...ed Tonnage in account current with Martin G. Fox, State Engineer. From the 1st January, up to 31st December, 1844, inclusive.

	Dr.	Cr.
Contracted in 1843 & prev.		
To Balance from Report 1843	679 63	679 63
To cost disbursed on account S. B. Ages and forces, per vou. 1 to 16, inclusive	918 84	9458 67
To cost disbursed on account S. B. Frights and forces per vou. 1 to 20 inclusive	438 85	5784 10
To cost disbursed on account S. B. Repairs and forces, per vou. 1 to 20 inclusive	46 67	2169 20
To cost disbursed on account contingent expenses, per vou. 1 to 20 inclusive	370 52	2456 72
To Jas. Dobson for account of Rensselaer Railroad per vou. 1 to 4	83 00	418 76
To cost disbursed on account Office expenses, salaries of State Engineer and Assistant per vou. 1 to 5 inclusive	23 75	5825 74
To Balance due State Engineer, to balance	$3964 96	23702 76
Outstanding debts against the State, amounting to three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars	$3650 00	$21852 96
		2141 80
		$23702 76

Property belonging to the State, in charge of the State Engineer, viz:

Steamboat Atwater, tackle and apparel, and one large flat, and 23 slaves.

Steamboat Franklin, tackle and apparel, and one Flat, and 27 slaves.

Steamboat Experiment, tackle and apparel, and 18 slaves.

The slaves worthless, making 68 slaves in all.

Sloop Ontario, during the year, on board the Franklin, two of her crew drowned from the Experiment.

Correct abstract, consisting of the following objects, viz:

William's grand lock, 4 women	13
Slave convicts	16
Free colored convicts	7
Total	36

H. G. PENN, State Engineer.

New Orleans, January 1, 1845.

On motion of Mr. Winchester the reading of the report was dispensed with, and the same referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Dutile offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized to order sixty copies of each publication of the Louisiana Reporter, during the Session of the Convention, for the use of the members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cole also offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That the State Engineer is hereby instructed to report to the House whether he has commenced carrying into execution the resolution passed at the last Session of the Legislature, (No. 78) instructing him to supply the colored convicts of the State, in cutting out and clearing a road from near Thibodeauville, on the Lafourche, to a convenient point on the Mississippi river, in the parish of St James; and if not, what are his reasons for the delay.

Mr Fluker also offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine into the condition of the State Library; and also, to enquire into the propriety of selling certain books therein, and of distributing others not needed in the library among the different parishes of this State.

On motion, the same was referred to the committee appointed to examine the archives of the State and to report thereon.

Mr Taylor offered the following resolution:

Whereas, there is great danger that the mouth of Red River will be closed unless some measure be adopted for its improvement and whereas there is now only some four feet water in the mouth of the Red River at the last accounts and whereas the Legislature of Louisiana, a resolution was passed to deepen the mouth of said river by making a cut off at Kecouvri Bend; and whereas that work is not yet finished, and whereas it is feared that the change contemplated by the cut off (if finished) may expose the State to heavy losses for indemnity to proprietors of lands below and cut off, and who rose the high waters of the Mississippi of the last year put in extreme peril the levees on that stream and had the volume of waters by the cut off been added green one foot, it would have laid out of the State the plantation of the Lower Mississippi, and whereas the said cut off, so far from benefiting the mouth of Red River, will probably do it injury.

Be it therefore resolved by the Senate, &c., That the resolution of last year on the subject of the Kecouvri Bend be rescinded and that the work on the same stopped.

Which resolution was read for the first time, and on motion ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr Gayarré offered the following resolution:

Resolved, &c., That a Board of Commissioners, composed of the State Treasurer and of two other persons to be appointed by the Governor, be and is hereby authorized to revise the whole of the revenue laws of the State, to condense them in the shape of a manual adapted to each respective branch of service, and submit them to the next General Assembly for their consideration and adoption.

Which resolution was read for the first time, and on motion ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr Griffin submitted to the House the memorial of steamboat captains navigating exclusively on the water courses of this State, praying for a change in the revenue laws of the State.

On motion, the same was referred to a special committee composed of three members.

The Speaker appointed the following members on said committee:

Messrs Griffin, Burthe and Van Wickle.

Mr Texada also submitted to the House the memorial of J Hannibal Duncan, praying for certain relief.

On motion, the same was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr Cruzat also submitted to the House the memorial of E Marchand, praying that a certain fine imposed on him for keeping a rouda table, be remitted.

On motion, said memorial was also referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr Lavergne, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported and duly enrolled the following bill and resolution:

An act relative to subject approved March 31st, 1832, entitled an act for the appointment of an Alpocate-Judge of the City Court of New Orleans, and for other purposes, approved 9th March, 1831 and

Resolution relative to Texas.

The Speaker having signed the same, the Clerk was directed to transmit the same for the signature of the President of the Senate thereto.

Mr Gayarré offered the following resolutions:

Be it resolved, &c., That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their utmost endeavors to obtain a sufficient appropriation to finish the Marine Hospital which has been erected by the General Government on the other side of the river opposite the city of New Orleans, and which is now falling into ruin for want of funds to complete the building and to carry the original intention of the Government into execution.

Resolved, &c., That the Governor be requested to send a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Which resolutions were read for the first time, and on motion, the rules were dispensed with, were read second time and adopted.

The Clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr Gayarre, in behalf of the Committee on Claims, to whom had been referred the petition of Frangois Gardes and others, praying for relief, reported the following bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Frangois Gardes. An act for the relief of Jos. Z. Tredeau, which bills were read for the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr Ray, on behalf of the Judiciary Committee to whom had been referred the bill entitled, An act to change the manner of holding elections in the parish of West Feliciana, reported said bill with amendments, and the following title:

An act to change the manner of holding elections in the parish of West Feliciana, and for other purposes.

Which bill was read for the first time, and on motion, ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The same member, in behalf of the same committee, to whom had been committed the bill entitled, An act to repeal the parishes of St Landry and Calcasieu, in the same chapter, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The undersigned on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, have leave to report unfavorably to said bill, for the reasons that bill is inexpedient at this time; and that the matters alluded to in this bill is now before our Court-house and will undoubtedly be provided for at that body. The first section of this bill is unconstitutional, and the committee are of opinion, unless it meets with the approbation of the whole House together, that it, that no partial apportionment ... (illegible) ... Wherefore your committee beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

(Signed) JOHN RAY.

On motion, said report was adopted.

Mr Taylor, on behalf of the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported the following bill entitled: An act to encourage the introduction of silk, and to repeal the bounty