

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

I find many and grave objections to the
act entitled "an act relative to the Mis-
sissippi Valley Levee Company, and pro-
viding for the constitution, repair and
maintenance of certain levees by said
company, and for compensation therefor
by tolls on lands protected by said levees,
and the crops of said lands," which have
induced me to withhold my approval.
The same is therefore returned to your
honorable body.

My first objection is that this bill gives
the control of one of the most important
public works in the State into the hands
of a private company, independent of, and
in no wise subject to, the control of the
government.

I object to the bill, in the second place,
because it takes, without any considera-
tion, the levees already constructed, and
valued at no less than seventeen millions
of dollars, and gives them to this com-
pany, without allowing the State even an
interest in the enterprise. Should this
plan be adopted, I can not see why the
State is not entitled to become a stock-
holder to the amount of money which
her people have already expended upon
the work.

Again, there are nearly thirteen mil-
lions of acres of land in this State subject
to overflow from the Mississippi, Red,
Ouachita, Atchafalaya and Black rivers.
It is proposed to tax this land, now held
or soon to be held, by private individuals,
five cents per acre, which would yield a
revenue of six hundred and fifty thousand
dollars per annum. This sum, of itself
will be, when the levees are once com-
pleted, sufficient to keep the whole line
in repair. On the lands or real estate
situated within the limits of all towns
and cities in the overflowed regions, in-
cluding the city of New Orleans and the
surrounding country, an annual tax of
one-tenth of one per cent is to be levied.
The taxable property being also it one
hundred and fifty million dollars, the re-
venue from this source would amount to
one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

But, in addition to all this, the bill pro-
poses to tax the products of the land so
subject to overflow. That, on every pound
of lint cotton, there shall be assessed and
collected a toll of one-fourth of one cent,
or one dollar on every four hundred pound
bale, reaching in the aggregate between
sixty and seventy-five thousand dollars
per annum. On every pound of sugar,
one-eighth of one cent or one dollar and
twenty-five cents per hogshead, making
nearly one hundred thousand dollars per
annum. On every gallon of molasses,
one-half cent; thus aggregating a total
of over a million of dollars per annum on
the products of a year, whose yield is
equal to the present, and this large re-
venue must be continually increasing with
population and productions. I believe
that the company, under the provisions
of this act, would, in less than five years
receive a revenue of four or five million
per annum.

A very important objection to this bill
is, that it is in direct conflict with our
constitution, inasmuch as it wholly
ignores the provision requiring that tax-
ation shall be equal and uniform through-
out the State. Under this bill all the
lands subject to overflow are taxed five
cents per acre, whether worth two, five or
a hundred dollars. Cotton, sugar and
molasses, without regard to quality, are
all taxed in the same unequal and unjust
manner. The Supreme Court, in session
at Monroe, during the last summer, de-
cided that a tax of one dollar per bale of
every bale of cotton was unequal and not
uniform, and therefore unconstitutional.
The offensive manner in which this bill
proposes to collect the revenues demands
your most careful reconsideration.

The exemption from the operation of
the law of any of the principal parishes
and corporations within the alluvial dis-
tricts is certainly unconstitutional and
unjust.

In consequence of the multiplicity of
matters claiming my immediate attention
at the present time, I am unable to state
more fully my views on this measure.

H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of Louisiana.

Mr. Dewees, of De Soto, moved that
its further consideration be postponed
until next Saturday at twelve o'clock.

Mr. Antoine, of Orleans, moved to lay
the motion to postpone on the table.

Carried.

The Speaker then put the question:
Will the House, upon a reconsideration,
agree to pass the bill, the veto of the
Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?

The roll was called, and the vote was
announced as follows:

Yeas: Adolphe, Antoine, Barrett, Be-
lot, Blunt, Bowen, Broussard, Brown,
Buchanan, Buckingham, Lure, Butler,
Carter, Crawford, Darby, Darinsburg,
Davis, Demas, Durio, Faulkner, Floyd,
Fontelieu, Gaddis, Gardner, Garstkamp,
P. Harper, W. Harper, Hempstead, Hus-
ton, Johnson, Kearson, Kenner, Killen,

Kinsella, La Saliniere, Laurent, H. Lott,
J. B. Lott, Lynch, Mahony, Marie, Mar-
vin, Matthews, McCarty, McFarland,
Meadows, Moore, Morphy, Morris, Mur-
ray, Oplatek, Otto, Overton, Pond, Quinn,
Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Schumacher,
Sour, Stamps, Stevens, Stinson, Tatman,
Tournoir, Tureaud, Ullman, Verrett,
Wanda, Washington, of Concordia, Wa-
ters, E. Williams, H. Williams, Wilson,
York, Young—76.

Nays: Abell, Baker, Barker, Barrow,
Bentley, Brewster, Bryan, Chuchere, Co-
chran, Davidson, Dewees, Ellis, Jordan,
Lambias, Meneure, Sartain, Tatman,
Thompson, Washington, of Assumption,
Wheyland, Worrall—22.

Two-thirds of the members present
having voted yea, the bill was passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Sartain, of Car-
roll, the House was adjourned until to-
morrow, at twelve o'clock M.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk.

Tenth Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
State of Louisiana,
New Orleans, January 9, 1871.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Carr in the chair.

The roll was called and the following
members answered to their names:

Speaker Carr, Messrs. Abell, Adolphe,
Antoine, Baker, Barker, Barrow, Belot,
Bentley, Bickham, Blunt, Bowen,
Brewster, Broussard, Bryan, Buchanan,
Buckingham, Birch, Butler, Carter, Cha-
chere, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Dar-
insburg, Davidson, Davis, Demas, De-
wees, Durio, Ellis, Faulkner, Floyd,
Fontelieu, Gaddis, Gardner, Garstkamp,
P. Harper, W. Harper, Hempstead, Hus-
ton, Hyams, Johnson, Kearson, Kenner,
Killen, Kinsella, La Saliniere, Laurent,
Lambias, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Lynch,
Mahoney, Marie, Marvin, Matthews,
McCarty, McFarland, Meadows, Meneure,
Moor, Morphy, Morris, Murray, Nelson,
Ong, Oplatek, Otto, Overton, Pond, Quinn,
Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Sartain, Schu-
macher, Smith, Stamps, Stevens, Stinson,
Tatman, Tureaud, Ullman, Verrett, Wanda,
Washington, of Assumption, Washington,
of Concordia, Waters, Wheyland, E. Wil-
liams, H. Williams, Wilson, Worrall,
York, Young—97.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Morris, of Ascen-
sion, the reading of the journal was dis-
pensd with, and it was approved.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Garstkamp, of Jefferson, presented
a petition from Charles F. Fisher, the
owner of the painting of the battle of
New Orleans, which was read and referred
to the Committee on Claims.

The Speaker then announced the fol-
lowing standing committees:

Canal and Drainage—T. B. Stamps, of
Jefferson, chairman; C. F. Huston, of
East Feliciana; R. G. Gardner, of
Jefferson; W. D. Floyd, of St.
Helena; J. Quinn, of Orleans; Frederick
Schumacher, of Orleans; Charles J. Bar-
ker, of Lafourche.

Public Buildings—J. Oplatek, of Or-
leans, chairman; Armand Belot, of Or-
leans; Schuyler Marvin, of Catahoula; T.
B. Stamps, of Jefferson; George W.
Carter, of Cameron; J. C. Adolph, of Or-
leans; Alphons, Stinson, of Winn; J. S.
Killen, of Claiborne; Henry J. Hyams,
of West Baton Rouge.

Pensions—Edgar Davis, of Orleans,
chairman; Emerson Bentley, of St. Mary;
W. B. Barrett, of Orleans; D. L. McFar-
land, of St. Martin; Theodore Chachere,
of St. Landry; Charles J. Barker, of
Lafourche; C. D. Tatman, of St. Landry.

Railroads—O. H. Brewster, of Ouachita,
chairman; C. J. Adolphe, of Orleans; E.
W. Dewees, of De Soto; J. B. Lott, of
Rapides; Alexander C. Bickham, of
Washington; Frederick Schumacher, of
Orleans; William H. Waters, of Orleans.

Ways and Means—Thomas Ong, of St.
Bernard, chairman; Armand Belot, of Or-
leans; F. Otto, of Orleans; L. J. Souer, of
Avozelles; H. Mahoney, of Plaquemine;
Bush W. Baker, of Franklin; Lucien
Dary, of St. Landry.

Parochial Affairs—O. H. Hempstead, of
Iberville, chairman; H. C. Tournoir, of
Pointe Coupee; D. Cady Stanton, of
Bossier; George Washington, of Assump-
tion; J. Nelson, of Lafourche; C. O.
Butler, of Bienville; Henry J. Hyams, of
West Baton Rouge.

Corporations—Harry Lott, of Rapides,
chairman; George L. Smith, of Caddo;
Henry Demas, of St. James; E. F. Buck-
ingham, of Morehouse; H. H. Steven-
son, of Jackson; D. A. Cochran, of Lafayette;
Milton Morris, of Ascension.

Judiciary—Thomas G. Davidson, of Living-
ston, chairman; B. L. Lynch, of Iberville;
Henry Lott, of Rapides; G. H. Ellis, of Union;
Victor E. McCarty, of Orleans; D. W. C. Brown,
of Ascension; D. C. Stanton, of Bossier.

Claims—J. Garstkamp, of Jefferson, chairman;
Henry Raby, of Natchitoches; Thomas Ong,
of St. Bernard; J. Oplatek, of Orleans; David
Young, of Concordia; C. O. Butler, of Bienville;
Paulin Fontelieu, of Vermilion.

Penitentiary—L. J. Souer, of Avozelles, chair-
man; Henry Riley, of St. James; C. F. Huston,
of East Feliciana; George Washington, of As-
sumption; Charles W. Ringgold, of Orleans;
Alexander C. Bickham, of Washington; Thomas

G. Davidson, of Livingston.

Committee Relative to the Apportionment Bill—
Thomas D. Worrall, of Jefferson, chairman; E.
W. Dewees, of De Soto; Robert A. Lambias,
of Orleans; D. A. Cochran, of Lafayette; O. H.
Brewster, of Ouachita.

Special Committee to Investigate into the Affairs
of the Metropolitan Police Board—J. Garstkamp,
of Jefferson, chairman; Charles W. Ringgold,
of Orleans; G. H. Ellis, of Union; Thomas Murray
of Orleans; Fred. Schumacher, of Orleans.

By permission the following resolutions were
offered:

By Mr. Schumacher, of Orleans:
Resolved, That a committee of three be ap-
pointed by the Speaker of the House to in-
vestigate the affairs of the New Orleans, Mobile and
Chattanooga Railroad Company, to see if said
company has complied with the requirements of
their charter, and that said committee shall
have power to send for persons and papers, and
to report to this House as soon as practicable.

Which was read and adopted, under a suspension
of the rules.

By Mr. Matthews, of Texas:
Resolved, That a committee of three be ap-
pointed by the Speaker to investigate into the
affairs and management of the Crescent City Live
Stock Landing and Slaughterhouse Company, to
ascertain if they have complied with the pro-
visions of their charter, granted by the Legisla-
ture of the State of Louisiana, in the manage-
ment of their ferry privileges and in all other respects;
and to employ a clerk, and report to the House
at an early day as possible.

Which was under a suspension of the rules,
and adopted.

By Mr. J. B. Lott, of Rapides:
Resolved, That the rules of the House be so
amended as to empower the Speaker to appoint
a Committee on Unfinished Business, to consist
of seven members.

Which lies over under the rules.

By Mr. Harry Lott, of Rapides:
Resolved, That the Committee on Elec-
tion and Qualification be authorized to
send for persons and papers in the in-
vestigation of any case that may come
before them.

Which was read under a suspension
of the rules and adopted.

By Mr. Brewster, of Ouachita:
Resolved, That a committee of five be
appointed by the Speaker to take into
consideration that portion of the Govern-
or's message relative to the bribery of
State officials.

Which was read under a suspension
of the rules and adopted.

By Mr. Brown, of Ascension:
Resolved, That the chairman of each
committee of the House of Representatives,
when not otherwise provided for
by the Sergeant-at-Arms, in the State
House, is hereby authorized to hire suit-
able rooms for the use of his committee,
rent not to exceed twenty-five dollars
per month.

Which was read under a suspension of
the rules and adopted.

By Mr. Ringgold, of Orleans:
Resolved, That the Official Reporter of
this House be, and is hereby authorized,
to employ a competent stenographer as
his assistant, whose duty it shall be to
assist the Official Reporter in his duties,
and whose compensation shall be at the
rate of seven dollars a day.

Which was read under a suspension of
the rules and adopted.

By Mr. Worrall, of Jefferson:
Resolved, That a special committee
of three members of this House be
appointed by the Speaker to investigate
and report to the House the number of
criminals who have been released on
writs of habeas corpus, under various pre-
texts, by Judge W. H. Cooley, Judge of
the Sixth District Court, since the meet-
ing of the last Legislature. Also, the
number of cases of persons charged with
crime where a *notte prosequi* has been en-
tered without an investigation in the
First District Court.

Which lies over under the rules.

By Mr. Stevens, of Jackson:
Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a special
committee of three members to examine the
books and affairs of the Commissioners of Immi-
gration, and that said committee be al-
lowed a clerk, and to send for persons and papers.

Which was read, under a suspension of the
rules, and adopted.

By Mr. Souer, of Avozelles:
Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to
appoint a committee, to consist of three mem-
bers, to be known as the committee on compar-
ing bills, whose duty it shall be to compare and
verify all the bills passing the House, so that
they may be exact in language and character
with the original bill.

Which lies over, under the rules.

By Mr. Young, of Concordia, called up the fol-
lowing resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three
members of this House be appointed to in-
vestigate and examine into the affairs of the Ship
Island Canal Company, for the purpose of ascer-
taining whether said company has complied
with the conditions of its charter, granted by the
Legislature of 1868-70; and that said committee
have full power to examine all papers, books,

plans, maps, documents and accounts connected
with or belonging to said Ship Island Canal
Company; and that said committee be further
authorized and empowered to send for and ex-
amine, under oath if necessary, all persons con-
nected with said company, or whomsoever the
committee may think proper for the purpose of
arriving at a true statement of said company's
affairs; and that the committee be authorized to
employ the necessary clerical aid for the same;
and that the said committee visit the location of
said Ship Island Canal. And be it further

Resolved, That the said committee be author-
ized to examine into the affairs of the Lake
Borgne and Mexican Gulf Ship Canal Company,
and report at an early day.

Mr. Ong, of St. Bernard, called up the fol-
lowing resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a special
committee of three (3) members of this House,
whose duty it shall be to investigate the affairs
of the lessees of the New Canal Company, and
report to this body at an early day the conditions
of said lease, and whether the lessees have com-
plied with their contract or lease; also, to in-
quire into, and report to this House what rights
and interests, if any, the State has in said im-
provement and that the committee have power
to send for persons and papers, and to examine
witnesses under oath.

Mr. Stanton, of Bossier, called up the fol-
lowing resolution, which was read and adopted:

A resolution for the appointment of a special
committee of five to investigate all matters relat-
ing to the facilities and disadvantages of the
wharves, lands and harbor of the port of New
Orleans as relating to freight, passengers, stor-
age and common carriers, and the prevention of
dangerous conflagrations thereat, and for other
purposes.

The Speaker presented to the House the
following communication from the Auditor
of State, which was received and accepted:

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Auditor of State,
New Orleans, January 10, 1871.

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

In the list which I enclosed to your hon-
orable body on the second instant, in ac-
cordance with the one hundred and eighty-
ninth section of the Revised Statute Laws,
L. B. Dayries and Paulin Pollard, late Tax
Collectors for the parish of Pointe Coupee,
are reported as being conjointly in default
to the State on account of taxes for the
year 1867. Upon satisfactory explanation,
however, it appears that Mr. Pollard is not
responsible for the unpaid taxes of that
year. I therefore respectfully request that
Mr. Pollard's name be stricken off the said
list.

JAMES GRAHAM,
Auditor.

Mr. Davidson, of Livingston, requested a
leave of absence for the period of ten days
for Mr. Cochran, of Lafayette, which was
granted.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Notices were given that at some future
time the following entitled bills would be in-
troduced:

By Mr. Harry Lott, of Rapides:
An act entitled an act granting certain
privileges to the Louisiana Canal and Land
Improvement Company.

An act entitled an act to provide for in-
creased facilities to the commerce of New
Orleans.

An act to prevent frauds in the sale and
shipment of cotton at the port of New Or-
leans, and to provide and regulate the in-
spection thereof.

By Mr. Faulkner, of Caldwell:
An act entitled an act to incorporate the
Crescent City Waterworks.

An act entitled an act to authorize a sur-
vey and estimate of the leveeing of certain
bayous on the east bank of the Ouachita
river, in the parish of Caldwell, and author-
izing an appropriation therefor.

By Mr. Dewees, of De Soto:
An act entitled an act to incorporate the
Louisiana Levee Company, to define the
powers and duties of the same, to provide a
revenue for the reclamation and protection
from overflow of the alluvial lands of the
State, and to repeal act No. 72 approved
September 10, 1867.

An act entitled an act to incorporate the
Mississippi Valley Levee Company, and re-
lative thereto, and providing for the ex-
tinction, repair and maintenance of certain
levees by said company and for compensa-
tion therefor, by taxes on lands and person-
al property and tolls on the crops of said
lands.

By Mr. Marvin, of Catahoula:
An act entitled an act to incorporate the
town of Harrisonburg and fixing the bound-
aries thereof.

An act entitled an act to provide for the
removal of obstructions from Bayou Macon
and to improve the navigation thereof, and
making an appropriation therefor.

By Mr. Hempstead, of Iberville:
An act entitled an act for the relief of A.
J. Oliver and George Albure.

An act entitled an act to purchase five
hundred copies of a Treatise on Attachments,
with notes on the other conservatory writs
under the laws of the State of Louisiana, by
Kimball A. Cross.

By Mr. Morris, of Ascension:
An act entitled an act to empower the Pol-
ice Jury of Ascension parish to open a pub-
lic road from a point on the Mississippi river,
running back to New River.

An act entitled an act for the proper ob-
servance of the day known as Sunday or
the Christian Sabbath, and for other pur-
poses.

By Mr. Davidson, of Livingston:
An act entitled an act to re-district the
police jury wards of the parish of Living-
ston.

An act entitled an act granting an app-
ropriation of money to remove the obstruc-
tions from the Amite river as high up as
Hampton's ferry; the Tiffin to Lorin Chap-
mans; the Blood river to Duncan's Bluff,
and the Natchitoches river to Springfield, so as
to make navigation in said rivers safe for
vessels and at steamboats.

By Mr. Buckingham, of Morehouse:

An act entitled an act for the relief of W.
H. Vaughan, Tax Collector for the parish of
Morehouse.

By Mr. Yorke, of Carroll:
An act entitled an act to facilitate the
Land Improvement Company.

By Mr. Carter, of Cameron:
An act entitled an act for the relief of
Thomas L. Maxwell, late Sheriff of the
parish of Orleans.

By Mr. Blunt, of Natchitoches:
An act entitled an act for the relief of
Theodore Merritt, of Natchitoches.

By Mr. Butler, of Bienville:
An act entitled an act to relieve the citizens of
Bienville parish, whose lands have been return-
ed as the property of non-residents, by error of
the tax collectors.

By Mr. Ong, of St. Bernard:
An act entitled an act for the relief of Francis
C. Mahan.

By Mr. Brown, of Ascension:
An act entitled an act to incorporate the Stow
Foundation Company for the State of Louisi-
ana.

By Mr. Barrett, of Orleans:
An act entitled an act to exempt property
from seizure and sale, and for the protection of
the citizens of this State in their homesteads, and
for other purposes.

By Mr. Stamps, of Jefferson:
An act for the relief of the parish of Jefferson,
Right Bank.

Also, an act for the relief of W. B. Hyman.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Previous notice having been given, House
bill No. 15, an act to incorporate the Ronaal
Waterpower Manufacturing Company, in the
parish of Tangipahoa, was put upon its first
reading.

The constitutional rule having been suspend-
ed, the bill underwent its second reading and
was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Previous notice having been given, House
bill No. 16, an act to amend an act entitled "An
act to incorporate the Bayou Rapides Naviga-
tion Company," approved February 17, 1860,
was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule
the bill was put upon its second reading and
referred to the Committee on Internal Improve-
ments.

By permission, Mr. Ong, of St. Bernard, in-
troduced House bill No. 17, an act to provide a
revenue, to levy and collect taxes, to grant and
collect licenses, to prescribe certain penalties
and forfeitures, to provide for the creation and
removal of revenue officers, and to define their
duties, to punish certain crimes and misde-
meanors, to create liens and mortgages in favor of the State in cer-
tain cases, to regulate the manner of the pay-
ment of moneys from the treasury, to prescribe
certain duties of justices of the peace, State and
parish officers, to provide for the collection of
back taxes or licenses, and to repeal all acts in-
consistent therewith.

Which was put on its first reading under a
suspension of the rules.

The constitutional rule being suspended, the
bill was read a second time by title, and referred
to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Previous notice having been given, House bill
No. 18, an act to allow Hypolite Bellocq, of the
parish of St. Mary, to sue the State for alleged
damages sustained during the construction of
levees, which was put on its first reading under
a suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill
was put upon its second reading, and referred
to the Committee on Lands and Levees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The first in order being consideration of the
several vetoes of the Governor, they were taken
up.

Mr. Matthews, of Texas, moved that their
consideration be postponed, and that they be made
the special order of the day for next Thursday,
nineteenth instant, and that the bills retoid be
printed, and laid upon the desks of members,
upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays
were demanded by Messrs. Hempstead, of
Iberville, and Quinn, of Orleans, with the fol-
lowing result:

Yeas: Abell, Antoine, Baker, Barker, Barrett,
Barrow, Belot, Bentley, Bowen, Brewster,
Broussard, Brown, Buchanan, Burch, Carter,
Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Darinsburg, Demas,
Dewees, Durio, Ellis, Faulkner, Floyd, Font-
telieu, Gaddis, Gardner, P. Harper, W. Harper,
Johnson, Jordan, Kearson, Kenner, Lambias,
H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Marvin, Matthews, McCarty,
Meadows, Meneure, Moore, Morphy, Morris,
Nelson, Otto, Overton, Quinn, Raby, Riley,
Sartain, Souer, Stanton, Tatman, Tournoir,
Tureaud, Wanda, Washington of Assumption,
Washington of Concordia, Waters, E. Williams,
H. Williams, Wilson, York, Young—66.

Nays: Blunt, Bryan, Butler, Garstkamp,
Hempstead, Killen, Kinsella, Lynch, Ong,
Oplatek, Schumacher, Stamps, Stevens, Stinson,
Ullman, Worrall—16.

Carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Dewees, of De Soto, the
House was adjourned until to-morrow at twelve
M.

WILLIAM VIGERS,
Chief Clerk.

Eleventh Day's Proceedings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Saturday, January 13, 1871.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Carr in the chair.

The roll was called and the following mem-
bers answered to their names:

Speaker Carr, Messrs. Abell, Adolphe, An-
toine, Baker, Barker, Barrow, Belot, Bentley,
Bickham, Blunt, Bowen, Broussard, Brown,
Buchanan, Buckingham, Burch, Butler,
Carter, Chachere, Crawford, Darby, Darinsburg,
Davidson, Davis, Demas, Dewees, Durio, Ellis,
Faulkner, Fontelieu, Gaddis, Gardner, Gar-
stkamp, P. Harper, W. Harper, Hempstead,
Johnson, Kearson, Kenner, Killen, Kinsella,
Laurent, Lambias, H. Lott, J. B. Lott,
Lynch, Marie, Marvin, McCarty, Meadows,
Meneure, Moore, Morphy, Morris, Murray,
Nelson, Ong, Oplatek, Otto, Overton, Pond,
Quinn, Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Sartain,
Schumacher, Stamps, Stevens, Stinson,
Tatman, Thompson, Tournoir, Tureaud,
Ullman, Verrett, Wanda, Washington, of
Assumption, Washington, of Concordia, Wa-
ters, Wheyland, E. Williams, H. Williams,
Wilson, Worrall, York, Young—88.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Murray, of Orleans,
the reading of the journal was dispensed
with, and it was approved.

The Speaker announced the following
special committee:

To investigate the affairs of the New
Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Rail-
road Company—Ferdinand Schumacher,
of Orleans, Chairman; Peter Harper, of
St. Charles; Thomas Murray, of Orleans.

To investigate and report to the House
the number of criminals who have been
released on writs of habeas corpus under
various pretext by Judge W. H. Cooley,
Judge of the Sixth District Court—
Thomas D. Worrall, of Jefferson, Chair-
man; E. W. Dewees, of De Soto; J. J.
Barrow, of West Feliciana.

To investigate all matters relating to
the facilities and disadvantages of the
wharves, landings and harbors of the
port of New Orleans—D. C. Stanton, of
Bossier, Chairman; F. G. Johnson, of
Orleans—E. Ward, of De Soto;
Ferdinand Schumacher, of Orleans; Thom-
as Murray, of Orleans.

To investigate into the affairs of the
Crescent City Live Stock Landing and
Slaughterhouse Company—J. S. Mat-
thews, of Texas, Chairman; Charles J.
Barker, of Lafourche; Thomas Murray,
of Orleans.

To investigate the affairs of the lessees
of the New Canal Company—Ong, of St.
Bernard, Chairman; Riley, of St. James;
Jordan, of Richland.

The Speaker laid before the House the
following communication from the At-
torney General of the State, which was
received, accepted, and further time
granted, in accordance with his request:

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
State of Louisiana,
New Orleans, January 13, 1871.

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