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FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1843.

The Senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present—Messrs. Felix Garcia, President; Armant, Bossier, Bernard, Carter, Dupré, Downs, Davidson, Hos, Lacoste, Ledoux, Labauve, Morse, Spiarow, Thibodaux, Walker and Waggaman.

The Secretary informed the House of the concurrence of the Senate in

An act to authorize the Administrators of the Charity Hospital to sell the slave Marian, and for other purposes.

He also informed the House that the President had signed the enrolled bills of the House entitled:

An act to amend an act entitled: An act to increase the number of the members of the Police Jury in and for the Parish of Pointe Coupée, approved February 8th, 1842.

And, An act to create Notaries Public in the parishes of St. Martin and Rapides.

He further requested the concurrence of the House in

An act for prescribing stress-jaines.

On motion of Mr. Bernard, the Senate took up

An act amendatory to the several acts relative to the Penitentiary;

Said bill was read for the second time, and pending to discussion,

On motion of Mr. Bernard, it was made the special order of the day for Monday next, 27th February.

On motion of Mr. Bernard, the Senate took up

An act to amend an act entitled: An act for changing the manner of holding elections in the Parish of Ascension, and also changing the election precincts of said parish, approved 27th February, 1832.

Said bill was read for the second time, and its first section was amended, and adopted as amended;

And pending the discussion of the second section,

On motion of Mr. Walker, the bill was laid over subject to call.

On motion of Mr. Bernard, the Senate took up An act for the relief of R. W. Fowler, Sheriff of the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

The second reading of said bill was continued, it was amended, and adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Bernard, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed as amended.

On motion, the rules were again dispensed with and the Secretary requested the concurrence of the House in said bill.

Mr. Ledoux, the Governor's Private Secretary, delivered a written message from the Governor, accompanied with several documents.

Mr. Downs, of the Special Committee to whom was referred the bills entitled:

An act to reduce the salaries of State District Attorneys;

An act to determine the amount of the salaries of all officers in the State of Louisiana who are paid by fees, and to release the people of the State from further direct tax;

And an act to increase the revenue of the State of Louisiana;

Said bill was read by the title for the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Downs, was ordered to be printed, and was also made the special order of the day for Thursday, 2d March next.

Mr. Hos, of the Finance Committee, to whom was referred an act in relation to the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana, reported an act to facilitate the liquidation of the property Banks chartered by this State, which, on his motion, was ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Bernard, the Senate took up An act to amend An act entitled: An act to fix the compensation to be charged and received by the Parish and Probate Judges, Clerks of Courts, Sheriffs and Notaries Public.

The second reading of said bill was commenced, and pending the discussion of said bill,

On motion of Mr. Dupré, the Senate sat with closed doors on Executive Business.

The doors being opened, on motion, the Senate adjourned till Monday next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1843.

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Members present—Messrs. Felix Garcia, President, Armant, Bossier, Bernard, Dupré, Downs, Davidson, Hos, Lacoste, Ledoux, Labauve, Spiarow, Thibodaux, Walker, and Waggaman.

Mr. Landry, Clerk of the House, informed the Senate that the Speaker of the House of Representatives had signed the bills and resolution of the Senate entitled:

An act relative to the town of Baton Rouge.

An act to change the names of Joseph Joel Wilkinson Nicholls, and of Catharine Rebecka Nicholls; and

Resolution directing the State Engineer to remove obstructions in Bayous Darbonne and Mason, and from Tensas river.

He also informed the Senate of the concurrence of the House in an act to amend the charter of the Merchants' Insurance Company;

And of the concurrence of the House in the amendments of the Senate to the resolution fixing Tuesday 7th of March next, for the election of State Treasurer.

Mr. Landry further requested the concurrence of the Senate to the following bills and resolution of the House.

An act to incorporate the New Orleans Sacred Music Society.

An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Carrollton, in the parish of Jefferson.

An act to create an additional notary public in and for the parish of Jefferson.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Lafayette, approved April 1st, 1839, and the several acts amendatory thereto.

An act to amend the several acts in relation to the City Court of the City of Lafayette.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the manner of holding elections in the Parish of Washington, approved 14th March, 1836.

An act for the relief of James Walsh, a resident of the Parish of Pointe Coupée.

An act to amend an act, entitled an act to prevent the carrying away of slaves and for other purposes, approved 19th March, 1829.

An act to incorporate the French Society of New Orleans for charity and mutual relief.

An act fixing the return day of appeals in the Supreme Court from the Parishes of Washington, St. Tammany, Livingston and St. Helena.

An act supplementary to the several acts authorizing the erection of a toll bridge across the Amite river.

An act to amend the article 3,434 of the Civil Code.

An act to amend article 2,403 of the Civil Code.

An act to amend article 2,331 of the Civil Code.

An act to amend the laws relative to partitions, and for other purposes.

An act to repeal an act, entitled an act to exempt the inhabitants of the Parishes of St. Mariunaville, Attakapas, from the obligation of complying with the provisions of the act, entitled an act to provide further and more effectually for the police of the public roads in this State, approved March 15th, 1805.

An act supplementary to all acts describing the qualification of voters at any election in this State.

An act to authorize the Recorder of Mortgages for the City and Parish of Orleans to appoint a deputy.

And, resolution instructing the superintendent of Internal improvements to perform some works on the Vermilion Bayou.

He also further requested the signature of the President of the Senate to the following enrolled bills of the House.

An act to create a new parish in the county of Natchitoches to be called the Parish of Sabine.

An act creating the Parish of Franklin, and

An act to authorize the administrators of the Charity Hospital to sell the slave Marian, and for other purposes.

Mr. Ledoux, the Governor's Private Secretary, delivered a message, in writing, from the Governor.

Mr. Davidson enquired of the Committee of Election, when the committee would be in readiness to make their report in relation to the contested elections of Mr. Hos, Senator from the Second District, and of Mr. Lacoste, the Senator from the Parish of Iberville.

Mr. Walker, of the said committee, reported that the committee ought probably be able to report on Wednesday, 1st of March next.

The President submitted a memorial from a portion of the stockholders of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana, in relation to the redemption of the State Bonds, issued by the State of Louisiana, in favor of said Bank.

The said memorial was read, and on motion of Mr. Downs, said memorial was ordered to be printed, together with the bill.

On motion of Mr. Downs, the rules were dispensed with, and the Senate took up, at its first reading, the bill from the House, entitled:

An act relative to the property of minors residing out of the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Bossier presented a memorial from the inhabitants of the Parish of Natchitoches, praying for the repeal of a bill passed this session entitled: An act to authorize the Police Jury of the Parish of Natchitoches to levy a parish tax within the limits of the corporation of the town of Natchitoches, and for other purposes.

Said memorial was, on motion of Mr. Bossier, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Labauve, the Senate took up, and at first reading, the resolution from the House, requesting the State Engineer to do some work on the road leading from Bayou Grosse Tete to Duvall's Landing on the Mississippi river.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its second and third readings and was adopted.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, and Mr. Labauve was allowed to introduce, without having given previous notice thereof, a bill entitled:

An act for the relief of Jacob C. Van Winkle;

Said bill was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its second and third readings and was passed.

Mr. Bossier presented a resolution relative to the improvement of Bayou Pierre;

Said resolution, on a dispensation of the rules, underwent its third reading and was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Downs, the bill entitled: An act to amend an act entitled: An act to fix the compensation to be charged and received by the Parish and Probate Judges, Clerks of Courts, Sheriffs, and Notaries Public, &c.

Which was the special order of the day for to-day at 12 o'clock M, was made the special order of the day, when Mr. Carter, who was now indisposed and absent, should resume his seat.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, the Senate dispensed with its rules, and took up at its first reading, an act for the relief of Louis Pombo et al.

On motion, the rules were again dispensed with, said bill was read for the second time and was amended, and adopted as amended.

On motion, the rules were again dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and was passed as amended.

Mr. Ledoux, of the Committee of Enrollment, reported the following bills of the House as correctly enrolled, and the President signed the same.

An act to create a new parish in the county of Natchitoches, to be called the parish of Sabine, and an act creating the parish of Franklin, entitled:

An act to amend an act entitled: An act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Congregation of St. Francis Xavier of Rapides, and the Roman Catholic Church and Congregation of the City of Lafayette, in the parish of Jefferson: approved February 25th, 1836.

Mr. Hos requested leave to introduce the following act without previous notice:

An act relative to the sale of firewood, approved February 19, 1836, which underwent its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Ledoux the Senate took up the act entitled: An act for the relief of James Walsh, an inhabitant of the parish of Pointe Coupée, which underwent its first reading, the rules were dispensed with, and it underwent its second reading and was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The President of the Senate laid the following letter before the Senate:

To the Hon. the President and Members of the Senate of the State of Louisiana:

Gentlemen—You are respectfully invited to attend a lecture to be delivered before the People's Lyceum, by Alexander Dennetry, Esq. (a member) on Thursday, March 30, at half past seven o'clock in the Athenæum Hall, 32 Tchoupitoulas street.

Subject, the Progress of Society.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW DALY, Sec'y.

Mr. Bossier made the following report.

The committee to whom were referred the memorial of the officers of the parish of Natchitoches, praying that the Eastern part of said parish, should be cut off, and attached to the parish of Rapides, have, respectfully to report, that they have examined with attention the demand of said citizens, and that they have come to the conclusion, that the giving up of about nine townships of the Territory of a parish without being satisfied whether the people of said parish of Natchitoches, would be willing to lose such a large portion of their parish in favor of that of Rapides, would be in the absence of satisfactory information premature in your Committee to decide.

Your Committee respectfully pray your honorable body to be discharged of any further consideration of the same.

P. E. BOSSIER, Chairman.

Mr. Ledoux, the Governor's Private Secretary, delivered a message in writing from the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Hos, the Senate sat with closed doors.

The doors being open Mr. Ledoux, the Governor's Private Secretary, delivered a message in writing from the Governor.

On motion the Senate sat with closed doors.

The doors being open Mr. Davidson gave notice that he would introduce on to-morrow a preamble and resolution relative to the State Engineer.

On motion the Senate adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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On motion, leave of absence was granted for a few days to Mr. Phelps.

Mr. Cottrill then laid before the House the memorial of sundry citizens of the parish of Avoyelles, in relation to public advertisements in said parish.

On motion, said petition was referred to a special committee of three members.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Conrdlon, Bayles and Brewer on said committee.

On motion of Mr. O'Bryan, the rules were dispensed with, and the House took up for a second reading the resolution relative to certain works to be done to the State Engineer in the navigation of Vermilion Bayou, &c.

Which was adopted, the Clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The rules were dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Brasheer, and the House took up for its second reading the bill entitled:

An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Carrollton, in the parish of Jefferson.

The several sections having been adopted, on motion, the rules were dispensed with for a third reading.

On motion, ordered that said bill do pass and retain its title. The Clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate thereon.

On motion, the rules were again dispensed with, and the House took up for their second readings, the bills entitled:

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An act to amend the several acts in relation to the City Court of the city of Lafayette.

An act to amend an act entitled: An act to incorporate the city of Lafayette, approved 1st April, 1839, and the several acts amendatory thereto.

The several sections of said bills having been adopted, on motion, the rules were dispensed with for their third readings.

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

Mr. Mason gave notice that he will shortly introduce the bill entitled:

An act supplementary to all the acts describing the qualifications of voters at any election in this State.

Mr. Delacroix, in behalf of the Committee of Enrollment, reported as duly enrolled the following bills and resolution from the Senate:

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An act to change the names of Joseph Joel Wilkinson Nicholls and of Catharine Rebecka Nicholls.

Resolution directing the State Engineer to remove obstructions in Bayous Darbonne and Mason, and from Tensas river.

The Speaker having signed the same, the Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

The rules were dispensed with, and on motion of Mr. Chaz, the House took up for its second reading, the resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay to James Walsh, a resident of Pointe Coupée, the sum of three hundred dollars for the slave Peter, executed in said parish.

Mr. Bondonneau moved to amend the resolutions by striking out the words "Be it Resolved," and insert in lieu thereof "Be it enacted, &c."

Said motion having prevailed, on motion, the House went into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of said bill entitled:

An act for the relief of Jas. Walsh, a resident of the parish of Pointe Coupée as amended, Mr. Clark being called to the Chair, after some time the committee rose, and the Chairman, Mr. Clark, reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration and had adopted the same;

The House took up said report, and adopted the same.

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An Act to create an additional Notary Public for the Parish of Lafayette.

Which was read for the first time, and, on motion, laid on the table subject to the call of the House.

By a message from the Senate, by Mr. Davis, their Secretary, the concurrence of the House is requested to the bill entitled:

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By the same message the House is informed that the Senate had concurred in the bill entitled:

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

The rules having been dispensed with, Mr. Stille introduced, without previous notice, the bill entitled:

An act to amend the penal laws of the State;

Which, was read by the title only for the first time, and, on motion, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The rules having been dispensed with, Mr. Rathi, in behalf of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the President and Board of Directors of the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company, praying for relief, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, &c. That the State Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to grant to the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company the term of one, two, three, four and five years for the payment of the judgment lately obtained against said Company in the case of the State of Louisiana vs. the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company, for the sum of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid in five equal instalments, the first instalment to be considered as due on the 1st day of January, 1843, the second to fall due on the 1st day of January, 1844, the third on the 1st January, 1845, the fourth on the 1st January, 1846, and the fifth on the 1st January, 1847. Each instalment to bear interest at 6 per cent per annum from the date of said judgment until paid; upon the condition that said Company give good and sufficient security to the entire satisfaction of the Governor, Secretary of State and the State Treasurer, for the full and entire payment of said sum of $37,500 with interest at 6 per cent per annum from date of said judgment.

Be it further resolved, &c. That the said Company shall be required to pay the interest on said judgment semi-annually.

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Mr. Bondonneau moved to amend the resolutions by striking out the words "Be it Resolved," and insert in lieu thereof "Be it enacted, &c."

Said motion having prevailed, on motion, the House went into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of said bill entitled:

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The House took up said report, and adopted the same.

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An Act to create an additional Notary Public for the Parish of Lafayette.

Which was read for the first time, and, on motion, laid on the table subject to the call of the House.

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

The rules having been dispensed with, Mr. Stille introduced, without previous notice, the bill entitled:

An act to amend the penal laws of the State;

Which, was read by the title only for the first time, and, on motion, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The rules having been dispensed with, Mr. Rathi, in behalf of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the President and Board of Directors of the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company, praying for relief, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, &c. That the State Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to grant to the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company the term of one, two, three, four and five years for the payment of the judgment lately obtained against said Company in the case of the State of Louisiana vs. the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company, for the sum of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid in five equal instalments, the first instalment to be considered as due on the 1st day of January, 1843, the second to fall due on the 1st day of January, 1844, the third on the 1st January, 1845, the fourth on the 1st January, 1846, and the fifth on the 1st January, 1847. Each instalment to bear interest at 6 per cent per annum from the date of said judgment until paid; upon the condition that said Company give good and sufficient security to the entire satisfaction of the Governor, Secretary of State and the State Treasurer, for the full and entire payment of said sum of $37,500 with interest at 6 per cent per annum from date of said judgment.

Be it further resolved, &c. That said Company shall be required to pay the interest on said judgment semi-annually.

Be it further resolved, &c. That it is hereby made the duty of the State Treasurer to issue said judgment recorded, without delay, to the proper officer of Recorder of Mortgages in the several parishes of this State through the State where said Company may have hypothecs located.

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

The rules having been dispensed with, the House took up for a second reading the bill entitled:

An act to amend an act entitled: An act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Congregation of St. Francis Xavier, of Rapides, and the Roman Catholic Church and Congregation of the City of Lafayette, in the parish of Jefferson: approved February 25th, 1836.

Mr. Hos requested leave to introduce the following act without previous notice:

An act relative to the sale of firewood, approved February 19, 1836, which underwent its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Ledoux the Senate took up the act entitled: An act for the relief of James Walsh, an inhabitant of the parish of Pointe Coupée, which underwent its first reading, the rules were dispensed with, and it underwent its second reading and was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The President of the Senate laid the following letter before the Senate:

To the Hon. the President and Members of the Senate of the State of Louisiana:

Gentlemen—You are respectfully invited to attend a lecture to be delivered before the People's Lyceum, by Alexander Dennetry, Esq. (a member) on Thursday, March 30, at half past seven o'clock in the Athenæum Hall, 32 Tchoupitoulas street.

Subject, the Progress of Society.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW DALY, Sec'y.

Mr. Bossier made the following report.

The committee to whom were referred the memorial of the officers of the parish of Natchitoches, praying that the Eastern part of said parish, should be cut off, and attached to the parish of Rapides, have, respectfully to report, that they have examined with attention the demand of said citizens, and that they have come to the conclusion, that the giving up of about nine townships of the Territory of a parish without being satisfied whether the people of said parish of Natchitoches, would be willing to lose such a large portion of their parish in favor of that of Rapides, would be in the absence of satisfactory information premature in your Committee to decide.

Your Committee respectfully pray your honorable body to be discharged of any further consideration of the same.

P. E. BOSSIER, Chairman.

Mr. Ledoux, the Governor's Private Secretary, delivered a message in writing from the Governor.

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On motion the Senate adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1843.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

On motion, leave of absence was granted for a few days to Mr. Phelps.

Mr. Cottrillion laid before the House the memorial of sundry citizens of the parish of Avoyelles, in relation to public advertisements in said parish.

On motion, said petition was referred to a special committee of three members.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Conrdlon, Bayles and Brewer on said committee.

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Which was adopted, the Clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

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The several sections having been adopted, on motion, the rules were dispensed with for a third reading.

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On motion, the rules were again dispensed with, and the House took up for their second readings, the bills entitled:

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