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MONDAY, March 9th, 1840.

The senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present—Messrs. Felix Garcia, president; Armant, Bonsier, Crow, Dupré, Derbigny, Downs, Hoa, Pean, Scott, of Baton Rouge; Scott, of Feliciana, Thibodeaux, and Winn.

Mr. Hiriart, of the committee to whom had been referred the petition of the inhabitants of Iberville, relative to the erection of a bridge on Bayou Boutbeul reported "An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to facilitate the construction of a bridge on Bayou Bourbeu, in the cut-off which leads from Iberville to West Baton Rouge," which bill underwent its first reading.

The following bills from the house underwent their first reading.

"An act relative to public notices in certain parishes."

"An act to amend an act entitled "An act relative to the publication of notices to be given of the nomination of curators to vacant successions, homologations of accounts, &c."

"An act authorizing Edward R. J. Allnutt, Thos M. Scott, James H. Wilkinson, Woodson McMurry and others, to build a bridge over the Boundary Bayou at Richmond, in the parish of Madison;" and

"An act to remove to the town of Port Hudson, in the parish of East Feliciana, the election precinct established at Newport's store, in said parish."

"An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to organize a board of assessors of taxes in the parish of Orleans, and for other purposes," was read for the the first time, it was amended—the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its second and third readings, and passed."

On motion of Mr. Scott of Baton Rouge, the senate took up "An act relative to certain banks and vessels trading up and down the Mississippi river within the limits of this state."

Pending its second reading,

On motion of Mr. Dupré, said bill was postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Hiriart, of the committee of enrolment, reported as duly enrolled "An act to create a register of mortgages in and for the parish of Natchitoches," and "An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Vermillion Bay, and for other purposes."

Said bills were reported to the house by the secretary.

He further informed the house that the senate had concurred with the house, with amendments, in

"An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to organize a board of assessors of taxes in the parish of Orleans, and for other purposes."

He requested the concurrence of the house in the resolution directing the board of public works relative to the Bayou Sorel.

The secretary also informed the house that the senate was about forming into court of impeachment.

On motion, the senate took a recess for the purpose of proceeding with the impeachment of Judge Bosworth.

The court having adjourned, Mr. Scott, of Baton Rouge, gave notice that he would introduce the following bills:

"An act to repeal the second section of an act amending the several acts in relation to the police and government of the town of Baton Rouge," and

"An act to change the time of holding the session of the police jury of East Baton Rouge, from 2d February to first Monday of January."

Mr. Hiriart, of the committee appointed on the petition of Joseph Roth, praying for a divorce, reported "An act to dissolve the bonds of matrimony that may have existed between Joseph Roth and Elizabeth Taffee, his wife," which amendment underwent its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Thibodeaux, the senate took up "An act for the relief of A. M. Foley."

This bill underwent its second reading, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and was concurred in.

The senate took up at its second reading, "An act supplementary to an act, entitled an act for the appointment of commissioners to take testimony, approved March 10, 1838;" the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed.

"An act to amend the act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Attakapas and Opelousas, and for other purposes."

This bill underwent its second reading, was amended, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed.

On motion of Mr. Scott of Feliciana, the senate took up "An act to remove to the town of Port Hudson, in the parish of East Feliciana, the election precinct at present established at Newport Store in the said parish.

"An act for the relief of the sheriff of the parish of St. Mary," underwent its second reading, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed.

"An act to extend the duration of the charter of the Mississippi Fire Company, No. 2," underwent its second reading, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed."

Mr. Downes presented a memorial from Emelie Zaire Pomier, a free woman of color, praying that her niece, named Adele Moron, a free woman of color, now in the West Indies, be allowed to come to the state of Louisiana. Said memorial was read, and, on motion of Mr. Downes, was referred to a special committee of three.

The president appointed Messrs. Downes, Hoa and Winn, of said committee.

On motion of Mr. Winn, the senate took up the following bill, "An act to amend the laws of this state relative to the community of acquest and gains."

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives, of the state of Louisiana in general assembly convened, that hereafter whenever either a husband or wife shall die, leaving no legitimate descendants in the direct line, whether by the last or by a previous marriage, nor legitimate ascendants, the surviving husband or wife shall be the sole heir of the community of goods which may have existed between them, unless the deceased shall by his or her last will and testament otherwise dispose of the same, provided no divorce or separation from bed and board has been decreed during the marriage.

Mr. Scott of Feliciana called for the ayes and nays on the adoption of said bill.

On motion of Mr. Armant, he was dispensed with voting on said bill, the result was as follows:

For the adoption were Messrs. Downes, Hiriart, Hoa, Pean, Scott of Baton Rouge and Winn.—6 ayes.

Against it were Messrs. Bonsier, Crow, Ducros, Dupré, Scott of Feliciana and Thibodeaux,—6 nays.

There being a tie, the president declared against the adoption, the bill was consequently rejected.

The following bills underwent their second readings, they were amended, the rules were dispensed with, they underwent their third readings and passed.

"An act to change the time of holding the sessions of the district court, in and for the parishes of Catahoula and Caddo; and

"An act relative to the public notices in certain parishes.

The senate rejected the amendments of the house to "an act to extend the jurisdiction of the parish court of the parish of Plaquemines."

The secretary informed the house that the senate had concurred with them in "An act for the relief of A. M. Foley."

"An act supplemental to an act entitled an act for the appointment of commissioners to take testimony, approved March 10, 1838."

"An act to amend the act to incorporate the marine and fire Insurance Company of Attakapas and Opelousas, and for other purposes," with amendments.

"An act to remove to the town of Port Hudson in the parish of East Feliciana, the election precinct at present established at Newport's store in said parish;" and

"An act for the relief of the sheriff of the parish of St. Mary."

"An act to extend the duration of the charter of the Mississippi fire company No. 2."

On motion, the senate adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY, March 10th, 1840.

The senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present:—Messrs. Felix Garcia, president; Armant, Bonsier, Crow, Hoa, Hiriart, Penn, Porche, Scott of Baton Rouge, Scott of Feliciana, Thibodeaux and Winn.

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

The secretary informed the house that the senate had concurred with them with amendments to the following bills:

"An act to amend the act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Attakapas and Opelousas, and for other purposes."

"An act to change the time of holding the session of the District Court in and for the parishes of Catahoula and Caddo;" and

"An act relative to public notices in certain parishes," and,

"An act to extend the jurisdiction of the parish court of the parish of Plaquemines."

And that the senate had rejected "An act to amend the laws of this state, relative to the community of acquests and gains."

Agreeably to previous notice, Mr. Scott of Baton Rouge, introduced the following bills, which were read for the first time, the rules were dispensed with, they underwent their second and third readings and passed:

"An act to change the time of holding the session of the police jury of the parish of East Baton Rouge," and,

"An act to repeal the second section of an act amending the several acts in relation to the police and government of the town of Baton Rouge," and

"An act to change the time of holding the session of the police jury of East Baton Rouge, from 2d February to first Monday of January."

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The president appointed Messrs. Downes, Hoa and Winn, of said committee.

On motion of Mr. Winn, the senate took up the following bill, "An act to amend the laws of this state relative to the community of acquest and gains."

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives, of the state of Louisiana in general assembly convened, that hereafter whenever either a husband or wife shall die, leaving no legitimate descendants in the direct line, whether by the last or by a previous marriage, nor legitimate ascendants, the surviving husband or wife shall be the sole heir of the community of goods which may have existed between them, unless the deceased shall by his or her last will and testament otherwise dispose of the same, provided no divorce or separation from bed and board has been decreed during the marriage.

Mr. Scott of Feliciana called for the ayes and nays on the adoption of said bill.

On motion of Mr. Armant, he was dispensed with voting on said bill, the result was as follows:

For the adoption were Messrs. Downes, Hiriart, Hoa, Pean, Scott of Baton Rouge and Winn.—6 ayes.

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The senate rejected the amendments of the house to "an act to extend the jurisdiction of the parish court of the parish of Plaquemines."

The secretary informed the house that the senate had concurred with them in "An act for the relief of A. M. Foley."

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"An act to extend the duration of the charter of the Mississippi fire company No. 2."

On motion, the senate adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, March 11th, 1840.

The senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present—Messrs. Felix Garcia, president; Bonsier, Crow, Dupré, Derbigny, Downs, Hoa, Hiriart, Penn, Porche, Scott, of Baton Rouge; Scott, of Feliciana; Thibodeaux and Winn.

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

Mr. Hoa, introduced a resolution authorising the president of the senate and the speaker of the house to draw warrants on the state treasurer for the expenses incurred in the proceeding of impeachment now pending against Judge Felix Bosworth.

The said resolution underwent its first reading, the rules were dispensed with; it underwent its second and third readings and passed, and was reported to the house for their concurrence.

The secretary also informed the house, that the senate had concurred with them, in "An act to incorporate the fire companies Eagle No. 17, Phoenix No. 8, Louisiana No. 11, Irad Ferry No. 12, Perseverance No. 13, Philadelphia No. 14, Protection Hose fire company in the city of New Orleans, and Phoenix No. 1, in the town of Natchitoches."

He further requested the concurrence of the house to the following bills.

"An act to repeal the 2d section of an act, amending the several acts in relation to the police, and government of the town of Baton Rouge;" and

"An act to change the time of holding the session of the police jury, of the parish of East Baton Rouge."

On motion of Mr. Hoa, the senate insisted on their amendments, to "An act to abolish imprisonment for debt. And that the judiciary committee of both houses be appointed to confer on said bill, and amendments."

Mr. Winn, of the bank committee, moved to introduce the following resolution, which was omitted in the minutes of the proceedings of the bank committee, after the words,

"On motion of Mr. Konner, it was resolved that the chairman of each committee do act as president of the joint committee, and, in the absence of either, the other shall act."

"Insert the resolution which is in these words, 'Resolved, that no question shall be propounded, unless directed by a majority of the committee;' when Mr. Konner offered the following substitute:

"Resolved, That if any question, after being propounded, shall be objected to by a member of this committee, the majority of the committee present shall determine if said question is proper, and shall be answered."

"The resolution of Mr. Ducros being withdrawn, the question being put upon the substitute, the yeas and nays were called for, when it appeared that Messrs. Conrad, Ducros, Kenner, Lockett and Winchester had voted in the affirmative—5 yeas; and that Messrs. Winn, Bonsier, Downs, Hoa, Gulon, Morse and Pichot had voted in the negative—7 nays. The substitute was, consequently, rejected.

Mr. Guion introduced the following resolution:—Resolved, that all interrogatories which may be agreed upon by a majority of the committee, should be propounded by the chairmen as emanating from the committee, and all interrogatories put by individual members of the committee, not agreed to by the majority, shall be propounded as such by the chairmen."

And whereas, under the sanction of this resolution, Mr. Winn submitted the following question:

"Have any of the directors of your bank endorsed for each other; if yes, state the amount of such endorsements, and which of them have come under protest?"

Which he had a right to do under said resolution.

And whereas, the president of the City Bank, in a letter addressed to the chairmen, under date of February 18th, 1840, hereto annexed, has refused to answer said interrogatory.

Resolved, that the said letter of refusal is not admitted as satisfactory, and that a copy of this preamble and resolution be furnished by the secretary, to the said president, for his information, as to the authority by which said question was propounded by the chairmen, and that his response be again called for.

Mr. Conrad moved to amend said resolution, by striking out the words "that the said letter of refusal is not admitted as satisfactory."

The yeas and nays, on said amendment, were called, when Messrs. Conrad, Ducros, Lockett, Pichot, and Winchester, voted in the affirmative.

And Messrs. Bonsier, Downs, Guion, Hoa, Kenner, Morse and Winn, in the negative—5 yeas; 7 nays.

The amendment was consequently rejected.

The question was then put on the adoption of the preamble and resolution:

The yeas and nays were called, when Messrs. Bonsier, Downs, Guion, Hoa, Kenner, Morse, Pichot and Winn voted in the affirmative.

And Messrs. Conrad, Ducros, Lockett, and Winchester, in the negative—8 yeas; 4 nays.

Said preamble and resolution were consequently adopted.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25th, 1840.

SIR—I have the honor to communicate to you the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Joint Committee on Banks, at its session last evening.

Whereas, at the first meeting of the Joint Committee on Banks, a resolution was adopted in these words:

"Resolved, that all interrogatories which may be agreed upon by a majority of the committee, shall be propounded by the chairmen as emanating from the committee, and all interrogatories put by individual members of the committee not agreed to by the majority, shall be propounded as such by the chairmen."

And whereas, under the sanction of this resolution, Mr. Winn submitted the following question:

"Have any of the directors of your bank endorsed for each other? if yes, state the amount of such mutual endorsements, and which of them have come under protest."

Which he had a right to do under said resolution.

And whereas, the chairmen, under the authority of said resolution, did propound the said interrogatory; and whereas the president of the City Bank, in a letter addressed to the chairmen, under date Feb. 18th, 1840, hereto annexed, has refused to answer said interrogatory and

Resolved, that the said letter of refusal is not admitted as satisfactory, and that a copy of this preamble and resolution be furnished by the secretary to the said president for his information as to the authority by which said question was propounded by the chairmen, and that his response be again called for.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. WHITEHEAD,
Secretary to the Bank Committee.

To Samuel J. Peters, Esq.,
President of the City Bank, New Orleans.

CITY BANK,
NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 25th, 1840.

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, enclosing a preamble and resolution, adopted by the Joint Committee on Banks, at its session last evening.

In reply, I beg leave to refer you to my communication of the 18th inst., in answer to your letter of the 17th inst., and to say that I am not disposed to depart from the ground I have taken in that communication.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) SAM'L J. PETERS,
President.

To the Honorable the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, appointed to examine the Banks, &c.

GENTLEMEN:—The communication of the Secretary of your honorable committee, in reference to the question propounded by Mr. Winn, has been received.

The resolutions adopted by you, at your meeting on Monday evening, I have before me. It states that your honorable committee had adopted a resolution, by which your chairmen were authorized to transmit to the banks, interrogatories agreed upon by a majority of the committee, and also interrogatories not agreed upon by a majority of the committee, should be propounded by the chairmen as emanating from the committee, and all interrogatories put by individual members of the committee, not agreed to by the majority, shall be propounded as such by the chairmen.

And whereas, under the sanction of this resolution, Mr. Winn submitted the following question:

"Have any of the directors of your bank endorsed for each other; if yes, state the amount of such endorsements, and which of them have come under protest?"

Which he had a right to do under said resolution. And whereas, the president of the City Bank, in a letter addressed to the chairmen, under date of February 18th, 1840, hereto annexed, has refused to answer said interrogatory, to declare that said question could be approved of by your committee, as a "proper one to be propounded to the president and directors of the City Bank," and that your committee have pronounced it "improper to be answered."

I cannot submit it to the Board. When your chairmen have decided a proper and legitimate question, I will immediately be furnished.

I trust this is sufficiently explicit, as my decision is intended to your honorable committee, or to the honorable gentleman who propounded the question, which has led to this correspondence.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) SAM'L J. PETERS,
President.

MARCH 7th, 1840.

A meeting of the committee on banks took place this day at 10, a. m. in the senate chamber.

Present, Messrs. Bonsier, Conrad, Downes, Ducros, Hoa, Kenner, Lockett, Morse, Pichot and Winchester.

A letter from S. J. Peters, president of the City Bank, dated 6th instant, containing further reasons for the refusal of said bank, to answer the interrogatory propounded by Mr. Winn, was read; On which Mr. Downes moved that the committee do not report to both houses of the general assembly, the letters of Samuel J. Peters, Esq. president of the City Bank, declining to answer a question propounded by Mr. Winn, with copies of the correspondence and the votes of this committee thereon; also, the original resolution on the same subject.

Said resolution was unanimously agreed to.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9, 1840.

I certify that the foregoing eleven pages contain true and correct copies made by me from the original records and documents in my possession, as secretary to the joint committee, appointed by the general assembly of the State of Louisiana, to investigate the affairs of the banks.

J. WHITEHEAD,
Secretary to the Bank Committee.

Mr. Downes offered a resolution relative to the report of the bank committee, which was also laid over.

"The bill entitled "An act to incorporate the fire companies Eagle No. 7; Phœnix No. 8; Louisiana No. 10; Irad Ferry No. 12; Perseverance No. 13; Philadelphia No. 14; Protection Hose Fire Company and Liberty Hose Fire Company, in the city of New Orleans, and Phœnix No 1 in the town of Natchitoches," was read for the second time, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed.

On motion, the senate had a recess for the purpose of proceeding with the impeachment of Judge Bosworth.

The court of impeachment having adjourned;

Mr. Cuvillier, clerk of the house, informed the senate that the house had concurred with them in their amendments in the following bills:

"An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to organize a board of assessors of taxes in the parish of New Orleans, and for other purposes."

"An act to incorporate the town of Mandeville."

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the city of New Orleans, approved February the 17th, 1805, and other acts amending the same."

"An act to incorporate the Jefferson and Pontchartrain rail road company."

That the house had concurred with the senate with amendments to the amendments of the senate, to "An change theact to time of holding the supreme court for the western district of Opelousas."

That the house had rejected the amendments of the senate, to "An act to abolish imprisonment for debt."

He also requested the concurrence of the senate, to "An act granting further powers to the police jury of the parish of St. Landry."

"An act to amend an act entitled An act, for the improvement of bayous de Glaize and Rouge, and for other purposes."

"An act to change the time of holding the district courts in the ninth judicial district;" and

"An act to incorporate the town of Unionville, in the parish of Ascension."

He further informed the senate, that the committee of enrolment of the house, had reported as duly enrolled, and that the speaker of the house had signed, the following bills from the senate.

"An act to establish certain election precincts, and for other purposes."

"An act to create a register of mortgages in and for the parish of Natchitoches."

"An act for the improvement of the navigation of Vermillion Bay, and for other purposes;" and

"Resolution instructing our senators and representatives in congress to obtain an appropriation for the erection of a light house at the mouth of the Bayou Bonfouca."

That the aforesaid committee of enrolment had reported as duly enrolled, the following bills and resolutions from the house, and that the signature of the president of the senate is requested thereto.

"An act for the relief of the Eagle Insurance Company."

"An act granting further powers to the police jury of the parish of Pointe Coupée, and for other purposes."

"An act to provide for the loss of certain papers therein named by the conflagration of the court house at Clinton, in the parish of East Feliciana."

"An act to repeal the first and third sections of an act entitled an act to annull an act further and more effectually to provide for the police of public roads in this state, approved March the 12th, 1838, so far as the parish of East Feliciana is concerned."

"An act to incorporate a Methodist Episcopal Church and congregation in the City of Lafayette."

"An act relative to the sixteenth sections of school lands."

"An to incorporate the New Orleans Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

"Act for the relief of the securities of Alexander Lawson, deceased, late sheriff of the Parish of Lafourche Interior."

"An act for the emancipation of James T. Flint of the Parish of Rapides, and Elias J. Boatner of the Parish of Assumption," and

"An act to create an auctioneer in the Parish of St Helena."

On motion, the senate adjourned till to-morrow, at 11 o'clock. A. M

WEDNESDAY, March 11th, 1840.

The senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present—Messrs. Felix Garcia, president; Bonsier, Crow, Dupré, Derbigny, Downs, Hoa, Hiriart, Penn, Porche, Scott, of Baton Rouge; Scott, of Feliciana; Thibodeaux and Winn.

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

Mr. Hoa, introduced a resolution authorising the president of the senate and the speaker of the house to draw warrants on the state treasurer for the expenses incurred in the proceeding of impeachment now pending against Judge Felix Bosworth.

The said resolution underwent its first reading, the rules were dispensed with; it underwent its second and third readings and passed, and was reported to the house for their concurrence.

The secretary also informed the house, that the senate had concurred with them, in "An act to incorporate the fire companies Eagle No. 17, Phoenix No. 8, Louisiana No. 11, Irad Ferry No. 12, Perseverance No. 13, Philadelphia No. 14, Protection Hose fire company, and Liberty Hose fire company in the city of New Orleans, and Phoenix No. 1, in the town of Natchitoches."

He further requested the concurrence of the house to the following bills.

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"An act to change the time of holding the session of the police jury, of the parish of East Baton Rouge."

On motion of Mr. Hoa, the senate insisted on their amendments, to "An act to abolish imprisonment for debt. And that the judiciary committee of both houses be appointed to confer on said bill, and amendments."

Mr. Winn, of the bank committee, moved to introduce the following resolution, which was omitted in the minutes of the proceedings of the bank committee, after the words,

"On motion of Mr. Konner, it was resolved that the chairman of each committee do act as president of the joint committee, and, in the absence of either, the other shall act."

"Insert the resolution which is in these words, 'Resolved, that no question shall be propounded, unless directed by a majority of the committee;' when Mr. Kenner offered the following substitute:

"Resolved, That if any question, after being propounded, shall be objected to by a member of this committee, the majority of the committee present shall determine if said question is proper, and shall be answered."

"The resolution of Mr. Ducros being withdrawn, the question being put upon the substitute, the yeas and nays were called for, when it appeared that Messrs. Conrad, Ducros, Kenner, Lockett and Winchester had voted in the affirmative—5 yeas; and that Messrs. Winn, Bonsier, Downs, Hoa, Gulon, Morse and Pichot had voted in the negative—7 nays. The substitute was, consequently, rejected."

Mr. Winn, of the said committee on banks also made the following report, which was read.

A meeting of the joint committee on banks was held this day, in the senate chamber.—Present, Messrs. Bonsier, Conrad, Downs, Ducros, Hoa, Lockett, Morse, Winn and Winchester.

The answers and statements received from all the banks (omitting those in relation to the country branches,) were read and declared to be satisfactory, with the exception of those furnished by the *Canal and Banking Company*, in which the following statements are deficient:

1st. The Registries in statement No. 3, of the name of the person having the largest loan on stock.

2d. Statement No 19, requiring a detailed list of all expenses of the bank, from July 1st, 1837, to August 1st, 1838.

3d. Statement No. 21, in which is required the amount of specie drawn from the local banks, and the amount paid out in detail, since 1st January, 1839.

4th. Statement No. 26, in which is required a statement of all loans made to the country branches—designating the amount loaned on mortgage, and on personal security.

5th. And also a statement of all liabilities of the presidents and directors of the country branches—to said banks, as well as to the other banks.

And also with the exception of those furnished by the *Gas Light and Banking Company*, which do not report the name of the person having the largest loan on stock, as required by statement No. 3, and also do not return to—the officers of said bank refusing, as this committee are informed, to make such therein.

Mr. Morse submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the two chairmen report to both houses of the general assembly, all the banks who refuse to comply with the requisitions of the joint committee—to answer interrogatories—furnish statements, or make oath to the same.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11th, 1840.

I certify that the foregoing extracts are true, and correctly copied by me from the original records of the proceedings of the joint committee on banks, mentioned in my possession.

J. WHITEHEAD,
Secretary to the Bank Committee.

So much of Mr. Downes, the resolutions presented by the committee on banks, for the opinion of the officers of the banks who refused to answer the interrogatories therewith propounded by them, were subjected to the joint committee, with instructions to report to the next session of the legislature, whether any change is necessary in the present mode of proceeding to recovery, in case of the banks refusing to answer interrogatories, or make oath to the same, and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers in their investigations.

On motion, ordered that said resolution be adopted.

By a message from the governor, by Mr. Forstall, his private secretary, the house is informed that the governor has this day signed and approved the following bills and resolutions:

"An act to create the tenth judicial district."

"An act to provide for the greater security from fire of the public offices and building in the city of New Orleans."

A "resolution directing the secretary of state to furnish certain law books to the clerk of the district court for the Parish of East Feliciana."

"An act to establish a ferry across the Atchafalaya River in the Parish of Avoyelles, and for other purposes."

"An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Church of St. Patrick," and

A "resolution relative to Bayou Vermillion in the Parish of Lafayette."

On motion, the house having dispensed with its rules, Mr. Baillio without previous notice introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the college of Rapides," which was read for the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

This bill underwent its second reading, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed.

On motion of Mr. Ducros, the senate took up "An act relative to the roads and levees of the Parish of Plaquemines."

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On motion, the secretary was directed to inform the house that the senate was about to form into court of impeachment.

On motion, the senate had a recess for the purpose of proceeding with the impeachment of Judge Bosworth.

The court being adjourned, Mr. Hiriart of the committee of enrolment, reported the following bills and resolutions duly enrolled.

"An act to incorporate the Charity Hospital in the Parish of Natchitoches."

"Resolution relative to the sixteenth sections of school lands."

"An act to incorporate the New Orleans Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

"An act for the emancipation of James T. Flint, of the parish of Rapides, and Elias J. Boatner, of the parish of Assumption."

"Resolution relative to the batture that has been formed in Grande Riviere, at its junction with Plaquemines, and for other purposes," and

"An act relative to the Commercial Library of New Orleans."

The following bills underwent their first readings:

"An act amendatory of the bank charters of this state and for other purposes."

"An act to incorporate the town of Unionville in the parish of Ascension."

"An act to change the time of holding the district courts in the ninth judicial district."

"An act granting further powers to the police jury of the parish of St. Landry," and

"An act to amend an act entitled "an act for the improvement of bayous de Glaize and Rouge, and for other purposes."

On motion, "An act to change the time of holding the supreme court for the western district in Opelousas," was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion, "An act relative to certain boats and vessels trading up and down the Mississippi river within the limits of this state," was laid on the table subject to call.

On motion of Mr. Winn, the senate took up "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge over Bayou Dusac, in the parish of Avoyelles, and to collect a toll therefrom."

This bill underwent its second reading, it was amended, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hoa, the senate took up "An act to provide for the payment of the salary of the judge of the Commercial Court of the city of New Orleans, and for other purposes."

This bill underwent its second reading, it was amended, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its third reading and passed.

The senate took up at its second reading "An act to change the time of holding the next election of members of the house of representatives in congress for the state of Louisiana."

Mr. Crow moved to postpone this bill until Saturday, 13th instant, at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. Bonsier amended said motion, and moved to postpone said bill till the first of July, 1840."

The president decided that Mr. Bonsier's motion for the postponement was out of order, because it was a period beyond the session.

Mr. Winn appealed from the above decision, and called for the ayes and nays.

Messrs. Crow, Ducros and Ducros had voted in the affirmative—3 ayes, and

Messrs. Bonsier, Downs, Dupré, Hoa, Porche, Scott of Baton Rouge, Scott of Feliciana, Thibodeaux and Winn in the negative—9 nays.

The motion was consequently lost.

On motion of Mr. Dupré, the senate took up "An act to alter and amend Joseph E. Andrews and others' securities of Lewis Andrus, late Sheriff of the Parish of St. Landry, deceased."

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Messrs. Crow, Ducros, Dupré, Hoa, and Thibodeaux, voted for the decision—5 ayes.

Messrs. Bonsier, Downs, Hiriart, Penn, Porche, Scott, of Baton Rouge; Scott, of Feliciana; and Winn, voted against it—8 nays: the decision was not maintained.

Mr. Bonsier again made his motion to postpone said bill to the 1st of July, 1840.

For the postponement, were—Messrs. Bonsier, Downs, Hiriart, Penn, Porche, Scott, of Baton Rouge; Scott, of Feliciana; and Winn—8 ayes.

Against—Messrs. Crow, Ducros, Dupré, Hoa, and Thibodeaux—5 nays; the bill was consequently postponed.

Mr. Hoa reserved his right to protest against all the proceedings in relation to said bill.

Mr. Winn moved that every member have the right to spread the reasons of his vote on the journals.

On motion the senate sat with closed doors on exacutive business.

The doors being opened, on motion, the senate adjourned till to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a.m.

THURSDAY, March 12th, 1840.

The senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present.—Messrs. Felix Garcia, President; Bonsier, Crow, Dupré, Ducros, Downs, Porche, Scott of Baton Rouge, Scott of Feliciana, Thibodeaux and Winn.

Mr. Forstall, the Governor's private secretary, delivered a message in writing from the governor.

Mr. Winn, obtained leave to present the following resolution.

"Resolved, That no new bill or resolution shall be introduced during the present session, without the consent of four-fifths of the members present, and that the senate will first act on the bills originating in this branch of the legislature, before taking up those from the house of representatives."

Mr. Winn moved to amend said resolution by inserting after the words "members present," the words "unless reported by the majority or minority of a committee," said amendment was adopted.

Mr. Ducros moved to divide said resolution in the following manner:

"Resolved that no new bill or resolution shall be introduced during the present session, without the consent of four-fifths of the members present, unless reported by the majority or minority of a committee," as the first part.

The said first portion was adopted.

Mr. Ducros moved to reject the second portion of the said resolution, which was in these words "and that the senate will first act on the bill originating in this branch of the legislature, before taking up those from the house of representatives."

Upon which Mr. Winn called for the ayes and nays on the adoption of the second portion of his resolution:

The result was, for the adoption, Messrs. Bonsier, Downs, Hoa, Hiriart, Porche, Scott of Baton Rouge, Scott of Feliciana, and Winn—8 ayes.

Against the adoption were Messrs. Crow, Derbigny, Ducros, Dupré and Thibodeaux—5 nays.

The second portion of the resolution was rejected, there not being two thirds of the members present in favor of its adoption.

Mr. Downs, of the committee to whom had been referred the memorial of Emilie Zaire Pomier, a free woman of color, made the following report:

Whereas Emilie Zaire Pomier, a free woman of color, who has for many years resided in the parish of Ouachita, and is known by its citizens to be a person of good character and deportment, and the owner of considerable property, as well real estate as slaves and moveable property, has presented to the general assembly a memorial in which she represents that she is now old and infirm, and has no relative in the United States to reside with her, and to take care of her, in her old age, and prays that Adèle Moran, her niece, a free woman of color, a native of, and still residing in the island of Hayti, may be permitted to remove to the state of Louisiana, and reside with her. Therefore,

Resolved, That the governor be authorized, on satisfactory proof being exhibited to him, that said Adèle Moran is a good character, and that her removal to the state would not be detrimental to the community in which she would reside, to issue a written permission, allowing her to remove to the State of Louisiana, and reside with her aunt."

Which report underwent its first reading.

Mr. Hiriart obtained leave to introduce "An act to amend an act, entitled "an act for the relief of Alexandrine Deville," which bill underwent at its first reading, the rules were dispensed with, it underwent its second and third readings and passed.

On motion, the secretary was directed to inform the house, that the senate was now ready to proceed with the impeachment of Judge Bosworth.

On motion of Downes, the house took up the resolution relative to the officers of the different banks who refused to answer certain interrogatories, pending its second reading.

Mr. Cuvillier clerk of the house, informed the senate that the hall of the house was now ready to receive the senate for the impeachment of Judge Bosworth.

On motion, the senate proceeded to the hall of the house.

The court being adjourned, on motion the senate returned to the hall of their sessions.

On motion, the senate adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, March 11th, 1840.

The house met agreeably to adjournment.

On motion, a leave of absence is granted for a few days to Messrs. Carter and Konner.

On motion, the house having dispensed with its rules, M