the parish of St. Martin, and for other purposes, approved March 13, 1839, and the act amendatory thereof, March 14, 1855, and all acts amendatory to the said act.

House bill No 425, substitute for House bill No. 17, an act to incorporate the town of Providence, in the parish of Carroll, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act.

House bill No. 31, an act to incorporate the Union Benevolent Association, of Jackson, Louisiana.

And House bill No. 48, an act for the relief of William B. Philips.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN GAIR, Chairman.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 241, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section thirty of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana, approved April 1, 1833, to extend the charter of said bank, and to authorize the extension of the State bonds and interest warrants falling due after the passage of this act.

Mr. Barrow, of Orleans, moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until to-morrow at three o'clock.

Carried.

The next special order was the general appropriation bill.

Mr. Gair of East Feliciana, moved that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole.

Lost.

Mr. Ward, of Grant, moved to postpone further consideration of the bill for one hour.

Carried.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, chairman of the Committee on Lands and Levees, reported favorably on House bill No. 130, entitled an act to provide for the resurvey of certain lands in the parish of East Baton Rouge, and for other purposes.

Passed its several readings under suspension of the constitutional rules, and finally passed, title adopted, and ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 398, an act to amend and re-enact section six, and to repeal section ten of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled act to establish a Metropolitan Police District, and to provide for the government thereof, approved March 8, 1869, and to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners to reduce the expenditures, and to reorganize and reduce the Metropolitan Police force, and also to reorganize the Board of Police Commissioners by the Governor, was passed.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, moved to lay that motion on the table.

On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gair, of East Feliciana, and Dejoie, of Orleans, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Armstead, Bowman, Bryant, Boyd, Baker, Blackstone, Bickham, Barrow, Carr, Carey, Connaughton, Cousin, Demas, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Decker, Dejoie, Elliot, Estilette, Fontelieu, Grant, Guichard, Heffner, Humble, Hill, M. Jones, Keating, D. King, Keys, V. O. King, Lewis, Landry, Lawes, Moreland, Murrell of Lafourche, Murrell of Madison, Mahoney, Mayo, Martinet, Marie, Mathews, Montaldo, Nichols, Norris, Price, Peyton, Page, Prescott, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Simms, Southard, Smith, Sutton, Sewell, Trahan, Thomas, Tureaud, Thompson, Williams, Washington, Wands, Ward—64.

Nays—Dewees, Fernandez, Forstall, Gair, Greene, Heath, P. Jones, Kirkman, Kern, Little, Marvin, Stewart, Sartain—13.

The motion to lay on the table prevailed.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Harris, of Pointe Coupee, presented a petition from citizens of the parish of Pointe Coupee, asking permission to remove their courthouse and jail, which was referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

Mr. Southard, of Ouachita, presented the following memorial, which was ordered printed in the journal:

NEW ORLEANS, February 27, 1874.

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

Your memorialist respectfully invites your attention to the following remarks of J. A. McWhorter, Esq., superintendent of the Louisiana Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, as published in the minutes of the House of Representatives Monday last, February 23, 1874:

In an extract from the annual report, as laid before the Senate, February 16, I state that "it (the University) has been compelled, in order to make its temporary quarters suitable for its necessary purposes, to repair and improve this asylum (Deaf and Dumb) building at considerable cost."

In reply to this Mr. McWhorter says:

"Not a dollar has been expended by the the University that has enhanced the value of the building for the purpose as designed by the State; but the $15,000 claimed to have been expended on the building has really injured it."

How much truth there may be in this assertion, let the following statements tell:

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, February 23, 1874.

The following is a list of the alterations made in the building of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb by the authorities of this University, since the passage of the act of 1871 (No. 88), giving the use of a portion of that building to the University until otherwise provided for:

1. Clearing out the cellars of both wings for storage and servants' rooms.

2. Removing one brick partition from each wing, and a cumbrous dumb waiter, which was not in use, and the walls of which were two feet thick. In each of these cases two small chambers were united into one well proportioned recitation room.

3. Board partitions were put across some large upper rooms to increase their convenience as sleeping rooms.

4. Brick floors were removed from three rooms, where their weight had caused some settling, and boards substituted.

5. A leaky tank in the fifth story was repaired, and then removed, as it still leaked.

6. Above $700 was spent in repairing the roof, large amounts in whitewashing, cleaning and repainting the rooms, and the yard was graded for use during the commencement exercises.

WILLIAM M. VAN PELT.

BATON ROUGE, February 24, 1874.

We, the undersigned, who have served upon the board of trustees of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, being asked to express our opinion as to whether the alterations made in the asylum building by order of Colonel D. F. Boyd were bona fide improvements in that building, would state that they were improvements, and that the building is better fitted for its original purpose now than it was before the University occupied it.

CHARLES RUSTON,
Member of Trustees of Deaf and Dumb Institute until 1872.

ANDREW JACKSON,
Member of Board of Trustees during 1873.

I have been familiar with condition of the building known as the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, located in Baton Rouge, for many years, and I regard the improvements made by Colonel D. F. Boyd in that building as of permanent and substantial value.

RICHARD H. DAY,
Was member of the Legislature from St. Mary when the original bill was passed; and a member of the Senate from Baton Rouge in 1868 and 1869.

I was surgeon of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum at the time of the occupation of the building by the State University, and for some time after; and I fully indorse the views of Messrs. Ruston and Jackson, as above expressed.

J. W. DUPREE.

BATON ROUGE, February 28, 1874.

To Colonel D. F. Boyd, care Swarbrick & Co.:

We, the undersigned citizens of Baton Rouge, have this day examined the changes made by order of Colonel D. F. Boyd, at the institute for the deaf and dumb in this city, and find that the excavations made under the first floor of main buildings and wings are a decided improvement, by giving additional room and improved ventilation. The removal of partitions in the wings have been no detriment to the strength of the buildings, but has improved the appearance and utility of the same. In fact, we have seen no changes that has been detrimental to the strength or durability of the buildings.

CHARLES M. GREENE,
Civil Engineer;
R. H. BURKE,
F. M. YOUNG,
JAMES McVAY,
WILLIAM McNABB,
Architects and Builders.

BATON ROUGE, La., August 7, 1873.

Colonel D. F. Boyd:

Having examined with due care the openings made by you in the basement walls of the Louisiana Deaf and Dumb Asylum, we are of the opinion that no damage to said building has resulted therefrom, except what has resulted from the neglect to have said openings properly cased at the time that they were made, and such damage is easily repaired. Yours, truly,

JOHN J. MILLER,
Architect and Builder;
O. POTTS,
JOHN V. VAN PELT.

BATON ROUGE, August 12, 1873.

To Superintendent D. F. Boyd:

DEAR SIR—As regards the tank that there is so much talk about, I will give you an explanation about the same, as far as I know about it.

About two years since you drew my attention to a water tank on the upper story of your part of the University, stating at the same time that you did not know what you would do with it; that it did not hold any water, and that whenever you had any rain it was continually leaking. I, at the time thinking that it was due to bad workmanship, told you that I though; I could fix it, and then you told me, through your clerk, at vacation to go to work and have it fixed. I immediately went to work and examined the said tank, and found it patched up in a manner unbecoming a tank, and therefore thought that it needed a new coat of sheet lead. I at the same time reported the same to your clerk in your absence, and he told me to go to work in the best manner possible and have it fixed. I then went to work and got an experienced plumber and had it lined with new sheet lead. After it was filled with water it leaked, and when that leak was stopped it would break out in another place. After that was fixed it would break out in another place, and so continued until I gave it up in despair. Then on examination I found out that the frame was defective, and consequently could not be fixed to be of any use. I immediately communicated the same to you, and upon due consideration we came to the conclusion it was no use to have said tank, and we made an agreement to fix it up, which we did, as your books will show, and in said agreement you let me have the sheet lead at a price to be credited on my bill against you. In going to take out the sheet lead I did not know there would be any difficulty, and am sorry that any unpleasantness would come out of it, as I furnished the sheet lead. I thought, being as I was not paid for it, it was the least I should get my own lead back.

Hoping you will see and let me have my lead back, or pay me for the same, I remain, yours, respectfully,

R. J. McCABE.

P. S.—As far as the past history of the tank is concerned, I will merely state what I know about it. I know that several others had worked upon it, and all to no effect, before and after your coming here.

R. J. McCABE.
M. J. WILLIAMS.

NEW ORLEANS, February 28, 1874.

It is perhaps proper for me to state that this tank was of no use; that it was continually leaking and flooding the floor below; and that, as it was occupying space that might be made available for other purposes, I thought it best to remove it. The old, defective sheet lead taken out by Mr. McCabe, was credited on his bill to the University; but the new lead which Mr. McCabe put in at his own risk—if he did not make the tank serviceable—and which was to have been taken by him, was seized, except a very small portion, including the wood work, by Mr. McWhorter, against my protest, and I suppose he has it now in his possession.

D. F. BOYD.

NEW ORLEANS, February 26, 1874.

Colonel D. F. Boyd:

DEAR SIR—Having been requested by you to state what I know relative to repairing or injuring the Deaf and Dumb Asylum building, I respectfully submit the following:

I was one of the few cadets from Alexandria who first saw the asylum building; it was in a very filthy condition; words are hardly adequate for explanation, but to conceive it as you entered it one needs to go about the streets of this city and take particular notice of the most filthy and dingy establishments, such as would make you exclaim "you may wash and you may rub, etc., but that house will be a pig sty till it's burned." Then you would have a true picture of the corner now used by the University, and of which the principal room is the civil engineer class room.

All the perfumes of Arabia would hardly deaden the stench which permeated that entire wing of the building. The floors of every room were black and filthy, nearly as much so as a pork warehouse, and the walls were not much better off. The roof leaked badly, causing three or four floors to spring or settle, and but for your quick perception would have given way. I know of your trying to repair the water tank on the fifth floor, more or less, for three years, knowing too well that such a thing should be there in case of fire—the demon of all your troubles. I know of brick partitions you had removed, and in so doing forming fine light and airy rooms; brick floors apparently made of the refuse of a brick yard, perhaps done by splitting wood upon them since the first day they were laid, replaced by cypress or pine. By dividing some of the larger rooms by cypress or pine partitions you made them much more convenient and comfortable. The deaf and dumb occupy a few of these rooms thus divided by you, and if it is their wish that the building should be as it was originally planned, why don't they tear down these partitions? I think they prefer them as they are, a proof of which is that they have occupied them more than two years. A very necessary and splendid addition to the building are the rooms in the basement; by forming these you allowed the air free scope under the building, to make the lower floors last one-third longer, if not twice as long, when they were within one foot of the ground. It is an established fact with architects that the floors of any dwelling house should be four feet from the ground to insure health. I think by doing this work you benefited the building five per cent; you secured quite a number of fine rooms, which can be used as store and lumber rooms and coal cellars, and which should be in the basement of every house, if possible. This is the work which Mr. McWhorton says has weakened and injured the building, and no doubt like all his a priori reasoning has altered the use of the building from its original intention. If he candidly believes what he says concerning this work, why did he not protest, instead of tacitly, at least, encouraging you? And when the work was completed, why was he in such great haste to put his wood and old furniture in any of the rooms? A proof of his indorsement of this work is the same as that I set forth about the partitioned rooms—that he has occupied them since they were made. You beautified the rear inclosure by removing many dead and crooked trees, which were surely a disgrace instead of an ornament to any inclosure of a town, and filled and leveled the same with the earth that came from under the building; had grass seed sown thereon, and placed new sod, hauled from a distance of about one-fifth of a mile from the house. Before you did this the place was sloppy for two days after a rain; now it is always dry and sound in an hour after any kind of a rain storm. I know that you kept your entire part of the building white-washed, painted and glazed, and that you were always endeavoring to obtain cleanliness and neatness. I believe I have said all I know nearly, and would like to remind you of my accompanying Messrs. VanPelt, Potts and Miller, when they examined the building last August; that I heard their report read, stating that no injury had been done, excepting to a few openings used by Mr. McWhorter's own party; and that done by the careless throwing of wood against the unprotected sides, and that that was of little consequence. No man can say that you have injured or altered the building, so that it is not fit for what it was originally intended, without displaying too much ignorance for a man left to govern his own affairs. If it were not for you, that same building would not probably be standing this day, but might be a heap of ruins. This was prevented by a customary habit of yours, and one which you never omitted while at the building, and that was to go around the whole building about eleven o'clock after everybody had retired. I say again if it were not for this nightly habit, neither you nor Mr. McWhorter would probably be living in it now. If it had burned the fault would have been laid on you, notwithstanding the occurrence of the fire on the deaf and dumb side of the house.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. BROSNAN.

I heartily indorse the inclosed.

C. C. LEWIS.

In the light of the above, Mr. McWhorter's statement of walls removed and changes made to defeat the purpose of the asylum might be amended by adding:

"And a filthy place was made clean, and the capacity of the original building increased and its ventilation improved, so that now this State property is better fitted for the purposes of the asylum as well as of the University.

I have too much respect for your honorable body, as well as for myself, to notice here what might be considered reflections upon me personally, as they come from one with whom I have not permitted myself to hold any personal relations for some time.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. F. BOYD, Superintendent.

Mr. Bryant, of East Baton Rouge, presented the following petition, which was referred to the Committee on Education and ordered printed in the journal as follows:

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

We, the undersigned citizens of the city of New Orleans, believing it to be best for the general interest of Louisiana, that the whole of the Agricultural and Mechanical College fund, arising from the congressional land grant of 1862, be given to the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, on condition that tuition for every Louisiania student, a cadet, be hereafter absolutely free of charge, and that the joint institution be permanently located at Baton Rouge, do hereby respectfully petition that the same be done as early as practicable.

New Orleans, February 10, 1874.

Thomas Simms,	Joseph Jones, M. D.,
J. W. Homan,	Philip Werlein,
B. B. Hart,	W. E. Seebold,
Henry J. Leovy,	Frederickson & Harte,
J. Bowling,	O. Uter,
J. D. Peet,	Edward Lilienthal,
R. H. Yale,	Thomas J. Flanner,
Edward Toby,	M. Musson,
E. A. Tyler,	S. Fourchy,
S. N. Moody,	Eugene G. Meslier,
C. J. Betty,	E. L. Levy,
B. T. Walshe,	B. M. Harrod,
A. W. Hyatt,	W. W. Howe,
J. L. Lynne,	Max Dinkelspiel,
John A. Watkins,	Charles F. Buck,
J. M. Worman,	Harry T. Hays,
Thomas S. Wier,	J. B. Walton,
W. C. Shepard & Co.,	H. P. Buckley,
Samuel B. Haggart,	J. V. Lewis,
W. A. Calnus,	Van. Ulippert,
W. D. Bedford,	L. Graham,
G. H. Braughn,	John K. Renaud,
H. M. Robinson,	A. Miltenberger &
N. J. N. Robinson,	Pollock,
James Freret,	J. Chaffe Brossay,
M. C. Randall,	Hall & Vaughan,
Jurey & Gillis,	Victor Meyer,
J. S. Whittaker,	Richard Flower & Co.,
Samuel Fitzhugh,	C. Bussey,
H. Sieward,	Alcee Gauthreaux,
Charles L. Hillges,	John L. Ross,
Robert Wood,	Duncan F. Kenner,
Charles T. Nash,	Thomas I. Dix,
J. M. Crawford,	A. F. Wrotnowski,
Chauncy Tyler,	M. W. Darton,
H. Dudley Coleman,	J. C. Carpenter,
W. H. Bell,	J. McD. Walters,
Charles Stehle,	H. Bonnabel,
John G. Angell,	H. F. Sturcken,
Louis A. Wiltz,	J. D. Kenton,
James Lewis,	George Swarbrick,
G. T. Beauregard,	John Clay.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Tureaud, of St. James, called up the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized to pay Ernest Riviere, contestant from the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth wards, parish of Orleans, his per diem up to the time that L. Sewell was confirmed in his seat.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Simms, of St. Landry, called up the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The time to intervene between this day and the final adjournment of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana is too short to allow action on all the bills already pending before this House; and,

Whereas, It is necessary that some method should be adopted to secure the passage of such measures as the interests of the State demand; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sperker appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine and report to this House, within the shortest delay, such bills already introduced, or to be introduced, which, on account of their importance, entitle them to precedence over other bills for final action.

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That the following named bills shall take preference on the calendar to all other bills now pending before this House, viz: Bills relative to public schools, Metropolitan Police, criminal court and city tax bills; and be it further

Resolved, That all committees that have any of the above named bills before them be directed to report upon them immediately.

Mr. Estilette, of St. Landry, moved to lay the substitute on the table.

Carried.

Mr. Ward, of Grant, moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Carried.

Mr. Guichard, of St. Bernard, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses is hereby directed to issue to Louis Henry his certificate for the regular session of 1874, as clerk to the committee to investigate the accounts of the Committee on Contingent Expenses for the extra and regular sessions of 1872 and 1873, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby authorized to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Page, of Iberville, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after this day, the second day of March, the members of this House shall hold a session every night (except on *dies non*) for transaction of business.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bickham, of Washington, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to John F. C. Moroney his certificate as such for the regular session of 1874 (for services as messenger), to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Lies over under the rules.

Mr. Page, of Iberville, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House be authorized to instruct the sergeant-at-arms to have the gas turned on in the State House during the remainder of the present session.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Devezin, of Orleans, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses is hereby directed to issue to L. D. Herbert his voucher as clerk of the Committee on Charitable and Public Institutions for the session of 1874, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby authorized to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Jones, of Pointe Coupee, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to M. Sejour, Jr., clerk, his certificate as such for the regular session of 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Barrow, of Orleans, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of the contingent fund of the House $100 each, to the following named police officers who have been in attendance during the present session, to wit: J. P. Champagne, sergeant; J. F. Bancroft, corporal, and patrolmen J. Steptoe, Charles Curtis, J. D. Fisher, J. A. Roctor, Patrick Griffis, T. J. Hill, John White, H. Richardson, J. A. Norager, L. Vandergpool, Henry Wallace.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Southard, of Ouachita, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to Jules J. Penn as messenger his certificate as such for the regular session of 1874, to be paid out of the contingent funds of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Mr. Armstead, of West Feliciana, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to L. Bachemin, clerk to Committee on Immigration, his certificate as such for the regular session of 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is herby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized to issue to John L. White his certificate as clerk for services rendered as such to Committee on Elections and Qualifications for the regular session of 1874, and that the Speaker is hereby authorized to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to Dominique Bianchino, Sr., messenger, his certificate as such for twenty-two days preceding the regular session of 1874, while he was employed in arranging the office of the Chief Clerk, and being in attendance thereat for the convenience of the members of this House, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ward, of Grant, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized to issue to the clerk of the Committee on Public Buildings his voucher for the regular session of 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is hereby authorized to sign the same.

Mr. Sawyer, of Assumption, called up the following resolution lying over under the rules, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to L. C. Arthidore, clerk, his certificate as such for the regular session of 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Mr. Connaughton, of Rapides, called up the following resolution lying over under the rules, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a certificate to the clerk of the special committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Crescent City Live Stock and Slaughterhouse Company for thirty-five days of the regular session of A. D. 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, and that the Speaker be and is hereby authorized to sign the same.

Mr. Greene, of Jackson, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Charles S. Blackburn and George Ferguson, contesting the seats of W. F. Moreland and Thomas Price, be allowed their per diem and mileage for the regular session of 1874, also for the extra and regular sessions of 1872 and 1873, and the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House of Representatives is hereby authorized and directed to issue the proper vouchers for the same.

Lies over under the rules.

Mr. Raby, of Natchitoches, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a voucher to George E. Jett, as assistant postmaster, at a salary of three dollars per day, for the regular session, to be paid out of the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is authorized to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Williams, of East Baton Rouge, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be directed to warrant for the expenses of the Penitentiary Committee, as follows: For the regular session of 1874, in favor of the clerk, for his mileage to and from Baton Rouge, and in favor of P. C. Cuvellier, Esq., $5 for copies of notarial acts furnished said committee, the same to be paid out of the contingent funds of the House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Murrell, of Madison, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and hereby is directed to issued vouchers to the clerk of the Committee on Unfinished Business, for services rendered during the present session.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Keyes, of Terrebonne, called up the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to Charles Frank, clerk, his certificate as such for the regular session of 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to sign the same.

Mr. Greene, of Jackson, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses is hereby authorized and directed to issue to Charles Howell his salary as committee clerk, to be paid from the expenses of the contingent fund for the regular session of 1874, and the Speaker is authorized to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ward, of Grant, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Committee on Election and Qualifications have had under consideration the claims of Battle Payne, claiming a seat in this body from the tenth ward, parish of Orleans; and

Whereas, A favorable report was made out and signed by the members of the aforesaid committee; and

Whereas, The report was never presented or offered to this House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said Battle Payne be declared entitled to his seat in this body as the Representative duly elected to represent the tenth ward, parish of Orleans, and that said Battle Payne be sworn in forthwith as a member of this House, representing the tenth ward, parish of Orleans.

Pending discussion the special order of the day was called.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

Mr. Ward, of Grant, moved to postpone the order of the day for one hour, on which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gair, of East Feliciana, and Davidson, of Livingston, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Boyd, Benham, Boatner, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Cockerham, Carr, Connaughton, Cousin, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Desarzant, Estilette, Fernandez, Forstall, Greene, Heffner, Humble, Hubeau, Hahn, P. Jones, M. Jones, Johnson, Keating, Kirkman, Kern, D. King, Keys, Lewis, Langles, Little, Murrell of Lafourche, Mahoney, Marie, Nichols, Norris, Price, Page, Paris, Sawyer, Simms, Smith, Sutton, Smart, Thomas, Thompson, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Ward—57.

Nays—Allain, Armstead, Bryant, Blackstone, Bickham, Demas, Davidson, Estilette, Fontelieu, Gair, Guichard, Hill, Heath, Kenyon, V. O. King, Lawes, Marvin, Moreland, Mayo, Martinet, Mathews, Stewart, Tureaud, Young—23.

The order of the day was postponed.

Mr. Guichard, of St. Bernard, acting chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS, New Orleans, March 2, 1874.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Your committee have had under consideration House bill No. 427, and respectfully recommend its passage.

ROBERT GUICHARD,
W. H. KEYS,
A. C. BICKHAM,
JOHN BARROW,
A. J. DUMONT,
CHARLES W. KEATING.

Which was received and adopted, and the bill was considered engrossed and calendered for third reading.

Mr. Tureaud, of St. James, asked for a suspension of the rules to make a report.

On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gair, of East Feliciana, and Demas, of St. John the Baptist, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Bowman, Bryant, Boyd, Blackstone, Butler, Barrow, Cockerham, R. R. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Desarzant, Elliot, Fernandez, Forstall, Humble, D. King, M. Jones, Langles, Lawes, Little, Moreland, Murrell of Lafourche, Montaldo, Nichols, Norris, Price, Raby, Sawyer, Smith, Sewell, Trahan, Thomas, D. Wilson, Ward—35.

Nays—Armstead, Antoine, Benham, Boatner, Bickham, Carey, Carr, Demas, Davidson, D. C. Davis, Dewees, Estilette, Fontelieu, Greene, Gair, Guichard, Heffner, Hill, P. Jones, Johnson, Keating, Kirkman, V. O. King, Lewis, Landry, Marvin, Mayo, Martinet, Marie, Paris, Stewart, Sartain, Snaer, Simms, J. P. Wilson, Washington, Wands, Young—37.

The rules were not suspended.

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

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to George Henry his salary as clerk for the regular session of 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker is hereby authorized to sign the warrant for the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Carey, of Orleans, offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to Ernest Harrison and John Walters their certificates as committee clerks for the regular session of 1874, and the Speaker is authorized to sign the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby authorized to issue to J. J. Courteau and F. Mathew their vouchers as messengers for the regular session of 1874, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, and the Speaker is hereby authorized to sign the same.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, called up the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a voucher to R. N. Johnson, for the sum of $210, "in payment of thirty days' services rendered as clerk to the joint special committee to investigate the affairs of the First District Court for the parish of Orleans, and that the Speaker be and he is hereby authorized to sign said voucher.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Demas, of St. John the Baptist, moved to reconsider the vote by which the above resolution was adopted and to lay that motion on the table.

Carried.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and he is hereby instructed and directed to issue to the Committee on Health and Quarantine their mileage.

Pending discussion the order of the day was called.

REGULAR ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, the order of the day was postponed for half an hour.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce the following bill:

An act ratifying and confirming the contract between the city of New Orleans and the Firemen's Charitable Association, dated December 6, 1871; providing a revenue for the payment of the price stipulated to be paid under said contract, and the mode of collecting the same; defining the duties of the Mayor and Administrators of the city of New Orleans and other officials in connection therewith; providing penalties for refusal of any officer to comply with the terms of this act.

Mr. Landry, of Ascension, offered the following amendment to the resolution under consideration:

"Add the Committee on Canals and Drainage."

On the adoption the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Landry, of Ascension, and Murrell of Madison, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Allain, Armstead, Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Boyd, Benham, Blackstone, Bickham, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Cockerham, Connaughton, Cousin, Davidson, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Decker, Dejoie, Dewees, Forstall, Gair, Guichard, Harris, Heffner, Humble, Hubeau, P. Jones, M. Jones, Kirkman, Kenyon, Kern, D. King, Keys, Lewis, Landry, Lawes, Little, Mayo, Mahoney, Martinet, Marie, Mathews, Montaldo, Marvin, Nichols, Peyton, Page, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Stewart, Sartain, Simms, Thomas, Williams, P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Washington—62.

Nays—Dewees, Estilette, Hill, Hahn, Heath, V. O. King, Moreland, Norris, Price, Snaer, Smith, Young—12.

The amendment was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be and are hereby instructed and directed to issue forthwith to J. Langles, W. P. Thompson, E. Prevost, D. Wilson, O. P. Fernandez, F. Butler, E. Forstall, I. Nichols, L. Desarzant, V. O. King, L. D. Prescott, I. F. Little, E. D. Estilette, T. W. Norris, T. J. Humble, W. F. Moreland, T. Price, W. S. Cockerham, I. D. Trahan, and Paul Jones, of Cameron, their vouchers for the pay of their per diem and mileage for the extra session of 1874 and the regular session of 1873.

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, moved to lay the resolution on the table, and called the yeas and nays, seconded by Mr. Sartain, of Carroll, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Antoine, Bryant, Benham, Carr, Dewees, Desarzant, Gair, Keys, V. O. King, Lawes, Stewart, Sewell, Washington—13.

Nays—Allain, Armstead, Bowman, Baker, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Bickham, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Cockerham, Connaughton, Demas, Decker, Elliot, Fernandez, Forstall, Greene, Grant, Guichard, Harris, Humble, Hubeau, Hill, Hahn, Heath, P. Jones, M. Jones, Johnson, Kirkman, Kern, Kenyon, D. King, Lewis, Langles, Landry, Little, Marvin, Moreland, Murrell of Lafourche, Murrell of Madison, Mahoney, Mayo, Martinet, Mathews, Montaldo, Norris, Nichols, Price, Peyton, Page, Paris, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Sartain, Simms, Smith, Smart, Trahan, Thomas, Thompson, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Ward—67.

The House refused to lay on the table.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, moved to amend by inserting "Paul Jones."

Accepted.

On the adoption of the resolution the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gair, of East Feliciana, and Young, of Concordia, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Armstead, Bowman, Baker, Boyd, Blackstone, Boatner, Bickham, Butler, Barrow, Carey, Cockerham, Connaughton, Carr, Cousin, Demas, Decker, Dejoie, Desarzant, Dewees, Estilette, Elliot, Fernandez, Forstall, Greene, Guichard, Harris, Humble, Hubeau, Heath, P. Jones, M. Jones, Kirkman, Kenyon, D. King, Lewis, Langles, Landry, Lawes, Little, Murrell of Lafourche, Moreland, Mahoney, Martinet, Mayo, Marie, Montaldo, Nichols, Norris, Price, Page, Raby, Rochon, Sawyer, Stewart, Simms, Smith, Sewell, Smart, Trahan, Thompson, Williams, J. P. Wilson, D. Wilson, Ward, Young—65.

Nays—Bryant, Benham, Gair, Hill, Hahn, Keys, V. O. King, Peyton, Paris, Snaer—10.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Stewart, of Tensas, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There has been a press of business before the Committee on Agriculture, that rendered it necessary to employ a clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized and directed to approve a certificate in favor of Henry Adams, for services rendered as clerk of said committee, out of the contingent fund of the House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, moved that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole.

Carried.

Mr. Montaldo, of Orleans, was called to the chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

House bill No. 430, entitled the general appropriation bill, under consideration.

On motion of Mr. Harris, of Pointe Coupee, the committee rose.

[Mr. Mathews, of Tensas, in the chair.]

The committee reported through its chairman as follows:

Your committee, having had under consideration House bill No. 430, entitled the general appropriation bill, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Which was received and adopted.

Mr. Gair, of East Feliciana, moved to adjourn until eleven o'clock.

On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Williams, of East Baton Rouge, and Harris, of Pointe Coupee, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Boyd, Barrow, Cockerham, Cousin, Demas, Decker, Devezin, Dewees, Elliot, Fontelieu, Fernandez, Forstall, Gair, Heffner, Humble, Hill, Hahn, Johnson, Keys, Little, Marvin, Moreland, Mahoney, Mayo, Murrell of Lafourche, Murrell of Madison, Mathews, Norris, Price, Prescott, Stewart, Sartain, Snaer, Sewell, Thomas, Tureaud, D. Wilson, Washington, Wands, Young—40.

Nays—Allain, Antoine, Bowman, Bryant, Baker, Blackstone, Boatner, Bickham, Butler, Carey, Connaughton, D. C. Davis, R. R. Davis, Dejoie, Greene, Guichard, Harris, P. Jones, Keating, Kirkman, Kenyon, Kern, D. King, Lewis, Langles, Landry, Lawes, Martinet, Marie, Montaldo, Nichols, Peyton, Page, Raby, Rochon, Souer, Sawyer, Simms, Southard, Smith, Sutton, Williams, Worthy, J. P. Wilson, Ward—45.

The House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Dewees, of Red River, moved to adjourn until ten o'clock to-morrow.

On which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Guichard, of St. Bernard, and Harris, of Point Coupee, resulting as follow:

Yeas—Baker, Boyd, Benham, Barrow, Cockerham, Connaughton, Cousin, Demas, R. R. Davis, Decker, Devezin, Dejoie, Dewees, Desarzant, F