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Journal of the Senate.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 1850.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker laid before the House, a memorial from Stone Road.

The same was referred to the Committee on Claims—Mr. Lawrence.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a memorial from the Academy Romaine.

The same on the motion, referred to the Committee on the same.

Leave of absence on account of sickness, was granted to Messrs. Haynes, Lewis, Hardy, and Cisco.

The following gentlemen introduced the following petitions, which were referred to appropriate Committees:

Mr. Greenwood—Petition from A. Richard, for an appropriation for a new Registry Record.

Mr. Deverges—Petition from Theard & Nicomede, asking for relief.

Mr. Laville—Petition from V. Barthe, asking for relief.

Mr. Blake offered the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That we hail with a spirit of enthusiasm, the noble efforts in which Philip B. White, Esq., the apostle of Temperance, has in his untiring devotion to the temperance cause advanced the moral reform of society.

Resolved, That we hail with a spirit of high commendation, the services which have influenced him in engaging in this noble cause of by movements, that intemperance when viewed in its proper light, is a moral evil, the demoralizing and dangerous influence which threatens our political and social organization.

Resolved, That as a mark of the high respect and esteem which we entertain for his usefulness, and his high order of talents, and for the manner in which he has, (influenced by a spirit of philanthropy,) so nobly devoted his able services to the advancement and prosperity of the Temperance reform, we hereby tender him our cordial approbation, and our high regard and esteem for his manifested exertions in its behalf.

Resolved, That said White be invited to a seat within the bar of this house, during his stay at the Capital.

On motion of Mr. Wilder, the above resolutions were laid on the table.

Mr. Marcy—*Be it Resolved, &c.*, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, be and they are hereby requested to use their best efforts to procure the passage of an act by Congress to extend the port of New Orleans, so as to embrace the whole parish of Orleans on both sides of the Mississippi River.

Be it further Resolved, &c., That the Governor of this State, forward a copy of the above Resolution to each Senator and each Representative in Congress from this State.

The above resolutions under the rule, lies over.

Mr. Lane—*Resolved*, That three members of the Committee appointed to examine the affairs of the General Sinking Fund of New Orleans, have leave of absence for the space of four days, in order to proceed to New Orleans, and examine into said fund, and have power to employ an accountant if they deem it proper.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Scarborough—*Be it Resolved, &c.*, That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby directed and required to make a Levee across the Bayou Manchac De Loame, in the parish of Ouachita, the Levee to be made within one hundred and fifty yards of the mouth of said Bayou.

The same was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

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

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Education be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of so amending the act entitled "An act establishing free public schools throughout the State," so as to dispense with the services of Parish Superintendents, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Winfree—*Resolved, &c.*, That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby instructed to refer forthwith to New River with one State boat and detachment of hands, and remove the obstructions in, and improve the navigation of the same, in accordance with resolution No. 47 of the last session.

The same was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. St. Martin—*Resolved*, that the Committee on Internal Improvements be requested to inquire into the expediency of opening Bayou Manchac, and to report to the House by bill or otherwise.

On motion, the same was adopted, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

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

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to procure a sufficient number of the Daily Reporter, for the members of the House during the session.

Mr. Hamble offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee upon unfinished business of the House be, and they are instructed to ascertain whether or not there is a Militia Law among the unfinished business, and report to the House as soon as convenient.

Mr. Bevis—*Be it Resolved, &c.*, That the State Engineer be instructed and required to employ the State boat of the second District Improvement District, in cleaning out and removing all obstructions to the navigation of Joe's Bayou, in the Parish of Madison, from the mouth of said Bayou to the Mississippi River, and that said work be done in lieu and instead of the work authorized and required to be done on Roundaway Bayou, by a resolution of the Legislature, approved March 16, 1848.

The same were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. Fleming on behalf of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of James Cage, reported by bill, under the following title:

An act for the relief of James Cage,

Which bill underwent a first reading.

The same gentleman, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Collier, reported by a bill, under the following title:

An act authorizing Samuel Collier to adopt David Donnelly.

The same gentleman, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Townsend, free woman of color, reported by bill, under the following title:

An act to authorize Frances Townsend, f. w. c., and her minor children to reside in this State.

The same member, to whom was referred the memorial of M. Richard and Julian Moche, reported the same back to the House, and asked its reference to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion, the said report was adopted.

The same member, on behalf of the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Stephen W. Moore, reported, by a bill, under the following title:

An act to change the name of Stephen W. Moore to Stephen Moore Westmoore.

Mr. Watts, on behalf of the Committee on Public Education, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the parishes of Iberville and Ascension, submitted the following report and bill:

"By article 123 of the Constitution, corporations shall not be created in this State by special laws, except for municipal or political purposes; an amendment, however, to a charter previously in existence does not, in the opinion of the Committee, come within the constitutional injunction. They, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill as prayed for in the memorial entitled An act to incorporate the Louisiana Institute for the Instruction of Youth.

On motion, said report was adopted.

Mr. Leroy, on behalf of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of certain inhabitants of the city of Lafayette, reported, by a bill, under the following title:

An act to authorize the city of Lafayette to contract for and negotiate a loan or loans of money, for the purpose of extinguishing the present liabilities of said city, and providing the means of redeeming such loans.

Mr. Fleming, on behalf of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the bill to change the name of Valery Rabelais to John Valery Rabenie, reported the same back to the House, without amendments.

Mr. Preston, on behalf of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Administrators of the University, reported that the subject was one of such deep importance that they would ask to have 300 copies of the same printed.

On motion, said report was adopted.

The following gentlemen gave notice that at some future day they would introduce the following Bills:

Mr. Marks—An act exempting certain citizens of West Feliciana from taxation for the year 1849.

Mr. Scarborough—An act to create a Levee District in the Parish of Ouachita.

Mr. White—An act entitled An act to fix the salaries of the Mayor and other officers of the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Preston—An act to regulate the Inspection and Gauging of Lumber and Shingles in the cities of New Orleans and Lafayette.

Mr. Preston—An act to enable Henry Mercer and wife to relinquish dower.

Mr. Wilder—An act relative to Parish Recorders.

Mr. Barthe—An act to amend the laws regulating the duties of the Recorders of Mortgages and Conveyances of the several parishes of Louisiana.

Mr. Sigwerth—An act for the Relief of Augustin Cleary and James Gay, the legitimate children of the late Mary Dorothea Cleary.

Mr. Divergès—An act defining the mode of publication of Judicial Notices for the Parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines.

An act for the Relief of A. Milaud, a veteran of 1814 and '15.

An act granting certain privileges to Dr. Samuel Gallard.

By a message from the Senate through their Assistant Secretary, St. Celestin Dede, that the Senate had passed the House bill entitled the Act. T. C. Byron Resident pro tem.

By the same message the concurring Bills and Resolutions.

At 12 M. during the days of holding Courts in the Parish of Orleans, Judge Christmas to appoint one of the Constables of the Parish to attend on the Court, and to receive for his services the sum of three dollars per day, to be paid out of the Parish Treasury.

Mr. Dufour presented a petition from Madam Parent, asking the use of the State House in New Orleans, for the use of her Young Ladies Seminary—Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Phillips moved the raising of a Committee on Parochial Affairs. He remarked that there was a great deal contained which would appropriately fall in the charge of such a committee. In the other House, a similar committee had been raised and performed efficient duties. The present business pressed on the Senate was to such matters, requiring the affairs of parishes as a special committee, they would accomplish more expeditiously and not more judiciously on such subjects.

Mr. Phillips motion prevailed, and the President appointed Messrs. Phillips, Tabeau and Cade the committee.

Mr. Day introduced 4 resolutions instructing the Committee on Internal Improvements to bring in a bill for making a road across the Mississippi Swamp in Iberville.

Mr. Clark offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed with the Journals, and a copy of the Journals and debates be furnished at the office of the Clerk of the District Court in each of the parishes of the State.

Mr. Ray proposed that two copies be furnished—Referred without a word because the amount, as but 150 people were anxious to know what legislation connected them closely. It was probable that the Journals would be of more than usual interest, and should be sold to the people, and the deficiency thereby made up—Adopted.

Mr. Dufour moved the above resolution, by adding "and a copy to each member of the present."

Mr. Bonny opposed the adoption of the debates, and the adding was the important part of the amendment. It was his impression that four copies were sufficient for each member, and that the debates would be of such enormous dimensions as to be unwieldy. The Journals would not only show the course of members, but would contain all the messages, &c. &c. The Journals would likewise not probably have the two many pages, the balance would good would result from it, and he moved an adjournment should be raised up the amendment.

Mr. Dufour said, he considered it of great importance that the debates should be completed with all the care of their representatives, and the reasons that may have influenced them. The more light we could throw upon the subject the better.

Mr. Gardere moved that a copy of the journals, with the debates, be furnished to the Press—Adopted.

Mr. Wyckoff said that before retiring the question, he thought there should be no delay. He was in favor of the amendment, and the adding to the number of copies of the debates, because in favor of the publication of the debates, because in favor of the publication of the debates, because in favor of the publication