4200; D. F. Boyd $9612 50; Southern Bank, $3501 83; John Lynch, $23,333 94; A. L. Lee, $43,020 12; George Binder, $14,734 65.

That the parties named in the said order being the first ones whose claims were presented for settlement after the approval of the statute by the Governor are entitled to a preference over all others.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Samuel Smith was placed upon the stand, and testified as to his demand made upon Mr. Gaines, and his refusal to give him bonds in exchange for warrants.

Mr. Miller here filed the warrants in question, $135,000.

He first spoke to Mr. Gaines about the first of March; Mr. Gaines said that if the law was signed the bonds would be deliverable; the first time I made the application to Mr. Gaines to redeem my warrants was on the second day of March; I told him I had deposited the warrants with the cashier, and hoped to get a fair return in bonds; Mr. Delery was in his room at the time I gave him the amounts; I asked him to do the best he could with them; on Saturday, the fourth of March, I went to see Mr. Gaines; I asked him if he could not give me some of the bonds; he said no, that they had been taken up by other parties; I took the warrants away from the bank about ten o'clock on Saturday, which were handed to me by the cashier; the notice of the injunction suit I had commenced was announced to Mr. Gaines in a letter about one o'clock; I gave it to him in person; he said the letter was a private one, and he could not notice it, but that if an order of court came he would obey it; on former occasions, my business with the board of liquidators was through the cashier of the bank; I exchanged some certificates for bonds in that way—that is, I stated to Mr. Gaines that I had some old warrants exchangeable at 72, and he told me the cashier would give me bonds for them, which he did.

Mr. Delery sworn—Am the cashier of the Citizens' Bank; under the act respecting the funding of the floating debt the certificates of indebtedness were presented to me, and I exchanged them for bonds; at the time Mr. Smith called, on Saturday, the fourth instant, I had already received from Mr. Gaines enough warrants to take up the whole amount of the bonds; Mr. Gaines gave them to me that morning; the warrants of Mr. Smith had been in my possession before that time; I received the warrants I spoke of from Mr. Gaines and Governor Warmoth; they were in the president's room about half-past eight o'clock, Monday, March 6; can't say how many the Governor gave me, or how many Mr. Gaines gave me; Mr. Gaines was present when Mr. Smith first left his warrants with me; I declined to receive them to exchange for bonds, but he said to keep them anyhow, and do the best you can for me; the bonds are still in the bank; no exchange has yet been effected; can't say what proportion of the certificates are issues of the boards of public works; did not see the written order of the board until Monday, the sixth instant; the verbal orders I got on Saturday, the fourth instant; the second package handed to me on Monday was from Mr. Levy; at ten o'clock, or about that time, I received a package from Mr. Hernandez; all the packages came to me through Mr. Gaines; all the claims were verified before night. [Amounting in all to some $230,987 54.—*Reporter.*]

Don't remember that I spoke to any one about the verification except Mr. Gaines; I may have spoken to Mr. Graham, the Auditor, a member of the board; I declined three times to receive these warrants from Mr. Samuel Smith—twice in the bank and once outside; the letter from Messrs. Smith & Co. was received on Monday, at 12:45 P. M.

George E. Bovee, Secretary of State, sworn—The act concerning the floating debt in question was received in my office, signed by the Governor at a few moments before eleven o'clock A. M.; on Monday, the sixth of March, I received the act from Mr. Bragdon, the Governor's private secretary; can't say when the act was signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, except from hearsay; there was no date to the approval of the act when it first came into my office; Mr. Bragdon came in. [Objected to by Mr. Semmes, who said that the counsel could not attempt to prove by oral evidence what was shown by the law itself; it would be against public policy to attempt such a thing; the date of a statute can not be attacked when the statute bears a certain date; if allowed to go into such evidence, said Mr. Semmes, then in other cases inquiries might be allowed concerning alleged frauds, etc., in the passage of acts. Objection overruled.]

Mr. Bovee, continuing, said—The secretary returned in about five or ten minutes afterward, and requested the recall of the bill; he came back a short time afterward with the date of the fourth of March inserted; I made a memorandum in pencil of the time.

James Graham, Auditor of the State, sworn—[Was shown the order from the board to the bank]; thinks he signed it on Monday, the sixth instant; had no knowledge of the same before the sixth of March; I was summoned to a meeting of the board at the office of the Citizens' Bank, and the order having been explained to me by Mr. James, I signed it; the meetings of the board of liquidators are informal in their character; I keep no record of them, and there are no books kept to my knowledge by the board; there has not been a meeting of the board before for some three months; I had but one application made to me to have bonds funded; that came from Mr. John Ray; I had no positive knowledge of any of the transactions concerning the funding until the meeting of Monday, the eighth of March.

Q. What did Mr. Ray say to you when he made the application to fund? [Objected to by Mr. Semmes, and question withdrawn.]

When Mr. Gaines read the order alluded to, he said it was a confirmation of what had already taken place in accordance with verbal orders issued; most of our meetings were of the character of consultations; I know of no minutes ever having been kept of the proceedings of any of our meetings; have no recollection of any mention being made of any other warrants having been presented; knew nothing, in fact, of the funding transaction before Monday, the sixth instant, except what I heard from Mr. Ray a few days before.

John Klein, broker, sworn—Am the holder of the certificates filed, $15,508, and for which bonds have been demanded by the act of the board of liquidators, through the Citizens' Bank, as fiscal agent; I owned the same previous to the first of March. [The certificates were here filed in evidence.] Made several applications to the president of the bank; on the fourth of March I was told that the bonds were all absorbed; at a quarter past ten o'clock on that day I made application again, and received the same answer; on the sixth of March, between eleven and half-past eleven o'clock A. M., I made application verbally, and at one o'clock P. M. filed my written application; the bank refused to receive my certificates, saying that the bonds were all gone.

Colonel George W. Carter, Speaker of the House of Representatives, sworn—Recollects the passage of the act funding the floating debt of the State; I signed the said act at ten minutes before two o'clock on Saturday, the fourth of March; I looked at my watch at the time I signed it; I was sick at the time; I signed it in the Governor's office; I expressed some surprise, at seeing the Governor's signature appended to the act before mine had been, and he said it made no difference as to that.

J. L. Levy, sworn—The firm of which I am a member holds the warrants presented, $13,979 07; I made application first to Mr. Gaines on the third of March, and asked him to convert the warrants into bonds; Mr. Gaines said that the act had not yet been signed, and he could not receive the warrants.

On Monday, the sixth day of March, I applied (having previously sent our bookkeeper on Saturday, the fourth instant) and asked to have the warrants converted into bonds; this was about ten o'clock; Mr. Gaines said the bonds had all been absorbed, but he did not say by whom.

Mr. Dubertram sworn—Am a clerk of the Messrs. Levy; called at the bank on Saturday, the fourth instant, at 8½ A. M.; Mr. Gaines said there was no use to present our warrants as the bonds had all been absorbed; there was another gentleman in the office, who I afterward learned was Governor Warmoth.

[It was here admitted by counsel that on the morning of the fourth of March there were $513,000 of bonds in the Citizens' Bank as Fiscal Agent of the State, known as floating debt bonds, and that they are still there.]

The defense then introduced Mr. John G. Gaines, president of the bank, who was sworn—Previous to the fourth of March different parties called upon me with a request to take charge of their warrants, so as to exchange them for bonds; understanding that there were more warrants afloat than bonds to satisfy, I declined to receive any further applicants; at twenty minutes before nine o'clock on the morning of the fourth of March, I reached my office, and found Governor Warmoth and Mr. Delery, the cashier, there; the former said the funding act had become a law, and handed me a package of warrants to be exchanged for bonds; Mr. Delery stated that he had already verified $128,000 of the warrants; at my request he set aside bonds for the amount verified from the bonds in the vault; I left the office and went to the vault; when I came back the clerk of Mr. Levy was there, and the Governor also there still; I told Mr. Levy's clerk that the bonds had all been absorbed; when the Governor handed me the warrants he said they must be funded, and I assented thereto, we two being a majority of the board, and having acted for the board frequently before; I did not find Mr. Graham until that day; on the third of March I declined to receive the warrants from Mr. Smith; he left them upon Mr. Delery's desk, saying, "Here, Delery, do the best you can with them;" I did not see Mr. Smith at the bank on the fourth of March; I met him on the morning of the sixth of March, on Royal street, as I went to my office, and he spoke to me about the bonds; I said I did not see how I could assist him.

Upon previous occasions I have almost always acted by myself; I sold, upon one morning, while sitting upon another commission for the State, $2,000,000 worth of bonds, without consulting either the Governor or Mr. Flood, of the Board of Public Works, who were associated with me, until some hours after the transaction had been consummated.

Cross-examined—The order from the board is in the handwriting of Mr. Delery; it was signed on Monday morning, the sixth instant, at nine o'clock; don't know anything about the holders of the warrants, except that I have an interest of $1900 in the Carroll claim; the bonds in the first column in the list in court had been in my possession for some time; when I received them I thought there would be enough bonds to absorb all the warrants; when I found to the contrary I refused to receive any more.

Mr. Samuel Smith said to me, on Monday morning, the sixth instant: "What if I should offer seventy-five or eighty cents for the bonds?" He did not authorize me, however, to bid eighty cents. After I got into the bank I said to the Governor, "Mr. Smith has said something about bidding higher for the bonds." The Governor replied: "How can we receive a bid for bonds which have been disposed of under the provisions of the law?" That was all that was said about Mr. Smith's bidding a higher sum; I positively refused to receive the warrants from Mr. Smith, because I knew there would not be sufficient bonds to liquidate the warrants out; the warrants are exchangeable for bonds at seventy cents, according to the law.

Mr. M. F. Bonis, sworn—Am in the employ of Mr. Hernandez; on Saturday morning, the fourth of March, at ten o'clock, I took to the Citizens' Bank for Mr. Hernandez, a package of certificates and warrants to be funded, in all about $152,000; Mr. Delery told me the amount was too large, by some $14,000, and that it would have to be reduced; the total amount had already been reduced considerably; it was first $252,000; previous to the fourth of March a list for $32,000 had been handed to the bank; I presented the first list of $252,000 to Governor Warmoth, on the evening of the third of March; I actually presented the certificates and warrants on the fourth of March, at ten o'clock; the amount had then been reduced to about $140,000; very few of our warrants had been issued by the Board of Public Works.

Samuel Smith recalled—On Monday, the sixth of March, at nine o'clock, or about that time, I offered to exchange my warrants at the rate of seventy-five or eighty cents, and stated to Mr. Gaines that he might so make my offer to the board. Mr. Gaines afterward, on that day, said that the board had decided that the bonds must be given out at seventy cents under the law.

Cross-examined—I told Mr. Delery that if he would collect the warrants I would pay him a commission; he declined the proposition, but said if I was successful in the end I could make him a present if I chose so to do.

The evidence was here closed, it being understood that the testimony of the Governor would be taken concerning the time he affixed his signature to the act. It was also agreed that the respondents should submit a statement of the character of the warrants and certificates presented by Governor Warmoth upon the morning of Saturday.

The case was then continued until Friday morning next for argument.

Commissioner Weller's Court.

Alexander White, one of the crew of the ship Arcturus, charged John Smith, second mate of the ship, with an intense and prolonged assault and battery. A similar charge was made by John Ladden against William Taylor, the first mate of the same vessel. The evidence of the crew showed that the affiants had been savagely beaten with a "belaying pin," which is a piece of wood somewhat like a policeman's club, but somewhat longer. Although the two mates gave evidence for each other, the commissioner adjudged them to give bonds in the sum of $200 each to answer the charge before the United States Circuit Court.

One of the crew of the steamer sued for wages amounting to eighteen dollars. As an offset the barkeeper presented a whisky bill for thirteen dollars and sixty-five cents. The evidence induced the commissioner to regard this bill as extortionate, and he adjudged a deduction of ten dollars. It would have been interesting to any student of facial expression to have seen that barkeeper's face, after that bill had been reduced that amount.

A country clergyman says he has married but one couple in a year, and they paid him nothing, staid to dinner, as it was a rainy day, and then borrowed his umbrella when they left, which he has never seen since.

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SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF LOUISIANA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Friday, January 20, 1871.

The Secretary called the roll.

Present: The presiding officer, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—32.

The President then laid before the Senate the following communication from the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Executive Department,
New Orleans, January 19, 1871.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have the honor to submit, for the advice and consent of the Senate, the following nominations, to wit:

John L. Lewis, as District Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of Louisiana.

W. Jasper Blackman, as Assessor and Tax Collector for the parish of Claiborne.

(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of Louisiana.

Mr. Ray moved to take up the nominations for confirmation.

Adopted.

The Secretary called the roll upon the nomination of John L. Lewis, as District Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of Louisiana, with the following result:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Fish, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: Messrs. Futch, Thompson—2.

The President announced the appointment confirmed.

Upon motion of Mr. Blackman the Senate then rose from executive session.

PITT CRAVATH,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tuesday, January 24, 1871.

The Secretary called the roll.

Present: The presiding officer, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—32.

The minutes of the previous session were read.

No corrections.

The consideration of the nomination of W. Jasper Blackburn being in order, Mr. Blackman moved that the nomination be referred to the Senators representing the district where the nominee resided.

Mr. Ray moved to amend by instructing the delegation to report at the next executive session.

Adopted.

The nomination was then referred to said delegation.

The President then laid before the Senate the following communication from the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Executive Department,
New Orleans, January 24, 1871.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have the honor to submit for the advice and consent of the Senate the nomination of H. S. Welton, as Parish Judge in and for the parish of West Feliciana.

(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Jenks, the nomination was referred to the delegation from the Twelfth Senatorial District.

The President then laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, which pertained in part to executive session and in part to open session.

On motion of Mr. Lynch, the Secretary was instructed to return the communication to the Governor, with the request that it be properly separated and recommunicated.

Adopted.

The Senate then rose from executive session.

PITT CRAVATH,
Assistant Secretary of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Wednesday, January 25, 1871.

The Secretary called the roll.

Present: The presiding officer, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—34.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with.

The President then laid before the Senate a communication of his Excellency the Governor, submitting nominations of, viz:

J. Edward Leonard as District Attorney, Thirteenth Judicial District of Louisiana.

William W. Farmer as District Attorney, Fourteenth Judicial District of Louisiana.

By unanimous consent they were taken up for consideration.

Upon a call of the roll, the nomination of the aforesaid J. Edward Leonard was confirmed by the following vote, viz:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—33.

Against confirmation: None.

The nomination of the aforementioned William W. Farmer was then confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—33.

Against confirmation: None.

A further communication from his excellency was then read, submitting the nomination of Napoleon Underwood as Assessor and Tax Collector for the parish of East Baton Rouge, which, by unanimous consent, was taken up and confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: Messrs. Antoine and Pinchback—2.

Mr. Wilcox, from the delegation representing the Twelfth Senatorial District, reported favorably upon the nomination of H. S. Welton as Parish Judge of West Feliciana.

By unanimous consent the nomination was taken up, and confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

On motion the doors of the Senate were then opened.

PITT CRAVATH,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Thursday, January 26, 1871.

The Secretary called the roll.

Present: The presiding officer, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—33.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with.

The President then laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, submitting the nomination of H. L. Daigre as Parish Judge of the parish of Rapides.

The nomination was taken up by unanimous consent.

Upon a call of the roll the nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—33.

Against confirmation: None.

On motion of Mr. Campbell the Senate rose from executive session.

PITT CRAVATH,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Friday, January 27, 1871.

The Secretary called the roll.

Present: The presiding officer, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with.

The President then laid before the Senate the following communication from his Excellency the Governor:

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Executive Department,
New Orleans, January 26, 1871.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have the honor to submit for the advice and consent of the Senate the following nominations:

PARISH OF LAFOURCHE.

Felix Delatte, Justice of the Peace, First Ward.

Alfred Laforest, Justice of the Peace, Second Ward.

Fergus Beauvais, Justice of the Peace, Third Ward.

Effege B. Ayo, Justice of the Peace, Fourth Ward.

Theophile Harang, Justice of the Peace, Fifth Ward.

Clotaire Bernard, Justice of the Peace, Sixth Ward.

James Rogers, Justice of the Peace, Seventh Ward.

John C. Ragan, Justice of the Peace, Seventh Ward.

Forestan Haydel, Justice of the Peace, Eighth Ward.

Peter Dalferes, Justice of the Peace, Ninth Ward.

Frank P. Parra, Jr., Justice of the Peace, Tenth Ward.

Lufroy Troclair, Constable, First Ward.

Lester Rodridgue, Constable, Second Ward.

Emile Toups, Constable, Third Ward.

Delphin Babin, Constable, Fourth Ward.

Eugene LeBlanc, Constable, Fifth Ward.

Gustave Morvant, Constable, Sixth Ward.

Richard A. Frost, Constable, Seventh Ward.

Alfred F. Chauvin, Constable, Seventh Ward.

Octave Pierre, Constable, Eighth Ward.

Gustave Barrios, Constable, Ninth Ward.

Washington Cantrelle, Constable, Tenth Ward.

PARISH OF CONCORDIA.

Robert Williamson, Justice of the Peace, First Ward.

M. T. Tolbert, Justice of the Peace, Second Ward.

Robert Ward, Justice of the Peace, Third Ward.

Samuel Henry, Justice of the Peace, Fourth Ward.

Samuel D. Johnson, Justice of the Peace, Fifth Ward.

Frederick Kale, Justice of the Peace, Sixth Ward.

Leonard Polk, Justice of the Peace, Seventh Ward.

Martin Speed, Constable, First Ward.

Daniel Watson, Constable, Second Ward.

Thomas Spencer, Constable, Third Ward.

Aaron Owens, Constable, Fourth Ward.

Calhoun Grimes, Constable, Fifth Ward.

Abraham Guice, Constable, Sixth Ward.

Frederick Frizzell, Constable, Seventh Ward.

(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of Louisiana.

The nominations for the parish of Lafourche were referred to the delegation from the Eighth Senatorial District.

The nominations for the parish of Concordia were then taken up by unanimous consent.

On a call of the roll, the appointment of Robert Williamson as Justice of the Peace for the First Ward of Concordia parish was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of M. T. Tolbert was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Robert Ward was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Samuel Henry was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Samuel D. Johnson was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Frederick Kale was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Leonard Polk was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Martin Speed was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Antoine, Anderson, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Daniel Watson was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Antoine, Anderson, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Thomas Spencer was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Aaron Owens was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Calhoun Grimes was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Abraham Guice was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The appointment of Fred. Frizzell was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Whitney, Wilcox—31.

Against confirmation: None.

The Senate then rose from executive session.

PITT CRAVATH,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Monday, January 30, 1871.

The Secretary called the roll.

Present the presiding officer, and Messrs. Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—29.

The minutes of the previous session were read.

No corrections.

The President then laid before the Senate a communication from his Excellency the Governor, submitting the following nominations:

R. P. Bruton as Assessor and Tax Collector for Union parish.

D. S. Hunsaker as Assessor and Tax Collector for St. James parish.

Charles F. Smith as Assessor and Tax Collector for Ascension parish.

By unanimous consent the nomination of R. P. Bruton was taken up, and his appointment confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—29.

Against confirmation: None.

By unanimous consent the nomination of D. S. Hunsaker was taken up, and his appointment confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Butler, Campbell, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—27.

Against confirmation: Messrs. Coupland and Smith—2.

By unanimous consent the nomination of Charles F. Smith was taken up, and his appointment confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—28.

Against confirmation: None.

The Senate then rose from executive session.

PITT CRAVATH,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Wednesday, February 1, 1871.

The Secretary called the roll.

Present: The presiding officer, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lewis, McMillen, Noland, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Thomas, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—28.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with.

A communication from his Excellency the Governor was then read, submitting the nomination of Gustave Bouligny as Inspector of Flour for the city of New Orleans.

By unanimous consent the nomination was taken up and was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Kelso, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—27.

Against confirmation: None.

A communication from his Excellency the Governor was then read, submitting the following nominations:

George A. Sheridan, as Assessor and Tax Collector for the First District of the city of New Orleans.

D. C. Sittig, as Assessor and Tax Collector for the parish of St. Landry.

Elbert Gantt, as Public Administrator for the parish of St. Landry.

The nomination of George A. Sheridan was referred to the Senators from the First District.

By unanimous consent the nomination of D. C. Sittig was taken up and his appointment confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Kelso, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Thomas, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—28.

Against confirmation: None.

By unanimous consent the nomination of Elbert Gantt was taken up and was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Kelso, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Thomas, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—28.

Against confirmation: None.

The Senators from the First District, to whom was referred the nomination of George A. Sheridan as Tax Collector for the First District, reported upon the nomination favorably.

Report lies over.

The delegation from the Twentieth Senatorial District, to whom was referred the nomination of W. Jasper Blackburn as Assessor and Tax Collector of Claiborne parish, not having reported, the nomination was taken up, by unanimous consent, and was confirmed by the following vote:

For confirmation: Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Kelso, McMillen, Noland, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Thomas, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—28.

Against confirmation: None.

The Senate then rose from executive session.

PITT CRAVATH,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Friday, February 3, 1871.

The doors being closed, the roll was called.

Present: The presiding officer, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Fish, Futch, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelso, Lynch, McMillen, O'Hara, Pierce, Pinchback, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Swords, Sypher, Thomas, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—33.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with.

Communications from his Excellency Governor