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Joint Resolution.

Relative to Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, United States Senator elect from the State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly, at its session of 1873, did proceed, as provided in the constitution and laws, to elect Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, United States Senator from the State of Louisiana for the term beginning March 4, 1873; and

Whereas, Certain parties politically and personally hostile to him have made his claim to a seat in the United States Senate a subject of malicious personal assaults, using the journals of the country to disseminate the same to his detriment; and

Whereas, The repetition of these assaults is a reflection upon us, less than upon Senator Pinchback. As a matter of justice to him, and to the General Assembly, therefore, Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Louisiana, the House of Representatives concurring, That we have a full and undivided confidence in the integrity of the Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, Senator elect from the State of Louisiana, and that not only as the legally elected Senator of said State, but as a citizen whose manliness and great public service entitle him to all respect, we urge his immediate admission to his seat in the Senate of the United States.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be furnished by the Governor to Senator Pinchback, and also to Senator J. R. West, to be presented to the Senate of the United States as expressive of the sense and will of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved January 7, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy.
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

An Act.

Making an appropriation for the payment of the mileage and per diem and contingent expenses of the General Assembly of the State for the regular session of 1874, and describing the manner in which the same shall be paid.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury (not otherwise appropriated) for the payment of the mileage and per diem of members and contingent expenses, including salaries of officers and employees of the General Assembly during its regular session of 1874, said sum to be appropriated as follows, to wit: To pay mileage and per diem of members of the House of Representatives, seventy-two thousand dollars; to pay contingent expenses of said House, twenty thousand dollars; to pay mileage and per diem of members of the Senate, thirty-four thousand dollars; to pay contingent expenses of the Senate, twelve thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Auditing and Supervising the Expenses of the Senate, and of the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House to issue, when demanded, and upon presentation of the proper evidence, a certificate certifying the amount due to each member of their respective houses, for his mileage and per diem, and to each of the officers and employees of their respective houses his salary, and to each contingent expense creditable amount due to said member; which certificate thus issued, shall be approved on the part of the Senate by the presiding officer, and on the part of the House of Representatives by the Speaker thereof. And the Auditor of Public Accounts shall, and he is hereby directed to, issue his warrants for the amount of said certificates on the Treasurer, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the said warrants; and the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House, and the Committee on Auditing and Supervising Accounts of the Senate, shall issue no certificate in excess of the amount appropriated by this act; and that no warrants, vouchers or other evidence of indebtedness, issued prior to January 1, 1874, shall be paid out of the appropriation made in this act.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.
(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
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An Act.

To provide for funding obligations of the State by exchange for bonds; to provide for principle and interest of said bonds; to establish a board of liquidation; to authorize certain judicial proceedings against it to define and punish violations of this act; to prohibit certain officers diverting funds except as provided by law, and to punish violations thereof; to levy a continuing tax and provide a continuing appropriation for said bonds; to make a contract between the State and holders of said bonds; to prohibit injunctions in certain cases; to limit the indebtedness of the State, and to limit State taxes; to annul certain grants of State aid; to prohibit the modification, novation or extension of any contract heretofore made for State aid; to provide for the receipt of certain warrants for certain taxes, and to repeal all conflicting laws.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That for the purpose of consolidating and reducing the floating and bonded debt of the State, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Speaker of the House of Representatives are hereby authorized to cause to be prepared, and to issue bonds, to be known as "consolidated bonds of the State of Louisiana," of the denominations of one hundred, five hundred and one thousand dollars, to the amount of fifteen millions of dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, all payable forty years from the first day of January, 1874, and all to be numbered consecutively, and made payable to bearer, and to bear in-

terest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, in the city of New Orleans and city of New Orleans, on the first day of July and January of each year, and coupons for such interest shall be annexed thereto; said interest and principal to be payable in lawful money of the United States.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the parties designated in the foregoing section shall constitute a board of liquidation, and a majority of said board shall elect a fiscal agent for the State, who shall be a member of said board.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the bonds authorized by the section one shall be signed by the Auditor and Treasurer, and when so prepared said bonds shall be exchanged by the board of liquidation for all valid warrants drawn previous to the passage of this act by the respective Auditors of Public Accounts of the State and the Treasurer thereof, except warrants issued by the Auditor for payment of the constitutional debt of the State, at the rate of sixty cents in consolidated bonds for one dollar in outstanding bonds and all valid warrants provided that the holder of any bond or valid warrant rejected by a majority of said board may apply for redemtion to the proper court for relief, and if final judgment shall be rendered in his favor against said board, it shall be the duty of said board to fund his said claim in bonds at the rate provided by this act; and provided further, that if any member of said board of liquidation shall knowingly audit and fund any illegal claim against the State, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, be fined not less than five thousand dollars and be imprisoned not less than two years at the discretion of the court. And any person knowingly procuring the same to be done shall be subject to the same penalty.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the exchange of the bonds or valid warrants authorized by this act shall be effected by said board of liquidation in the cities of New Orleans and New York.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the consolidated bonds herein authorized shall be held and used by said board of liquidation for the purpose of exchange as aforesaid; said bonds shall be used for no other purpose or purposes than as authorized by this act, and any member of the board of liquidation using or attempting to use, or attempting to induce any person or persons to use, any of the bonds or any of them for any other purpose or purposes shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars and by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than one year.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That notice of the adoption of this act shall be published by said board, in one or more journals of New Orleans, New York, London, Paris and Amsterdam.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That one and a half mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the State is hereby annually levied, and shall be collected for the purpose of paying the interest and principle of the consolidated bonds herein authorized, and the revenue derived therefrom is hereby set apart and appropriated to that purpose, and no other. And that it shall be deemed a felony for the Fiscal Agent or any officer of the State or board of liquidators to divert the said fund from its legitimate channel as provided, and upon conviction the said party shall be liable to imprisonment for not more than ten years or less than two, at the discretion of the court. If there shall, during any year, be a surplus arising from said tax after paying all interest falling due in that year, such surplus shall be used for the purchase and retirement of bonds authorized by this act, said purchases to be made by the said board of liquidation, from the lowest offers, after due notice; provided, that the total tax for interest and all other State purposes, except the support of public schools, shall never hereafter exceed twelve and a half mills on the dollar. The interest tax aforesaid shall be a continuing annual tax until the said consolidated bonds shall be paid or redeemed, principal and interest on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property in the State, except in case of war or invasion.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the bonds and valid warrants outstanding at the date of the passage of this act, shall, as fast as they are received in exchange for consolidated bonds, be cancelled and destroyed by said board of liquidation, and consolidated bonds purchased as provided for in section seven of this act, shall be cancelled and destroyed by the said board, and the amount of the same in the official journal of the State, in the presence of as many citizens as may desire to be present, in like manner, and within ten days after such destruction, in each case, a proper verbal notice shall be published in the official journal of the State, and a copy of the same shall be made to the General Assembly, on the first Monday of every year, by said board.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Auditor in his next annual report to give a detailed account of the amount of new bonds issued, the amount of old bonds and valid warrants canceled, and the cost of the exchange; and annually thereafter a full and exact statement of the condition of the public debt under the operations of this act.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That any judge, tax collector, or any officer of the State, obstructing the execution of this act, or any part of it, or failing to perform his duty thereunder, or shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding five years, and by fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court; provided, that the criminal proceeding under section five of this act.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That each provision of this act shall be, and is hereby declared to be a contract between the State of Louisiana and each and every holder of the bonds issued under this act.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That all grants of State aid heretofore made, whether of bonds, indorsements, subscriptions of stock or otherwise, which have been made, or shall hereafter be made, and the same are hereby repealed and annulled, nor shall the State hereafter modify, novate, or extend any contract heretofore made for the giving of State aid in any form or under any pretext.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That the entire State debt, prior to the year of our Lord fifteen hundred and fourteen, shall never be increased, directly or indirectly, beyond the sum of fifteen millions of dollars, hereby authorized, it being the intent and object of this act, and of the exchanges to be effected thereunder, to reduce and restrict the whole indebtedness of the State to a sum not exceeding fifteen millions of dollars, and to agree with the holders of the consolidated bonds to be issued hereunder that said indebtedness shall not be increased beyond said sum during said period.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That any tax collector who shall turn over any money or warrants by him collected, to any person except to the State Treasurer, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, be subject to the penalties prescribed in section ten of this act, and shall, in addition thereto, be liable in damages in double the amount so turned over, and any State officer requiring or demanding that said taxes shall be turned over to him, except the Treasurer of the State, shall be liable, on conviction, to the same penalties as are prescribed in this section.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That from and after the passage of this act, until the first day of July, 1874, all said taxes and arrears due prior to January 1, 1874, shall be received for all back taxes, licenses and interest and penalties thereon due prior to said first of January, 1874, except two mills for school fund, three mills for levee construction and repair fund, and two mills to the interest fund for the purpose of paying any interest in arrears accruing on the bonded debt of the State prior to the passage of this act.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That no court, or judge thereof, shall have power to enjoin the payment of principal or interest of any bond issued under this act, or the collection of the special tax therefor, or to enjoin any officer of the State or parish in receiving warrants, as is prescribed in section ten of this act, or to do any act in violation of this act, or to do any act in violation of this act, or to do any act in violation of this act.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act, or any section thereof, are hereby declared to be repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.
(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved January 24, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy.
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

An Act.

To amend and re-enact sections two and three of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Louisiana Workingmen's Homestead Association," approved April 23, 1872.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That section two of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Louisiana Workingmen's Homestead Association," approved April 23, 1872, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: That the object of this association shall be to secure by purchase or donation land or lots of ground in this State, and the same shall be distributed in the following manner: In shares of fifty dollars, to be paid in such manner as may be directed by the board of directors.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That section three of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Louisiana Workingmen's Homestead Association," approved April 23, 1872, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: That no member of this association shall hold more than five shares, or shall be elected as a member of the board of directors, who does not hold more than three shares, and each member, on each and every share of stock held by him, shall pay to the treasurer such amount on each and every share in such manner as may be directed by the board of directors.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.
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An Act.

Proposing amendments to the constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened (two-thirds of the members of each house agreeing thereto), That the following amendments be proposed and entered upon the respective journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the same shall be published in the official journal of the State, and the Secretary of State shall cause the same to be published three months before the next general assembly in at least one newspaper in every parish of the State in which a newspaper shall be published. And said proposed amendments shall be submitted to the people at said election in such manner and form that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately, to-wit: "first proposed amendment for approval," or "against approval," and a majority of voters at said election shall approve and ratify such amendment or amendments, the same shall be appropriately numbered and become a part of the constitution, and be proclaimed as such by the Governor and Secretary of State.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

NO. 1.—The issue of consolidated bonds authorized by the General Assembly of the State, at its regular session in the year 1874, is hereby declared to create a valid contract between the State and each and every holder of said bonds, which the State shall be bound to pay, and the proceeds of the sale of such bonds shall be applied to the payment of the interest and principal of the same, and no court shall enjoin the payment of the principal or interest thereof, or the levy and collection of the tax therefor; to secure such levy, collection and payment, the judicial power shall be exercised when necessary.

The tax required for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds shall be assessed and collected each and every year until the bonds shall be paid, principal and interest, and the proceeds of the sale of such bonds shall be applied to the payment of the same, and no further legislation or appropriation shall be requisite for said assessment and collection and for said payment.

NO. 2.—Whenever the debt of the State shall have been reduced below twenty-five million dollars, the constitutional limit shall remain at the lowest point reached, beyond which the public debt shall not continue in operation until the debt is reduced to fifteen million dollars, beyond which it shall not be increased. Nor shall taxation for all State purposes, except the support of public schools, exceed the sum of twelve and a half mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property in the State, except in case of war or invasion.

NO. 3.—The revenue of each year derived from taxation upon real, personal and mixed property, or from any other source, shall be devoted solely to the expenses of the said year for which it shall be raised, excepting any surplus remain, which shall be directed to sinking the public debt. All appropriations and claims in excess of revenue shall be null and void, and the said court shall decree that said surplus be for their payment.

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(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
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An Act.

For the relief of F. Van Benthuyzen and his minor children.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Francis Van Benthuyzen, of New Orleans, be and he is hereby authorized to sell the real estate owned by him in said city, which the mortgage of his minor children rests on such mortgage, and the proceeds of said sale, duly convoked, may advise; and upon the homologation of such advice by the second district court of New Orleans, the proceeds of such sale shall become the property of the children of the said Van Benthuyzen, and shall be invested as said family meeting may advise, subject to the approval of said court, in bonds of the United States; and when said investment shall be effected, it shall be approved by the said court on the petition of said Van Benthuyzen, and the said court shall decree that said bonds are the property of said minors, and shall neither be assigned nor transferred during the existence of the usufruct of said Van Benthuyzen of the same.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the judgment of said court, homologating the proceeding of the family meeting under whose advice said property may, and the sale thereof shall, discharge the mortgage of said minors on the property so sold, and the purchaser of said property shall take the same free from any obligation on the part of said purchaser to look to the investment of the price.

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An Act.

To incorporate Hope Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of Franklin, parish of St. Mary, and to provide for the organization and government of the same.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That William H. McGregor, Eugene O'Connor, Wilson McKerral, Thomas Gordy, Peter Oosterhuis, Walter A. O'Neil, William D. Two Bridges, Warren Hyde, Clayton Sawyer, Simon S. Hime, Eugene Bodin, Gustave Shumlin, Richard W. Mullen, David Hitter, T. D. Hime, Jr., Auguste Reuter, Joseph Jacob, Adam Kurtz and M. Blum, Jr., be and they are hereby declared and made members of the Hope Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of Franklin, parish of St. Mary.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this company is organized and incorporated for the purpose of preventing and suppressing fires, and the preservation of property endangered by fire within the corporate limits of the town of Franklin.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said corporation shall have and is hereby granted authority: First, to sue and be sued, to use a corporate seal, with such device thereon as said company may adopt, and the same to alter, change, break or renew at the pleasure of said company. Second, to frame a constitution and by-laws, and to alter, amend or change the same, and to amend or change the same, and to lay and impose such fines and penalties as may be by said constitution and by-laws provided to be collected before any suit or action shall be brought against the company. Third, to add to the number of its members such other persons as they may choose to elect under their constitution and by-laws, as provided in this act, this right, however, to be exercised only by the majority of the members of the company as provided in this act.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the domicile of the company shall be and is hereby declared to be in the town of Franklin, parish of St. Mary, and all suits and actions against the company shall be made on or accepted by the president of said company.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of said company shall consist of a president, foreman, assistant foreman, treasurer, recording secretary, financial secretary, tillerman, and such other officers as said company may deem necessary, to be elected annually on the first Saturday of December of each year, or at such other times as the constitution or by-laws of the company shall prescribe, and that the said company shall not consist of more than fifty members.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That until the election provided for in the foregoing section shall be held the following named members shall be held the officers of said company, to hold their respective offices until the regular election, and the qualification of their successors, viz: President, William H. McGregor; foreman, Eugene O'Connor; assistant foreman, William D. Two Bridges; treasurer, Wilson McKerral; recording secretary, M. Blum Jr.; financial secretary, Walter A. O'Neil; tillerman, E. Bodin.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.
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An Act.

Ceding jurisdiction and conveying title to all State lands required for the proposed Fort St. Philip ship canal to the government of the United States.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the jurisdiction and title to all State lands required for the proposed Fort St. Philip ship canal to the government of the United States.

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SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this company is organized and incorporated for the purpose of preventing and suppressing fires, and the preservation of property endangered by fire within the corporate limits of the town of Franklin.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said corporation shall have and is hereby granted authority: First, to sue and be sued, to use a corporate seal, with such device thereon as said company may adopt, and the same to alter, change, break or renew at the pleasure of said company. Second, to frame a constitution and by-laws, and to alter, amend or change the same, and to amend or change the same, and to lay and impose such fines and penalties as may be by said constitution and by-laws provided to be collected before any suit or action shall be brought against the company. Third, to add to the number of its members such other persons as they may choose to elect under their constitution and by-laws, as provided in this act, this right, however, to be exercised only by the majority of the members of the company as provided in this act.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the domicile of the company shall be and is hereby declared to be in the town of Franklin, parish of St. Mary, and all suits and actions against the company shall be made on or accepted by the president of said company.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the officers of said company shall consist of a president, foreman, assistant foreman, treasurer, recording secretary, financial secretary, tillerman, and such other officers as said company may deem necessary, to be elected annually on the first Saturday of December of each year, or at such other times as the constitution or by-laws of the company shall prescribe, and that the said company shall not consist of more than fifty members.

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SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.
(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved February 7, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy.
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

An Act.

Ceding jurisdiction and conveying title to all State lands required for the proposed Fort St. Philip ship canal to the government of the United States.

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That the jurisdiction over all territories required for the proposed Fort St. Philip ship canal, be and the same is hereby ceded to the government of the United States to take effect on the passage of an act of Congress authorizing or providing for the construction of the said canal.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the title to all lands owned by the State within the limit of the jurisdiction herein ceded be conveyed at the same time to the United States.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved February 9, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy.
P. G. DESLONDE,
Secretary of State.

An Act.

Relative to the unlicensed sale of lottery tickets in the city of New Orleans, and conferring on the police courts the power to suppress the same.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That any person who shall within the city of New Orleans, without license of the company now authorized by law, sell, barter, exchange or otherwise dispose of or offer to sell, barter, exchange or otherwise dispose of any lottery ticket or token, policy, combination, device or certificate or fractional part thereof, in any lottery drawn or to be drawn in or out of the State, shall be liable to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars to the city of New Orleans, one-half of which shall be for the benefit of the informer, and it shall be the duty of any police officer to arrest any person who may violate this act, and take such person before the police court of the district wherein the violation may have occurred, and upon due proof being made said police court shall condemn the offender for each offense to pay the fine imposed by this act, and in default of payment to imprisonment for five days.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the term lottery, used in the first section of this act shall be construed to apply to any gift enterprise, sale, concert, or any device or scheme embracing the elements of chance.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.
(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) C. C. ANTOINE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved February 9, 1874.
(Signed) WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,
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