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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On the roll being called, a quorum was present, and answered to their names.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Richie.

The following gentlemen introduced the following petitions:

Mr. Herron—Petition of the Washington Guards, praying for relief. Referred to Committee on Militia.

Mr. Jones—Petition of citizens of Bienville, accompanied by Resolution to improve the road from Mt. Lebanon to Lake Bistineau, in the Parish of Bienville. Referred to Internal Improvement Committee.

Mr. Morrow—Petition of G. Blanc, in regard to the cultivation of Hemp. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. McCranie—Petition of sundry citizens of Jackson, accompanied by Bill entitled, "An act to provide for the right of way for the building and constructing of a Plank Road, from the town of Vernon, in the Parish of Jackson, to an eligible landing on the Ouachita River. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. LeRoy—Petition of M. St. Armant, for relief.

Mr. Lyelle—Resolutions of the Council of Third Municipality. Referred to Finance Committee, with instructions to report by Bill.

Mr. Sever, on behalf of Committee on Consolidation—

Memorials of certain citizens of New Orleans in favor of Consolidation. Referred to Committee on Consolidation and ordered to be printed.

By a message from the Governor through Mr. Guirrera, the house was informed that he had signed and approved the Bill entitled, "An act to grant a pension to Alexander S. Blackburn, a veteran of '14 and '15."

Mr. Herron gave notice, that on to-morrow, he would present on behalf of the minority of the Judiciary Committee, a counter report on the Act to repeal the 16th section of an act entitled, "An act to regulate elections in the Parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, approved 25th of January, 1847, and to enact a substitute in its place."

The following gentlemen introduced the following Resolutions:

Mr. LeRoy—*Resolved*, That the Committee on Education be instructed to report a Bill for the increase of the Free Public School Tax, from one mill to one and a half mill, or such other amount which they may deem more proper; also, a Bill for an assistant to the Superintendent.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Lyelle—Whereas, Mr. Easton, one of the enrolling clerks of the House, shortly after his appointment fell sick and was confined to bed for a length of time, and whereas Mr. Jules Tete, during said period was employed for the performance of the task of said Mr. Easton—therefore,

Be it Resolved, &c., That said Jules Tete be and is hereby authorized to receive his salary as an Enrolling Clerk, from the first day of the session, up to the 25th of February.

On motion the above resolution was adopted.

Mr. Caverlo—*Be it Resolved, &c.*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested to use their exertion to procure a multiplicate from Natchez, Mississippi, to Alexandria on Red River, &c., by way of Trinity, it being the nearest and best route.

Resolved, That the Governor be instructed to forward a copy of the above resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Connoly, on behalf of the Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

An act appropriating the State Engineer to make an embankment across the Ditch Bayou, in the parish of Rapides.

Reported by a substitute under the following title:

An act authorizing the State Engineer to make an embankment across the Ditch Bayou, in the parish of Rapides.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled,

An act to provide for the improvement of the Atoka Canal, in the parish of Assumption.

Reported the same back without amendments.

Mr. King, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the following entitled Bill, reported the same back to the House without amending it:

An act to create an additional Notary Public in the parish of Ascension.

An act to repeal the 16th section of the act entitled, "An act to regulate elections in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, approved 25th January, 1847," and to enact a substitute in its place.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled, "An act to protect Creditors in the cities of New Orleans and Lafayette, against fraudulent transfers of certain movable property." Reported the same back with amendments.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

An act to repeal Nos. 254 of the acts of 1814, reported by substitute entitled the following title:

An act relative to the rate of conventional interest.

The same member on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the following entitled bill, reported the same back to the House, without amendments:

An act to establish the boundary line between the parishes of St. Landry and Lafayette.

An act to authorize W. M. Prescott & Co., proprietors, to build a bridge across the Bayou Courtableau.

Mr. Caldwell, on behalf of the Special Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the accounts of the Commissioners, submitted the following report, accompanied by a bill, under the following title:

An act making an appropriation to complete the State House, at Baton Rouge:

That they have performed the duty assigned them. The account of receipts and disbursements by the Commissioners is as before them in perfect order, and proved to be correct, as they also furnish the best evidence of the most efficient and faithful discharge of the duties of the Commissioners. A further appropriation of $30,000, it will be observed, is required to complete the buildings, agreeably to the original plan, which your Committee respectfully recommend may be made. The Commissioners have found it necessary to apply a portion of the specific appropriation made for the embellishment of the interior of the building to the completion of the exterior; in doing so, they consulted, in the opinion of your Committee, the best interest and dignity of the State. Your Committee beg to call your attention to the fact, that no appropriation whatever has been made, and not one cent has been received by the Commissioners for their expenses, labor and pains, taking care of the interest of the State for the last three years, and the Committee recommend that they be allowed — per cent on the amount disbursed by them, and that an appropriation be made for the same, as also for the $30 & 0.

JAMES H. CALDWELL,
Chairman of the Committee.

on the part of the House.

Mr. Herring, on behalf of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the following entitled bills,

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An act to fix the salary of the Messrs and Assistant Clerk of the House.

On motion, said amendments were concurred in.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the amendments to said bills.

The House then took up the bill of the Senate for a first reading, entitled an act to authorize the Recorder of Mortgages and Police Jury of De Soto Parish, to receive and approve the bond of the Sheriff of said Parish.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, said bill underwent its several readings and was concurred in.

The clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House in said bill.

The House then took up the bill of the Senate for a first reading, entitled an act to repeal an act to incorporate the Borough of Prospect and acts amendatory thereto.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, said bill underwent its several readings and was concurred in.

The clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House thereto.

The House then took up the substitute of the Senate, to the bill entitled,

"An act to make an appropriation for the salaries of the officers of the State, from the 1st day of January, to the 31st day of March, 1850, and for deficiency of appropriations for expenses in criminal prosecutions in 1849," said substitute entitled,

"An act to make an appropriation for deficiencies of appropriations in criminal prosecutions, up to 31st march 1850."

On motion, said substitute was concurred in.

The clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the above substitute.

Mr. Bourg, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as duly enrolled the following entitled bills:

An act to amend certain sections of an act relative to the building of levees in the Parish of Terre, and to create a special fund for levee purposes, and enforce the collection of the same.

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

The same member on behalf of the same Committee, reported as duly enrolled, the following entitled bill and resolution of the Senate:

An act, to amend an act, entitled an act, to incorporate the town of Providence, in the Parish of Carroll.

Resolution to instruct our Representatives and Senators in Congress, to use their best exertions to have a mail tri-weekly from Natchitoches to Shreveport.

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

The House then took up the following entitled bills and resolutions.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, they were severally read and referred to the Committee of the whole House.

An act making an appropriation to construct a road across the drift wood in Catahoula Parish.

An act for the relief of the Female Orphan Asylum of New Orleans.

An act for the relief of Jerome Calligan, Superintendent of Public Schools for the parish of Avoyelles.

An act for the relief of Geo. P. Brisnt.

An act making appropriations for the support and maintainance of the Louisiana Legion and the Volunteer Companies now organized and which may be hereafter organized in the city of New Orleans.

An act for the relief of the parish of St. John the Baptiste.

An act making appropriation for the support and relief of the Louisiana State Artillery, the Washington Artillery, the Donaldson Cannoneers, Crescent Hussars, E. F. Cavalry, and Clinton Light Artillery.

An act for the relief of David Myers, veteran of 1814 and '15.

An act for the relief of Larkin Story.

An act for the relief of Jeremiah D. Crittenden.

An act for the relief of James Sutoon.

An act for the relief of John Gordon.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the above named bills, and also the following entitled bills, which had been referred previously to the Committee of the Whole, viz.

An act to levee Kimbell's Cross and Langley's Bayou.

An act directing a census to be taken of portions of the parishes of Natchitoches, Catahoula and Rapides, with a view to the formation of a new parish.

An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred by the State Library.

An act for the relief of J. H. Cunningham.

An act for the relief of Benjamin Cohen, Sheriff of the parish of Jackson.

An act for the relief of C. D. Sullivan.

An act for the relief of C. D. Tatman, of St. Landry.

An act for the relief of Rice & Clark.

An act making an appropriation to improve the Falls in Red River in Alexandria.

An act for the relief of John Justin Querie, of the parish of Orleans.

An act for the relief of Nicholas Gaudet.

An act for the relief of Joseph Carter, Richard Martin, Henry Hughes, W. S. Kenton, John Hopper, John M. Pitt, Thomas Cook and James Gwinn, veterans of 1814 and '15.

An act to mud crevasse at Point Lookout in parish of Carroll.

An act for the relief of the Firemen's Charitable Association.

An act to procure a block of stone for the Washington Monument.

Mr. Moore being called to the chair, after some time the Committee rose and the Chairman, Mr. Moore, reported to the House that they had the above named bills under consideration, and that he was instructed to report to the House that the Committee had adopted all of the above bills without amendments, with the exception of the following entitled bills:

An act making appropriations to improve the Falls in Red River in Alexandria.

An act for the relief of C. D. Stidman.

And that he was instructed to report the above mentioned bills back to the House with amendments.

On motion, the consideration of the Report of the Committee was deferred until Thursday, March 7th, and made the special order for that day.

On motion, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

BY AUTHORITY.

(No. 101.)
AN ACT

To enable the people of the Fourth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of Sabine, to elect an additional Justice of the Peace for said Ward.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened*, That the qualified voters of the Fourth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of Sabine, be, and the same are hereby authorized to elect an additional Justice of the Peace in said Ward, who when elected, shall hold his office at the town of Many and Parish of Sabine.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That at said election the Sheriff of said Parish, after the promulgation of this act, shall order such election to be held at such place and time as he may think proper in said Ward, and exercise in other wise to be conducted according to existing laws.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That said Justice of the Peace, so elected, his office shall not have been duly elected and qualified, and that it shall be the duty of the Governor to commission such officer within the time required by law, after having been notified thereof by the Sheriff of said Parish.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

E. WARREN MOISE,
Speaker pro tem. of the House of Representatives.
J. B. PLAUCHE,
Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 13th, 1850.
JOSEPH WALKER,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
Certified to be a true copy from the original.
CHARLES GAYARRE,
Secretary of State.

(No. 102.)
AN ACT

To incorporate the town of Minden.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the town of Minden, in the parish of Claiborne, in this State, shall be and the same is hereby incorporated, and the limits of the corporation shall extend one half mile in every direction from the center of the public buildings in the said town of Minden; provided that the town of Sarepta and the House of Jno. D. Morrow shall not be included in said limits.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That it shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace residing within the limits of said town, on the first Monday of April of every succeeding year, when the polls shall be opened from nine o'clock, A. M., till four o'clock, P. M., to elect from among the resident qualified voters of said town a Mayor and three Aldermen, any three of whom shall form a quorum, and who shall constitute a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of the Mayor and Council of the town of Minden, and in such election any Justice of the Peace residing in the Parish of Vermillion is hereby empowered to call, and shall preside over the election and hold the same during the duty of the Mayor, or in case of his absence, of some of the Aldermen who shall be appointed by him for that purpose, to preside over the election and till such time as a quorum in their body, they shall fix the mode, time and place, for holding the elections, and to all other matters touching public affairs that it deems necessary or useful; it shall be the duty of Commissioners of elections to preside at the same, and to receive the votes of such persons as they shall there find, and within twenty four hours after the ending of he polls, to this such certificate with the clerk or Secretary of the Mayor and Council, who shall forthwith notify the members elected.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That within five days after the first election, the Mayor and Councilmen shall meet, and the said Mayor shall preside over that and all subsequent meetings, and shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of all duly established, and cause to be carried into execution all such by-laws, regulations, and ordinances as may be necessary for the good government of said Corporation, and shall have power to impose fines, penalties and forfeitures for any breach of the same, not exceeding fifty dollars, and to collect the same by suit before any Justice of the Peace, or other competent tribunal, and to levy and collect taxes within the limits of said town, not exceeding one per cent on the assessed value of property, and to appoint such officers as they may think necessary for the good government of said town, and to prescribe their duties, and to require from all persons elected or appointed to office, such bonds and securities as they may think proper, and to remove them at any time for just cause of failing to do their duty.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted &c.* That it shall further be the duty of the Mayor to commission and swear in all officers elected by the Board, to sign all laws, ordinances and resolutions and cause the same to be faithfully executed; said laws, ordinances, rules and resolutions to be countersigned, recorded and published under the direction of the Board, by the Secretary; all business transactions and contracts on behalf of the town of Abbeville, shall be made by the Mayor, in his official character, being duly authorized thereto by a majority of the Board, and he shall be ex-officio Justice of the Peace, with concurrent jurisdiction only within the limits of said town, and it shall be his duty there to take notice of and suppress riots, route, unlawful assemblages, affrays, tumults, disorderly conduct and breaches of the peace in all cases within the limits of said town, in the same way that any Justice of the Peace could or might do.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the Police Jury of the parish of Vermillion shall have power to levy a tax not exceeding one per cent per annum on the assessed value of property, for the purpose of opening and constructing a Turnpike Plank Road from the town of Abbeville, through Greenwood, in the parish of Caddo, to the Texas line.

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SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the Police Jury of the parish of Vermillion shall have power to appoint such number of Commissioners as they may deem necessary, to lay out and open said Plank Road, and to appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of all the proceedings of said meetings, and to make public notifications by posting them up in two or more places, in the parish of Vermillion, or to see the same published in any newspaper that may be printed in said parish.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That after the first meeting, all official acts shall have been created by the Mayor and Council of said town, shall be elected at the same time and on the same day, and in the same place as the election for members of said town, as well in regard to the establishing, keeping in order and improving of streets, squares, alleys, and roads, and in regard to public places, as in referenceto nuisance, to the police of slaves, grog-shops, billiard tables, public houses, shows, and all other matters of a like character whatsoever, that may concern the public and good management of said town and shall have power to levy and collect taxes, not to exceed one per cent on the assessed value of property, persons, and things subject to taxation situated within said town, and collect the same by distress and sale, and to impose a tax on property exceeding what would be levied at the ratio aforesaid, and to appropriate the proceeds of said taxes to the improvement of said town of Bayou Sara, provided no collection shall be made for the purposes aforesaid, and after the passage of this act, the powers of the Police Jury of the Parish of West Feliciana, shall cease and determine in the limits of the corporation of Bayou Sara, and the Mayor and Council of said town shall have and exercise within the limits of said corporation all the powers which are herein granted to the Mayor and Council of the town of Bayou Sara, provided that the taxes which shall be paid into the Treasury of said town for the year 1850 under the act of incorporation, shall be refunded to the persons who paid the same out of the Treasury of said town.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have a majority of all the members concurring, to say one or a yearly tax on all property, slaves, goods, merchandize and buildings, such as halls, taverns, grog-shops, retail stores, commission merchants, public houses, and also upon all public days, carts, drays, wagons, and also to lay and collect such other taxes within the limits of said town, the imposition and collection of which may not be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State, for such purposes as the Mayor and Council may deem necessary, observing however, equality in the same manner as the parish taxes are collected.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have power to appoint such officers as they may deem necessary to assess such taxes as they may impose and levy, and to collect the same, and the said Mayor and Council, are charged to impose taxes, and the duty of assessors and collectors shall be performed with the same accuracy and fidelity as that of the assessors and collectors of the parish of West Feliciana, and all real and other property in said town, subject to taxation, shall be assessed at its fair cash value, and the said Mayor and Council shall have power to remove any of the officers for any particular delinquency, and to appoint others in their stead, and the said Mayor and Council shall be paid out of the funds of said town for the first year to be elected at the same time and in the same manner as other officers of the town are elected.

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have power to make such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of said town, as they may deem necessary, and to impose fines, penalties and forfeitures for any breach of the same, not exceeding fifty dollars, and to collect the same by suit before any Justice of the Peace, or other competent tribunal, and to levy and collect taxes within the limits of said town, not exceeding one per cent on the assessed value of property, and to appoint such officers as they may think necessary for the good government of said town, and to prescribe their duties, and to require from all persons elected or appointed to office, such bonds and securities as they may think proper, and to remove them at any time for just cause of failing to do their duty.

SEC. 13. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have power to appoint such number of Commissioners as they may deem necessary, to lay out and open said Plank Road, and to appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of all the proceedings of said meetings, and to make public notifications by posting them up in two or more places, in the parish of Vermillion, or to see the same published in any newspaper that may be printed in said parish.

SEC. 14. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That after the first meeting, all official acts shall have been created by the Mayor and Council of said town, shall be elected at the same time and on the same day, and in the same place as the election for members of said town, as well in regard to the establishing, keeping in order and improving of streets, squares, alleys, and roads, and in regard to public places, as in referenceto nuisance, to the police of slaves, grog-shops, billiard tables, public houses, shows, and all other matters of a like character whatsoever, that may concern the public and good management of said town and shall have power to levy and collect taxes, not to exceed one per cent on the assessed value of property, persons, and things subject to taxation situated within said town, and collect the same by distress and sale, and to impose a tax on property exceeding what would be levied at the ratio aforesaid, and to appropriate the proceeds of said taxes to the improvement of said town of Bayou Sara, provided no collection shall be made for the purposes aforesaid, and after the passage of this act, the powers of the Police Jury of the Parish of West Feliciana, shall cease and determine in the limits of the corporation of Bayou Sara, and the Mayor and Council of said town shall have and exercise within the limits of said corporation all the powers which are herein granted to the Mayor and Council of the town of Bayou Sara, provided that the taxes which shall be paid into the Treasury of said town for the year 1850 under the act of incorporation, shall be refunded to the persons who paid the same out of the Treasury of said town.

SEC. 15. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have a majority of all the members concurring, to say one or a yearly tax on all property, slaves, goods, merchandize and buildings, such as halls, taverns, grog-shops, retail stores, commission merchants, public houses, and also upon all public days, carts, drays, wagons, and also to lay and collect such other taxes within the limits of said town, the imposition and collection of which may not be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State, for such purposes as the Mayor and Council may deem necessary, observing however, equality in the same manner as the parish taxes are collected.

SEC. 16. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have power to appoint such officers as they may deem necessary, to assess such taxes as they may impose and levy, and to collect the same, and the said Mayor and Council, are charged to impose taxes, and the duty of assessors and collectors shall be performed with the same accuracy and fidelity as that of the assessors and collectors of the parish of West Feliciana, and all real and other property in said town, subject to taxation, shall be assessed at its fair cash value, and the said Mayor and Council shall have power to remove any of the officers for any particular delinquency, and to appoint others in their stead, and the said Mayor and Council shall be paid out of the funds of said town for the first year to be elected at the same time and in the same manner as other officers of the town are elected.

SEC. 17. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

E. WARREN MOISE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
J. B. PLAUCHE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 13, 1850.
JOSEPH WALKER,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
Certified to be a true copy from the original.
CHARLES GAYARRE,
Secretary of State.

(No. 104.)
RESOLUTION

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened: That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby instructed to make a survey of that portion of the Bayou Lafourche, between Donaldsonville and Thibodaux, and to report what it will cost to make a Levee and Road-bed sufficient for the same, and what would be the public utility of said work.

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(No. 105.)
AN ACT

For the relief of the Sheriff of the 4th Ward of the Parish of Jefferson.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Sheriff of the Fourth Ward of the Parish of Jefferson, be and he is hereby authorized to pay over to the Police Jury of said Parish, the proceeds of the sale of the Poor House and Hospital, and to receive therefor their written consent thereto.

E. W. MOISE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
J. B. PLAUCHE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate
Approved March 14th, 1850.
JOSEPH WALKER,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
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CHARLES GAYARRE,
Secretary of State.

(No. 106.)
AN ACT

For the relief of Zenon Langlois, a veteran of the years eighteen hundred and fourteen and fifteen.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That Zenon Langlois, a veteran of the years eighteen hundred and fourteen and fifteen, be and is hereby authorized to receive, and the Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to issue a warrant for the sum of eighty dollars per month, payable quarterly, on the warrant of Jerome Antoine Landry, Esq.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the sum of one hundred and ninety two dollars be, and is hereby appropriated to meet the provisions of the first section of this act.

E. W. MOISE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
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Approved 13th March, 1850.
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CHARLES GAYARRE,
Secretary of State.

(No. 107.)
AN ACT

To authorise the Police Jury of the Parish of Carroll, to levy a Levee Tax.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Police Jury of the parish of Carroll shall have full power and authority at the regular meeting in the month of January next, and annually, to hold an election in said parish, for the purpose of levying a tax upon such property and persons as may be protected and benefitted by said levees, and in such proportions as such persons and property may be benefitted by said Levees: And provided further, That such taxes shall never exceed the State tax in amount.

E. W. MOISE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
J. B. PLAUCHE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved Mar 13, 1850.
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CHARLES GAYARRE,
Secretary of State.

(No. 108.)
AN ACT

Relative to the establishment of a Branch of the Louisiana State Bank at Baton Rouge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby instructed to make a survey of that portion of the Bayou Lafourche, between Donaldsonville and Thibodaux, and to report what it will cost to make a Levee and Road-bed sufficient for the same, and what would be the public utility of said work.

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(No. 110.)
AN ACT

Granting powers and privileges to any number of persons who shall form themselves into a corporation, for the purpose of opening and constructing a Turnpike Plank Road from the town of Shreveport, through Greenwood, in the parish of Caddo, to the Texas line.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That if any number of persons shall hereafter associate with all the provisions of an act entitled An act to provide for the organization of corporations in this State approved the 16th of March, 1846, and form themselves into a corporation, for the purpose of opening and constructing a turnpike plank road from the town of Shreveport, through or near the town of Greenwood, in the parish of Caddo, to the line of the State of Texas. The said corporation shall, for the term of twenty years from the date of the decree of the Judge of the District Court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of the State of Louisiana, (which decree may be rendered in chambers) confirming such act of incorporation, have the exclusive power and privilege of constructing a turnpike road on the said route within the limits and boundaries aforesaid, and erect such number of toll-gates as shall be specified in said act, allowed in the charter, and to charge such toll and passage money as may be determined on by the corporation: Provided, That the said surplus on plank road shall not be charge higher than the following rates, viz: For every coman, one cent per mile; for man and horse, two cents per mile; for sulkey, chair, gig or one horse, two cents per mile; for hogs, sheep or calf contained in any drove, one cent per mile; for each additional head, one cent per mile; for wheel vehicles, for each wheel, one cent per mile, and an additional one cent per mile for every one thousand pounds over five thousand: And provided further, That no toll shall be demanded from any one going to or returning from military duty or elections, or to and from court, as a juror, or from any one travelling on the business of the State, or General Government.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That if, in the opening and constructing of the said road it shall, in the opinion of the said corporation, become necessary to depart from the present road running from Shreveport, through Greenwood, to the Texas line, the said corporation shall have the right and power to run the road over and upon such land as the corporation may select, and the corporation shall pay such damages to the owner of the land selected, as shall be assessed according to law.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted &c.*, That it shall be the duty of the said Corporation to finish and complete the said Road according to the provisions

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win Lyon, and terminating at the point designated on Nelson's Bayou, shall be, and they are hereby created and made a corporation, and body politic, with perpetual succession, by the name and style of the town of Bayou Sara.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said corporation shall have and exercise within the limits aforesaid, all the privileges and immunities granted by this act, and shall cease and become forfeited, if the Rail Road herein directed, &c. That no Parish Road shall be opened and constructed for the public use, from the said Bayou Sara, to the distance within two miles of the same; provided the Police Jury of the Parish of — do not by regular session shall sanction the same.

E. WARREN MOISE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
J. B. PLAUCHE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved, March 13th, 1850.
JOSEPH WALKER,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
Certified to be a true copy from the original.
CHARLES GAYARRE,
Secretary of State.

(No. 111.)
AN ACT

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the said assessors shall, on the same days as the assessors of State taxes and their re-deficiency, assess all the property of the said tax-payers within the limits of said town, and shall make out a list of the same, with the names of the owners thereof, and the value of each piece of property, and shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Board, by the Secretary all business transactions and contracts on behalf of the town of Abbeville, shall be made by the Mayor, in his official character, being duly authorized thereto by a majority of the Board, and he shall be ex-officio Justice of the Peace, with concurrent jurisdiction only within the limits of said town, and it shall be his duty there to take notice of and suppress riots, route, unlawful assemblages, affrays, tumults, disorderly conduct and breaches of the peace in all cases within the limits of said town, in the same way that any Justice of the Peace could or might do.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the Police Jury of the parish of Vermillion shall have power to levy a tax not exceeding one per cent per annum on the assessed value of property, for the purpose of opening and constructing a Turnpike Plank Road from the town of Shreveport, through Greenwood, in the parish of Caddo, to the Texas line.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the Police Jury of the parish of Vermillion shall have power to appoint such number of Commissioners as they may deem necessary, to lay out and open said Plank Road, and to appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of all the proceedings of said meetings, and to make public notifications by posting them up in two or more places, in the parish of Vermillion, or to see the same published in any newspaper that may be printed in said parish.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That after the first meeting, all official acts shall have been created by the Mayor and Council of said town, shall be elected at the same time and on the same day, and in the same place as the election for members of said town, as well in regard to the establishing, keeping in order and improving of streets, squares, alleys, and roads, and in regard to public places, as in referenceto nuisance, to the police of slaves, grog-shops, billiard tables, public houses, shows, and all other matters of a like character whatsoever, that may concern the public and good management of said town and shall have power to levy and collect taxes, not to exceed one per cent on the assessed value of property, persons, and things subject to taxation situated within said town, and collect the same by distress and sale, and to impose a tax on property exceeding what would be levied at the ratio aforesaid, and to appropriate the proceeds of said taxes to the improvement of said town of Bayou Sara, provided no collection shall be made for the purposes aforesaid, and after the passage of this act, the powers of the Police Jury of the Parish of West Feliciana, shall cease and determine in the limits of the corporation of Bayou Sara, and the Mayor and Council of said town shall have and exercise within the limits of said corporation all the powers which are herein granted to the Mayor and Council of the town of Bayou Sara, provided that the taxes which shall be paid into the Treasury of said town for the year 1850 under the act of incorporation, shall be refunded to the persons who paid the same out of the Treasury of said town.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have a majority of all the members concurring, to say one or a yearly tax on all property, slaves, goods, merchandize and buildings, such as halls, taverns, grog-shops, retail stores, commission merchants, public houses, and also upon all public days, carts, drays, wagons, and also to lay and collect such other taxes within the limits of said town, the imposition and collection of which may not be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State, for such purposes as the Mayor and Council may deem necessary, observing however, equality in the same manner as the parish taxes are collected.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have power to appoint such officers as they may deem necessary, to assess such taxes as they may impose and levy, and to collect the same, and the said Mayor and Council, are charged to impose taxes, and the duty of assessors and collectors shall be performed with the same accuracy and fidelity as that of the assessors and collectors of the parish of West Feliciana, and all real and other property in said town, subject to taxation, shall be assessed at its fair cash value, and the said Mayor and Council shall have power to remove any of the officers for any particular delinquency, and to appoint others in their stead, and the said Mayor and Council shall be paid out of the funds of said town for the first year to be elected at the same time and in the same manner as other officers of the town are elected.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the said Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have power to make such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of said town, as they may deem necessary, and to impose fines, penalties and forfeitures for any breach of the same, not exceeding fifty dollars, and to collect the same by suit before any Justice of the Peace, or other competent tribunal, and to levy and collect taxes within the limits of said town, not exceeding one per cent on the assessed value of property, and to appoint such officers as they may think necessary for the good government of said town, and to prescribe their duties, and to require from all persons elected or appointed to office, such bonds and securities as they may think proper, and to remove them at any time for just cause of failing to do their duty.

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted &c.* That the Mayor and Council, shall, for the first year, have power to appoint such number of Commissioners as they may deem necessary, to lay out and open said Plank Road, and to appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of all the proceedings of said meetings, and to make public notifications by posting them up in two or more places, in the parish of Vermillion, or to see the same published in any newspaper that may be printed in said parish.

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SEC. 17. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

E. WARREN MOISE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
J. B. PLAUCHE,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
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