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... MONDAY MORNING, FEB. ... 1835.

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... Mr. Lawson, ordered, that a committee ... be appointed for the purpose of taking ...

Messrs. Augustin, Patin, Montegut and McCallister were appointed members of said committee.

On motion, the following interrogatories were propounded by the speaker to Mr. John R. Grymes:

First interrogatory. Do you admit or deny that you assaulted, beat and shot the said Alcee Labranche, as represented in the report and evidence which has been read, a copy of which has been delivered to you by order of the House?

Second interrogatory. Do you admit or deny that the said assault, beating and shooting, were done in the hall of representatives about ten o'clock, the time fixed for the meeting of the House?

To which interrogatories, Mr. Grymes answered in the following manner, to wit:

To the first interrogatory proposed to me by the honorable speaker, I answer, that I admit that I assaulted Mr. Labranche, with a cane, but slightly. I deny that I exhibited or used any other weapon against him, or that I intended so to do, until he drew a pistol, and shot me; and all further acts on my part were in self defence.

To the second, I answer, that the affair did take place in the hall of the House of Representatives, but aver that it was before the hour of ten in the morning, that the House was not in session, and no symptoms were exhibited of an intention to go into immediate session; and that the same was not done with any intention to violate the privilege or offend the dignity of the House.

A message was received from the governor by ... his private secretary, informing the House that he had approved and signed the resolution appointing commissioners to explore and examine a route from Thibodauxville to Attakapas; ... resolution granting leave of absence to ... Martin, Charles Watts and ...

... resolution requesting our delegation in Congress ... to procure an appropriation from Congress for removing ... Red River; and

... resolution requesting our delegation in Congress to obtain from the general government a donation ... on the Atchafalaya.

... message from the governor, the house ... that he has approved, and signed the act to incorporate the subscribers ... for the purpose of building an exchange in the city of New-Orleans;

... bill entitled ... to incorporate the subscribers to an association for the purpose of building a hotel in the city of New Orleans.

... offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House is satisfied with the ... Mr. Grymes to appear at the bar ... when requested so to do.

... ordered that the House adjourn until to-morrow at ten A. M.

FRIDAY, Feb. 6, 1834.

... agreeably to adjournment.

... dispensed with their rules, ... introduced the following bill:

... relative to the Clinton and Port Hudson ...

... first time, and the house ... its rules, underwent a second ...

... having again dispensed with their rules ... third reading ... same do pass and ...

... request the concurrence ...

... following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. ... stenographer of the House of Representatives, be allowed to draw ... at the rate of five dollars per day, in the same manner as the enrolling clerks of the House, to pay them from the beginning of the session.

On motion, ordered, that the same be referred to a special committee.

Messrs. ... Augustin and Brashear, were appointed ...

... offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives ... John R. Grymes ...

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... committee appointed by virtue of ... this house, to investigate the affair of ... Grymes ... and the report of the said committee be transmitted to the attorney general, in order that the law may take its course.

Mr. Augustine offered the following, as a substitute to the foregoing resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives will proceed with the trial of John R. Grymes Esq. on the charges now pending against him in the House, on Monday next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Resolved, That the sergeant at arms be instructed to cite the said John R. Grymes Esq. to appear at the bar of this House on said day and hour.

Resolved, That the clerk of the House do issue summonses to be served by the sergeant at arms on such witnesses as shall be designated to him by the committee appointed to conduct the examination on the part of the House, or by the said J. R. Grymes.

On the question for the adoption of said resolution, the yeas and nays were called for, when it appeared that *Messrs.* Armand, Augustin, Brashear, *Briggs, Brown,* Bry, Daniel, *Delachaise,* Davenport, *Dosson,* Ducros, Freret, Lambremont, Labatut, *Landry,* Lawson, *Lewis,* McCallister, Ogden, Ory, Sheldon, H. C. Thibodeaux and Wilson had voted in the affirmative—23 yeas;

And that Messrs. Braux, *Dixon,* A. Ducros, Guillot, Haile, Lavergne, Milligan, *Montegut* and Sibley had voted in the negative—9 nays.

Said substitute was consequently adopted.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. Davis, their secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in the resolution requesting the board of public works to cause a survey of bayou Macon to be made.

On motion, the House having dispensed with their rules, said resolution was taken up.

On motion, ordered, that the same be adopted.

The clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

The House having dispensed with their rules,

Mr. Ogden, chairman of the judiciary committee, to whom had been referred the bill entitled

'An act to emancipate Charles and Sophronia L. Claiborne,' made the following report:

The judiciary committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled, 'an act to emancipate Charles and Sophronia L. Claiborne,' respectfully report:

That the committee after examining the subject submitted to them, are of opinion that it is proper they should leave the matter to the decision of the House, and do therefore refrain from the expression of any opinion on their part.

A. N. OGDEN,
Chairman.

On motion, ordered, that said report be adopted.

Mr. Antonio Ducros, on behalf of the committee of enrolment, reported as duly enrolled the bill entitled 'an act relative to the Clinton and Port Hudson rail road company.'

And a resolution rendering thanks to A. B. Roman, late governor of the state, for his good administration in that capacity.

Mr. Haile gave notice that he will shortly introduce a bill entitled 'an act supplementary to the several acts for the government of the town of St. Francisville.'

Mr. Ogden gave notice that he will shortly introduce a bill entitled, 'an act to incorporate the subscribers to the Baton Rouge academy, and for other purposes.'

Mr. Sibley gave notice that he will shortly introduce a bill entitled 'an act to incorporate a medical association in the city of New-Orleans and other parts of this state, the western congressional district excepted.'

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Davis, their secretary, informing the House of the concurrence of the Senate in the bill entitled: 'an act relative to the Clinton and Port Hudson rail road company.'

Mr. Augustin, agreeably to previous notice, introduced a bill entitled 'an act to incorporate the Louisiana life insurance and trust company,' which was read for the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Labatut, agreeably to previous notice, introduced a bill entitled 'an act supplementary to an act to renew the charter of the congregation of the Roman Catholics of the church of St. Louis, of New-Orleans, for a certain time, and for other purposes, approved March 6, 1830,' which was read for the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Antonio Ducros, on behalf of the committee of enrolment, having reported as duly enrolled, the bill entitled 'an act relative to the Clinton and Port Hudson rail road company.'

The speaker signed the same.

The clerk was directed to request the signature of the President of the Senate thereto.

On motion, ordered, that the House adjourn until Monday next at ten o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, Feb. 9, 1835.

... agreeably to adjournment ...

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... Mr. Grymes ... striking him ... saw him present his pistol ... Mr. Grymes, who ... Mr. Grymes then drew a pistol; Mr. Labranche made for the door, and the witness ... Mr. Grymes present his pistol ... Seeing also, that he, witness, was in the line of the shot, got down to the floor as quick as possible; cannot state any thing precisely about the shot of Grymes. Witness saw nothing more at that time. Immediately after, he saw Mr. Grymes enter the hall with a pistol in his hand, which was cocked as witness believes, and enquiring for Labranche, exclaiming that he, Labranche, had shot at him, and tried to kill him. Witness cannot repeat the exact words spoken by Mr. Grymes. Witness thinks that Mr. Grymes said as he entered the hall, that he was ready for him now?

2d question. At what time in the morning did the circumstance which you relate occur?

Witness has no exact knowledge of the time the affray took place, but thinks, as well as he can recollect, it must have been near ten by the clock of the House; it might have been more. When witness first entered the hall he looked at the clock, and it was half past nine o'clock; and the affray took place some time after: thinks by the clock it must have been ten o'clock: has observed that the clock of the house does not keep time with the other clocks of the city. Witness recollects of leaving the House on Saturday morning at ten o'clock precisely, by the clock of the House, walked to the steam boat landing, and was absent some considerable time, and on his return to Bishop's hotel, observed by the clock there that it was but a quarter past ten. Witness then observed to some one, that the clock of the House differed from the one at Bishop's.

3d question. What hour was fixed for the meeting of the House of Representatives on that day?

Witness thinks that the House was adjourned to meet at ten o'clock. Recollects that a resolution had been introduced, fixing that hour for meeting, and thinks it was adopted.

4th question. What number of the members of the House were present in the hall of representatives when the affray occurred?

Does not think there were many members present at the time the affray occurred: is certain there was not a quorum.

5th question. Were, or were not the quiet and safety of the members of the House present, disturbed and endangered by said affray?

Witness being a member, thinks that his own safety and quiet were disturbed and endangered at the time.

1st question on the part of the accused. Did you see the accused draw, or show any pistol or other arms, except a cane, until he was first fired at?

Answer. I did not.

2d question. Did you, after the affair was over, examine the clock of the House of Representatives, or any other time piece, with a view to ascertain the precise hour at which it happened?

Answer. I did not. I cannot state the exact hour at which it occurred.

3d question. Does this House meet oftener near 11 than 10 o'clock?

Answer. It had, previous to that time. The members usually assembled, but did not go into session until about 11 o'clock, or near that hour.

4th question. Is it not a fact that this House seldom or ever meets at ten o'clock?

Answer. I believe it has, heretofore, seldom met at ten o'clock; and further sayeth not.

Thos. H. Lewis, a member of the House, being sworn on the part of the accusation, answers as follows:

Did you, or did you not, observe the affray between John R. Grymes and Alcee Labranche, in the hall of representatives on the 3d day of the present month; if so, state what has occurred.

Answer. All witness observed and recollects of is contained in the statement he made before the committee, which statement was read by the clerk, in the following words, to wit:

This morning, 3d February, 1835, in company with Mr. Daniels, of Lafayette, I met Mr. Labranche, speaker of the House, on the pavement, in front of the square in which the state house is situated, and we all three walked into the state house together about ten o'clock A. M. On arriving at my seat, about the centre of the hall of representatives, I stopped, and began to arrange my inkstand and sand box, with the intention of writing. I heard the report of a pistol and on looking up discovered Mr. Labranche near the clerk's desk, and a man with a drab overcoat on, within about four or five feet of me in the aisle or passage between the members' desk, in the act of drawing a pistol, which he immediately pointed at Mr. Labranche, who retired towards the door of the clerk's room, apparently with the intention of passing into it, and the person in the drab overcoat pursued, and near the door of the clerk's room fired at Mr. Labranche, who fell on the floor at the moment the pistol fired. The ... immediately passed into ... pursued ...

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... 2d question. Did you, after the affray, examine the clock in the hall of the House of Representatives, or any other time piece, with a view to ascertain the precise hour at which it happened?

I do not recollect that I did. I feel confident that I did not for more than half an hour afterwards.

3d question. Does not this House meet oftener nearer eleven than ten o'clock?

This House, since I am a member, has scarcely been called to order before eleven o'clock, though many of the members are generally assembled at ten. Witness has uniformly been present at ten o'clock.

Is it not a fact that this House seldom or ever meets at ten o'clock?

Yes, it is a fact; this House has seldom or ever been called to order at ten o'clock since I have been a member of it.

John S. Daniel, a member of the House, being sworn on the part of the accusation, deposes as follows:

1st question. Do you, or do you not concur with Mr. Lewis in the statement which he has made?

Answer. I concur substantially with Mr. Lewis in his statement about the affray in question. I was with him all the time, and conferred with him about it.

2d question. Do you, or do you not think the affray occurred a few minutes after ten o'clock?

Answer. I cannot answer any better than I have done in concurring with Mr. Lewis. I think it was about ten o'clock; it might have been two or three minutes before or after that hour by the clock of the House, which was near with Bishop's clock.

1st question on part of the accused. Did you see the accused draw or show any pistol or other arms except a cane, until he was fired at?

Answer. I did not.

2d question. Did you, after the affray was over examine the clock in the hall of the House of Representatives, or any other time piece, with a view to ascertain the precise hour at which it happened?

Answer. I did not, after the affray, examine any time piece whatever, with a view of ascertaining at what time it had taken place.

3d question. *Does* not this House meet often nearer eleven than ten o'clock?

Answer. Yes it does.

4th question. Is it not a fact that this House seldom or ever meets at ten o'clock?

Answer. The House has never been called to order at ten o'clock since witness' attendance, although he has generally seen members present at that hour.

5th question. How many members were there in the hall at the time?

Answer. Some eight or ten; perhaps more: my opinion is there were about ten present.

Mr. Grymes admits that he said to Mr. Labranche as follows: 'I am glad of this opportunity to show in the presence of those gentlemen, the case which I make of you.' This admission was handed to the clerk of the House by Mr. Augustin, one of the committee, to supercede the necessity of proving the same fact by the testimony of Mr. Labranche.

Sheldon, a member of this House, sworn, deposes as follows:

1st question. Do you recollect any circumstances which lead you to ascertain the time at which the affray occurred; if so, state it, and also the time when it did occur.

Answer. On the morning in question, about the hour of ten o'clock by the time piece in the representative chamber, I was sitting at the fire place, conversing with Mr. Breazeale, a member of the House. I was suddenly startled by the report of a fire arm from near the clerk's seat, between that and the fire-place; on turning round, I saw Mr. Grymes standing in the alley, opposite the seat of Col. Sparks, who dropped his cane in that spot, where I afterwards saw it, in the act of drawing a pistol from some part of his dress, which he immediately aimed and fired in the direction whence I had heard the previous report; immediately after discharging his pistol, Mr. Grymes ran, as if in pursuit of some one who was escaping through the door near the speaker's chair. The smoke from the first discharge prevented my distinctly seeing at whom Mr. Grymes fired. I remember of observing to Mr. Lawson, a few moments before the affair took place, that the members did not appear to be very observant of a resolution previously adopted to meet at ten o'clock, which induced me to think that the hour had arrived.

2d question. Did you see the accused draw, or show a pistol or other arms, except a cane, until he was fired at?

He drew the pistol after he was fired at by Labranche. Grymes had his cane in his hand, which he dropped when in the act of pulling out his pistol.

3d question. Did you, after the affair was over, examine the clock in the hall of the House ...

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