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The resolution of Mr. Dupree relative to the charter of the Louisiana Board of Trustees of the American Printing House for the Blind, etc., which was offered March 19, was taken up under the rules and adopted.

The Speaker appointed as members of the committee raised by said resolution, Messrs. Dupree, Hill, Byland, Tremoulet and Lyons.

JOINT SESSION.

A joint session of the General Assembly was held for the purpose of further balloting for a Senator to represent the State of Lousiana in the Senate of the United States for the term beginning March 4, 1877, Hon. L. A. Wiltz, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, presiding.

The roll of the Senate was called, when the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Boatner, Breaux, Ducros, Ellis, Eustis, Garland, Goode, Grover, Kelly, Mitchell, Perkins, Ogden, Richardson, Robertson, Stubbs, Sandiford, Steven, Texada, Wheeler and Zacharie.

Twenty Senators.

The roll of the House being called, the following members answered to their names:

Hon. Louis Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Breard, Bowden, Barron, Buck, Berry, Bell, Barbin, Billieu, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke, Duoree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kennedy, Kelly of Winn, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Kernochan, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, Means, McGehee, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Byland, Rolle, Ridgley, Robertson, Shakspeare, Singleton, Self, Stagg, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Washburn, Wood, Wilde, Williams, Young of Claiborne.

Sixty-three members and a quorum.

The presiding officer announced that the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana had met in this joint session, as required by law, for the purpose of balloting for a Senator to represent the State of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States for the term beginning March 4, 1877.

Nominations were read as follows:

Messrs. Jonas, Gibson and Wyly.

Mr. Wheeler withdrew the name of the Hon. W. G. Wyly.

Mr. Kennedy of the House nominated the Hon. Hugh Kennedy of Orleans.

Mr. Sandiford of the Senate nominated the Hon. W. M. Levy, of Natchitoches.

There being no further nominations the roll of the Senate was called with the following result:

Senators Ellis, Eustis, Garland, Stubbs and Richardson voted for the Hon. B. F. Jonas—5 votes.

Senator Ogden voted for the Hon. R. L. Gibson—1 vote.

Senators Boatner, Breaux, Ducros, Goode, Mitchell, Perkins, Robertson, Sandiford, Steven and Texada voted for the Hon. W. M. Levy—10 votes.

Senators Grover, Kelly, Wheeler and Zacharie voted for the Hon. Hugh Kennedy—4 votes.

The roll of the House was called when the following members voted for the Hon. B. F. Jonas:

Messrs. Aycock, Bridger, Breard, Bowden, Berry, Delavigne, Robertson, Dupree, Foerster, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Lyons, Leeds, Leonhard, Pitts, Richardson, Byland, Barbin, Shakspeare, Singleton, Stagg, Steele, Ridgley, Toler, Washburn, Wood and Wilde—28.

The following members voted for the Hon. R. L. Gibson:

Speaker Bush and Messrs. Aldidge, Cressy, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Hill of Orleans, Kelly of Orleans, Lamare, Means, Kernochan, McGehee, Nunez, Peralta, Rolle, Tremoulet and Williams—16.

The following members voted for the Hon. Hugh Kennedy:

Messrs. Barron, Ferguson, Duke, Kennedy, Kelly of Winn, and Taylor—6.

The following members voted for the Hon. Wm. M. Levy:

Messrs. Buck, Bell, Cockerham, Carloss, Jonas, Kidd, Lea, Self, Billieu, Sellers, Smart and Young of Claiborne—12.

Total vote 82, necessary to a choice 42.

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, the presiding officer declared that there had been no election.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler of the Senate, the joint assembly adjourned, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

HOUSE BUSINESS RESUMED.

After joint session the roll of the House was called as follows:

Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Billieu, Bridger, Breard, Bowden, Barron, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kennedy, Kelly of Winn, Kelly of Orleans, Kernochan, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, Means, McGehee, Nunez, Porter, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Byland, Rolle, Ridgley, Robertson, Shakspeare Singleton, Self, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Stagg, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Washburn, Wood, Wilde, Williams, Young of Claiborne.

Sixty-two members and a quorum.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following named members asked and obtained leave to introduce the following bills, which, under a suspension of the rules, were passed to their second reading and referred as follows:

By Mr. Huntington, chairman of the Committee on claims—

House bill No. 271, "An act for the relief of Thomas H. Handy, Civil Sheriff of the parish of Orleans."

This bill was reported by the Committee on Claims.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

By Mr. Ferguson—

House bill No. 272, "An act to amend and re-enact article 488 of the Code of Practice."

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bush—

House bill No. 273, "An act prescribing the form of all bills offered and all acts passed by the General Assembly."

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hill of Orleans—

House bill No. 274, "An act to vest the Third District Court for the parish of Orleans with jurisdiction in all civil cases where the amount in dispute exceeds one hundred dollars, exclusive of interest, and to empower said court to make special rules for the trial of appeals from justices' courts.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hill of Orleans—

House bill No. 275, "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act making the warrants issued for the salary of all constitutional officers, accruing after the first day of January, 1877, receivable for all taxes and licenses due and payable in the same year to the General Fund.'"

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Aldidge—

House bill No. 276, "An act to re-enact section 1679 of the Revised Statutes.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Jonas, chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary—

House bill No. 277, "An act relative to vagrancy and prescribing the penalty therefor."

This bill was recommended as a substitute for House bill No. 51, "An act relative to vagrants," etc.

The substitute was adopted in lieu of the original bill.

On the motion of Mr. McGehee, the bill was amended by adding, at the end of section 2, the words "or to work on roads, streets and levees."

The bill, as amended, was taken as engrossed, and under a suspension of the rules was read a third time and passed. The title was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Huntington House bill No. 264, "An act for the relief of Thomas H. Handy."

Was taken up under the favorable report of the Committee on Claims, and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On the further motion of Mr. Huntington it was ordered that the House go into a Committee of the Whole to-morrow, Wednesday, March 22, 1877, for the consideration of House bill No. 271, House bill No. 264 and all other House bills which involve appropriations.

House bill No. 83, "An act to abolish the licenses on all trades and professions in the State."

Was taken up under the unfavorable report of the Committee on Ways and Means, and was postponed indefinitely.

COMMITTEE SERVICE.

Mr. Jonas, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported as follows:

ROOMS COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, New Orleans, March 20, 1877.

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

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Judiciary have the honor to make the following report:

Favorably on Senate bill No. 119, "An act to amend and re-enact article 139 of the Revised Civil Code of Louisiana, and to repeal act No. 16, approved March 9, 1870."

Favorably on House bill No. 269, "An act to repeal articles 1221, 1222 and 1223 of the Revised Civil Code, and sections 3683 and 3684 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana."

Favorably on House bill No. 270, "An act relative to the inspection of weights and measures in the Sixth and Seventh Districts."

Favorably on House bill No. 261, "An act to fix and regulate the fees of clerks of courts in the parish of Orleans in the city tax suits."

Favorably with amendment on House bill No. 268, "An act to promote legal education by requiring better qualifications of candidates for admission to the Bar."

Unfavorably on House bill No. 263, "An act to punish the unlawfully setting at liberty any person accused or convicted of an offense not capital."

Favorably, by a majority, with amendments on House bill No. 266, "Joint Resolution relative to the extra compensation to be paid to the chairmen of certain committees of the House and Senate.

Your committee beg leave to report the enclosed amendments to House bill No. 226.

B. F. JONAS, Chairman.

Mr. Lyons presented the following minority report:

I reluctantly dissent from the favorable report of the majority of the Judiciary Committee on the joint resolution appropriating nineteen hundred and twenty dollars, by way of extra compensation for the regular session, to the chairman of the Committees on Enrollment and Contingent Expenses of the two houses of the General Assembly.

I think the resolution violates article 39 of the constitution, which prohibits any alteration of compensation to members of the General Assembly, to take effect during the time of the House of Representatives, by which such alteration shall have been made. This article is equally prohibitive of an increase of compensation to four members, as it is of an increase to a greater number, for if increased compensation can be constitutionally made to any member, increased compensation to any amount can be constitutionally made to any member, or to all of the members.

The labors of these heads of committees are only incidental of their membership of the General Assembly; and the duties imposed by these positions of honor, and trust, are only a portion of their duties as legislators. A liberal compensation is paid by the State for the whole of the time, and the whole of the services of each and every member of the General Assembly, and any device by which a double reward shall be bestowed is an evasion of a constitutional prohibition, and a violation of an implied contract. I have failed to find any written precedents for the vicious practice of distinguishing certain members of the General Assembly by double compensation, except such as may be found in the legislation of the past eight years and then in such proximity to, and so commingled with the most flagrant and flagitious schemes for public plunder; that the gravest suspicions of their legitimacy and honesty are necessarily aroused. To say the least, I think it unwise to follow in the footsteps of those who have brought the State to ruin, the people to beggary, and the name of legislator into just reproach and contempt. I therefore recommend that the joint resolution do not pass.

T. B. LYONS.

Mr. Kidd, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as follows:

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

Gentlemen—The Committee on Enrollment report as correctly enrolled House bills Nos. 209, 257, 214, 252, 183, also Joint Resolution relative to cleaning out obstructions in Bayou Lafourche.

E. E. KIDD, Chairman.

Mr. Toler presented a claim of the New Orleans *Picayune* for advertising registration in 1876, approved by M. Hahn, State Registrar of voters.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

House bill No. 75, "An act to limit the appropriations and expenditures of parishes and municipal corporations, to prohibit the issue of warrants, to permit police juries to make certain contracts, and prescribing certain penalties."

Was taken up with the Senate amendment, which was adopted, as follows: "Add to section 4 the word "provided the compensation allowed shall not exceed fifty per centum of the fees allowed by the laws of the State."

The bill was passed as amended.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

Mr. Bush gave notice that he would at some future day introduce a bill supplemental to an act numbered 58, relative to the Board of Liquidators, otherwise known as the Funding Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

House bill No. 199, "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to increase the revenues of the State, to authorize the incorporation and establishment of the Louisiana State Lottery Company,'" etc.

Being the unfinished business of Monday, March 19, was taken up on its third reading, pending the motion of Mr. Young, of Claiborne, to postpone the further consideration of the bill till Wednesday, March 21, on which motion the yeas and nays were called for, as follows:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Speaker Bush, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Breard, Bowden, Barron, Billieu, Barbin, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Gillespie, Huntington Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Nunez, Pitts, Ryland, Rolle, Robertson, Ridgley, Shakspeare, Singleton, Self, Steele, Stagg, Sellers Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Wilde, Williams and Young of Claiborne—60.

No quorum voting, a call of the House was ordered as follows:

Hon. L. Bush, Speaker; and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Buck, Bridger, Breard, Bowden, Brady, Barron, Berry, Bell, Barbin, Billieu, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Ferguson, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Jonas, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernochan, Kidd, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Nunez, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Byland, Rolle, Ridgley, Robertson, Shakspeare, Singleton, Self, Stagg, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Wilde, Williams and Young of Claiborne.

Sixty-one members and a quorum.

The yeas and nays were taken on the motion to postpone.

Yeas—Messrs. Peralta, Pitts and Wilde—3.

Nays—Hon. Speaker Bush, and Messrs. Aldidge Aycock, Barbin, Billieu, Bridger, Breard, Bowden, Barron, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Ferguson, Foerster, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Jonas, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernochan, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Nunez, Richardson, Byland, Rolle, Robertson, Shakspeare, Singleton, Self, Stagg, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Ridgley, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams and Young of Claiborne—57.

No quorum voting.

A call of the House was ordered as follows:

Speaker Bush, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger Breard, Barbin, Billieu, Bowden, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duoree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Ferguson, Foerster, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Leonhard of Orleans, Kernochan, McGehee, Porter, Pitts, Richardson, Ryland, Rolle, Ridgley, Robertson, Shakspeare, Singleton, Self, Stagg, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams and Young of Claiborne—55.

The following members voted in the negative:

Messrs. Bridger Bowden, Lea, Means, Nunez, Pitts and Richardson—7.

The bill was adopted on second reading:

Mr. Billieu moved that the rules be suspended, in order that the bill be taken as engrossed.

On which motion, Mr. Bridger called for the yeas and nays, as follows:

Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Barbin, Billieu, Bell Breard, Brady, Buck, Berry, Cressy, Cockerham, Delavigne, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Gaskins, Hun ington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Kernochan, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Porter, Robertson, Ridgley, Richardson, Rolle, Shakspeare, Self, Stagg, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood Williams—49.

The following members voted in the negative:

Messrs. Bridger, Bowden, Kennedy, Lea, Means, Nunez and Pitts—7.

No quorum voting.

A call of the House was ordered as follows:

Speaker Bush, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Breard, Bowden, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Barbin, Billieu, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Ferguson, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernochan, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Nunez, Peralta, Pitts, Richardson, Byland, Rolle, Ridgley, Shakspeare, Singleton, Self, Stagg, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams and Young of Claiborne—57.

Sixty-one members and a quorum.

The yeas and nays were taken on the motion to suspend as follows:

Yeas—Hon L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Breard, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Barbin, Billieu, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Ferguson, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Leonhard of Orleans, Kernochan, McGehee, Porter, Ryland, Robertson, Rolle, Ridgley, Shakspeare, Singleton, Self, Stagg, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams and Young of Claiborne—56.

The following members voted in the negative:

Messrs. Bridger, Bowden, Barron, Kennedy, Lea, Means, Nunez and Pitts—7.

The motion to suspend prevailing the bill was taken as engrossed.

On the motion to suspend the rules to put the bill on its third reading, Mr. Bridger called for the yea and nays as follows:

Yeas—Hon. L Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Breard, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Barbin, Billieu, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Gaskins, Gillespie, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Kernochan, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Porter, Robertson, Ridgley, Richardson, Rolle, Shakspeare, Singleton, Self, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood Williams—49.

The following members voted in the negative:

Messrs. Bridger, Bowden, Kennedy, Lea, Means, Nunez and Pitts—7.

No quorum voting.

A call of the House was ordered as follows:

Speaker Bush, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Bridger, Breard, Bowden, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Barbin, Billieu, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Ferguson, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kennedy, Kelly of Orleans, Kernochan, Lyons, Leeds, Lamare, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, Means, McGehee, Nunez, Richardson, Byland, Rolle, Robertson, Shakspeare, Singleton, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams and Young of Claiborne—57.

The following members voted in the negative:

Messrs. Bridger, Bowden, Barron, Kennedy, Means and Nunez—6

On the final passage of the bill. Mr. Bridger called for the yeas and nays, as follows:

Before the roll was called Mr. Lea asked and obtained leave to explain his vote, as follows:

I am opposed to the imposition of any taxes upon the hill parishes to support the levees. Judging of the future by the past, I believe that I would be justified in concluding that while the tax is levied to support the levees, in fact and in truth it *goes* to the support of the Louisiana Levee Company.

I have voted against this bill upon the motion to adopt it on its second reading and on the various motions to suspend the rules, because it embodied this principle.

Now that the bill is placed upon its final passage, as it relieves my constituents of 1½ mills of the three mill tax—a tax which I consider unjust and oppressive—I shall vote in the affirmative.

Yeas—Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Barbin, Billieu, Breard, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Kernochan, Lamare, Lyons, Leeds, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Porter, Pitts, Ryland, Rolle, Robertson, Ridgley, Singleton, Self, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Sartain, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams and Young of Claiborne—57.

The following members voted in the negative:

Messrs. Bridger, Bowden, Barron, Kennedy, Nunez and Stagg—6.

The reading of the bill was dispensed with.

Mr. McGehee moved that the bill do now pass, and on that motion he called for the previous question, which was seconded by the following vote, Mr. Bridger calling for the yeas and nays.

Yeas—Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Breard, Barbin, Billieu, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Kernochan, Lyons, Lea, Leeds, Lamare, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Porter, Pitts, Richardson, Ryland, Rolle, Robertson, Sartain, Singleton, Self, Stagg, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams and Young of Claiborne—57.

The following members voted in the negative:

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Yeas—Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldige, Aycock, Barbin, Billieu, Breard, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Delavigne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Gaskins, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Kernochan, Lamare, Lyons, Leeds, Lea, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Porter, Pitts, Ryland, Rolle, Robertson, Ridgley, Singleton, Self, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Sartain, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams and Young of Claiborne—57.

The following members voted in the negative:

Messrs. Bridger, Bowden, Barron, Kennedy, Means, Nunez and Richardson—7 nays.

And the bill was finally passed and its title, was adopted.

Mr. Voorhies moved a reconsideration of the vote on the final passage of the bill, and moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

On which motion he called for the yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Hon. L. Bush, Speaker, and Messrs. Aldidge, Aycock, Breard, Brady, Buck, Berry, Bell, Barbin, Billieu, Cockerham, Carloss, Cressy, Dela igne, Duke, Dupree, Estopinal, Fitzpatrick, Foerster, Ferguson, Gaskin, Gillespie, Huntington, Hammond, Hill of Orleans, Jonas, Kelly of Orleans, Kidd, Kernochan, Lyons, Lea, Leeds, Lamare, Leonhard of Orleans, McGehee, Pitts, Richardson, Ryland, Rolle, Robertson, Ridgley, Singleton, Self, Stagg, Steele, Sellers, Smart, Sartain, Taylor, Tremoulet, Toler, Voorhies, Washburn, Wood, Williams, Young of Claiborne—56.

The following members voted in the negative:

Messrs. Bridger, Bowden, Barron, Kennedy Means and Nunez—6 nays.

On the motion of Mr. Stagg the House adjourned.

PETER J. TREZEVANT, Chief Clerk.

OFFICIAL.

LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

EXTRA SESSION OF 1877.

No. 7.] AN ACT

To regulate and limit the liability of parishes of this state, the parish of Orleans excepted, for cost and fees in criminal proceedings before Justices of the Peace and in Parish and District Courts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That in all criminal proceedings and trials before justices of the peace, in District and Parish Courts of this State, the parish of Orleans excepted, the clerks, sheriffs and justices of the peace and constables shall not collect or receive from their respective parishes any fees or compensation for their services in excess of the limitations and amounts fixed in this act.

SEC. 2 *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That in compensation for all services rendered in criminal proceedings and trials before justices of peace and in District and Parish Courts, where the costs and fees are chargeable to the respective parishes, the fees of clerks of the court, sheriffs, constables and justices of the peace, throughout the State, the parish of Orleans excepted, are hereby limited and fixed at fifty per centum of the fees and costs as are now paid by existing law, and the parochial authorities are hereby prohibited from increasing the fees and costs in criminal proceedings as now fixed by law.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall in no manner affect the right of these officers to charge and collect all fees as now fixed by existing laws, from defendants in all criminal proceedings and trials where the defendants are decreed to pay the same under judgment or sentence of the court, nor shall this act affect the right of the sheriffs to charge and collect, from their respective parishes, the fees and expenses as now fixed by law for carrying prisoners to the Penitentiary; nor for executing prisoners condemned to capital punishment, nor for finding and maintaining prisoners in the parish jails and costs and actual expenses incurred in pursuing and arresting criminals.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That in preliminary criminal trials for commitment witnesses shall not be allowed any fees, per diem or mileage; that no witness fees shall be allowed for attendance before Grand Juries, and in no criminal trial or proceedings shall witnesses living within five miles of the courthouse or place where the court is held be entitled to fees of mileage and per diem.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That all officers making charges for fees and costs against the parish shall still be required to present specific and itemized amounts duly approved under existing laws.

SEC. 6 *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and that all laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

(Signed) LOUIS BUSH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) LOUIS A. WILTZ,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1877.
(Signed) FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
WILL A. STRONG,
Secretary of State.

No. 8.] JOINT RESOLUTION

Creating a Joint Committee of the Senate and House on a charter for the city of New Orleans, to sit during the recess of the General Assembly, and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened*, That a Joint Committee of the Senate and House, to be composed of three members of the Senate and five of the House, be and the same is hereby created, to be appointed by the presiding officer of each house on the passage hereof, to consider the necessity for a new charter for the city of New Orleans, and to make recommendations as to said charter, should they deem one necessary.

SEC. 2. *Be it resolved, etc.*, That said committee shall sit during the recess of the General Assembly, and shall make report to the next regular session of the General Assembly within five days of the commencement of the session; the members of said committee to be entitled to no pay for said service on the committee.

SEC. 3. *Be it resolved, etc.*, That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) LOUIS BUSH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) LOUIS A. WILTZ,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 21, 1877.
(Signed) FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
WILL. A. STRONG, Secretary of State.

CITY ORDINANCES—OFFICIAL.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, March 21, 1877.

[No. 3877—Administration Series.]

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant in payment of the same, whenever there is money in the treasury to the credit of the proper fund and not otherwise appropriated:

James D. Houston, Criminal Sheriff, for fees in Superior Criminal Court, for the month of January, 1877, as per bill approved by judge of said court	$2,220 40
The same for fees in First District Court for month of January, 1877, as per bill approved by judge of said court	717 50
The same for fees in Second Judicial District Court, parish of Jefferson, for Sixth and Seventh Districts for parish of Orleans, as per bill approved by judge of said court	314 80
Total	$3,252 70

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans March 20, 1877.

Yeas—Brown, Cavanac, Diamond, Edwards, McCaffrey, Rengstorff.

ED. PILSBURY, Mayor.

A true copy:
THOS. G. RAPIER, Secretary.

AUCTION SALES.

By Nash & Hodgson.

EXTENSIVE LAND SALE.
EMBRACING OVER 17,000 ACRES OF CHOICE, WELL SELECTED LANDS IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES, AND VALUABLE LOTS IN NEW ORLEANS, ON LONG CREDIT, AT AUCTION.

SUCCESSIONS OF HENRY M. AND LAURA M. HYAMS, HIS WIFE, BOTH DECEASED, CONSOLIDATED.

Second District Court for the Parish of Orleans—No. 38,151.

BY NASH AND HODGSON—W. I. Hodgson, Auctioneer—Office No. 13 Carondelet street—On SATURDAY, March 24, 1877, at twelve o'clock m., at the St. Charles Auction Exchange, in the basement rotunda of the St. Charles Hotel in the city of New Orleans, by virtue and in pursuance of two several orders of the Hon. A. L. Tissot, Judge of the Second District Court for the parish of Orleans, one dated January 17, and the other January 26, 1876, court docket No. 38,151, for account of the above named successions, at public auction, will be sold—

PROPERTIES OF HENRY M. HYAMS.

Orleans Parish.

1. ONE LOT OF GROUND, in the First District of this city, being lot No. 10 in the square bounded by Common, Banks, Broad and Dorgenois streets, measuring 30 feet front on Banks street, by a depth of 100 feet, all between parallel lines, American measure, according to a plan by H. Moelhausen, deposited in the office of B. Phillips, late notary in this city.

2. AN UNDIVIDED THREE-FOURTHS INTEREST in lots Nos. 8 to 13, inclusive, in the Second District of this city, in the square bounded by Canal, Customhouse, Napoleon and Solomon streets, each having a front on Customhouse street of 32 feet, lots Nos. 8 and 9 having each a depth of 127 feet, No. 10 a depth of 112 feet on the division line of lot No. 11, which has a depth of 95 feet on the side next to lot No. 12, which has a depth of 78 feet, on the side next to lot No. 13, which has a depth and front on Solomon street of 55 feet 11 inches 2 lines; lot No. 13 forming the corner of Customhouse and Solomon streets; all more or less, American measure.

Iberville Parish.

Southwestern District of Louisiana, to-wit:

In township eight south, range ten east—The south half and northeast quarter of section sixty-four, together 493.20 acres.

Avoyelles Parish.

Southwestern District of Louisiana:

In township three north, range five east—AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF of the following lands, to-wit:

The west half of the west half of section two, containing 158.67 acres; all of fractional section three of 58.33 acres; the fractional northeast quarter of section fourteen, of 107.35 acres; the southwest quarter and the fractional southeast quarter of section fifteen, of 319.78 acres; together 644.63 acres.

One undivided half is 322.31 acres.

THE ENTIRE INTEREST in the following tract, bought from Charles Kock.

In township 1, N Range, 6 east, southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section nineteen, 39.75 acres; west half of section and west half of northeast quarter of section thirty, 397.58 acres; east half of section and east half of northwest quarter of section thirty-one, 396.70 acres. Total 834.03 acres.

In township 1, N Range, 5 east, south half of southeast quarter of section twenty-four, 79.76 acres; northeast quarter of section twenty-five, 159.72 acres. Total 239.48 acres.

In township 1, North Range, 6 east, west half and southeast quarter of northwest quarter, southwest quarter and north half of southeast quarter of section thirty-two, 359.46 acres; northwest quarter of southwest quarter and north half of southeast quarter of section thirty-three, 121.08 acres; north half of southwest quarter of section thirty-four, 80.62 acres; southeast quarter of southwest quarter and southeast quarter of section thirty-five, 200.97 acres; southwest quarter of southwest quarter, and southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section thirty-six, 80.46 acres. Total 842.59 acres.

In township 1, South Range, 6 east, northeast quarter of northwest quarter of section one, 40.05 acres. Making the aggregate in entire interest in Avoyelles parish 1,956.15 acres.

Parish of Rapides.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

In township No. 5, North Range 4 west the northeast quarter of southwest quarter and south half of northeast quarter of section two, 115.57 acres; northwest quarter west half of northeast quarter and north half of southwest quarter of section one, 296.73 acres—together 512.30 acres.

In township 6, North Range 4 west, south half of northwest quarter and west half of southwest quarter of section twenty-five, 160 acres; east half of southeast quarter section twenty-three, 79.81 acres; southwest quarter of southwest quarter and northwest quarter of northwest quarter of section thirty-six, 77.55 acres—together 317.36 acres, Making a total in Rapides of 830.66 acres.

Parish of Catahoula.

DISTRICT NORTH OF RED RIVER LA.

In township 3, N. Range 6 east, the fractional section ten, 23.90 acres, lots two, three and four of section eleven, 79.90 acres; and fractional section twelve, 15.66 acres. Together 119.46 acres.

In township 5, N. Range 6 east, west half of southwest quarter of section four, 83.29 acres; east half of southeast quarter of section five, 82.21 acres; east half of east half of section eight, 160.27 acres; west half of west half of section nine, 165.86 acres; east half of northeast quarter of section seventeen, 79.89 acres; fractional southeast quarter of section thirty-two, 32.03 acres; and southwest quarter of section thirty-three, 160 acres. Together 763.55 acres.

Lake Larto Island, in same township—Being the fractional southeast and southwest quarters of section thirty, 139.61 acres; fractional northeast quarter of section thirty-one, 27.54 acres; fractional southwest quarter of section twenty-nine, 5.71 acres; and fractional northwest quarter of section thirty-two, 120.36 acres. Together 293.22 acres. Making total in this township 1,056.77 acres.

In township 4, N. Range 6 east, the west half of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section four, 119.90 acres; lots one and two, section five, 68.50 acres.

The fractional northeast quarter, west half and southeast quarter of southeast quarter, and north half of southwest quarter of section eight, 334.50 acres; lot six of section nine, 41 acres; north half and southwest quarter of northeast quarter of section seventeen, 120.15 acres; lot eight, section nineteen, 28 acres; southwest quarter section twenty, 159.80 acres; lot nine and south half of southwest quarter, section twenty-six, 126.30 acres; south half of southeast quarter section twenty-seven, 80 acres; north half section, fractional east half of southwest quarter, and fractional west half of southeast quarter of section twenty-nine, 444.40 acres; northeast quarter north half and southeast quarter of northwest quarter, north half and southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section thirty-three, 426 acres; section thirty-four, 687.52 acres; west fractional half section, northwest quarter and fractional southwest quarter of northeast quarter, and fractional northwest quarter of southeast quarter of section thirty-five, 446.70 acres—making total in township 4, N. Range 6 E. 3082.77 acres, and in the parish of Catahoula 4250 acres.

Parish of Concordia.

DISTRICT NORTH OF RED RIVER.

In township 5, N. Range 6 east, northeast quarter of northwest quarter of section twelve, 40.30 acres; west half of northwest quarter, and northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section thirty-five, 120 acres; east fractional half, and southwest quarter of northwest quarter, east half section and southwest quarter of section thirty-four, 563.33 acres; fractional southeast quarter of section thirty-three, 59.72 acres. Total in township, 777.85 acres.

In township 5, N. Range 7 east, west half of south east quarter of section twenty-nine, 80.20 acres; west half and northeast quarter of northwest quarter of section thirty-two, 120.15 acres; south half of northeast quarter and southeast quarter of northwest quarter, and lots one, two and three of section thirty-one, 226.10 acres; and the "Lum tract," being northwest quarter of southeast