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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE.—FIRST SESSION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th, 1843.

The house met agreeably to adjournment.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, and Mr. Ratliff on behalf of the Committee on Claims, to whom had been referred the Memorials of Zenon Trudeau and John Martin, praying for certain relief, reported unfavorably to the same, and prayed to be discharged from any further consideration of said subject.

On motion, the house took up said report, which was adopted.

The rules having been dispensed with, Mr. Wadsworth, in behalf of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of M. J. Garcia, Sheriff of the Parish of Jefferson, praying for relief, reported by a bill, entitled:

An act for the relief of M. J. Garcia, Sheriff of the parish of Jefferson; which was read for the first time, and the rules having been dispensed with for a second reading, on motion, the house went into a committee of the whole for the consideration of the same. Mr. Clark being called to the chair; after some time the committee rose, and the chairman, Mr. Clark, reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration, and had adopted the same.

On the motion to adopt said report, Mr. Ratliff called for the ayes and nays, when it appeared that, *Messrs.* Benjamin, Briant, Bienvenu, Boudousquié, Bordelon, Claiborne, Guilbeau, Heath, Hunt, McNeil, Musson, Ogden, Rogers, Voorhies, Wadsworth, and Wilson, had voted in the affirmative—16 ayes; and that *Messrs.* Blanchard, Chiz, Coffee, Courvillion, Edwards, Fluker, Howell, King, Morgan, Nicholls, Newport, O'Bryan, Orr, Ratliff, Selby, and Winchester, had voted in the negative—16 nays. The votes being equally divided, the Speaker voted in the affirmative. Said report was consequently adopted.

On motion, said bill was ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the house the Memorial of the Washington Batallion, praying for the passage of a law, amending the act of 19th March, 1842, relative to the organization and discipline of the Militia.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with; and Mr. Benjamin, on behalf of the Committee of Conference, appointed on the disagreement of the house to the bill, entitled:

An act to divide the State in four congressional districts.

Submitted the following report:—

The majority of Committee of Conference on the disagreement of both Houses to the first and second sections of the bill to divide the State into Congressional Districts, recommend the following:

The First District shall be composed of Municipality No. one, and Municipality No. three, of New Orleans; the suburb Triene, and the Parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines.

The Second District shall be composed of Municipality No. two of New Orleans, of that part of the Parish of Orleans situated on the right bank of the River Mississippi, and of the Parishes of Jefferson, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, Interior and Terrebonne.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, &c., That in all elections for Members of Congress hereafter to be held, that part of the Parish of Orleans situated on the right bank of the River Mississippi shall deposite its votes for Representatives to Congress in a separate box.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) E. SPARROW, Of the Senate.
J. P. BENJAMIN, Of the House.

On motion, the house took up said report, which was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof, and to request their concurrence to said report.

On motion, prayer was granted to Messrs. Benjamin and others, to enter in the Journal their protest against the final passage of the bill, entitled:

An act regulating the inspection of Tobacco, in hogsheads and in casks.

The undersigned who have recorded their votes against the bill entitled: An act regulating the inspection of tobacco in hogsheads and casks, beg leave to enter this their protest on the journals of the House against the final passage of said act.

1st. By said act an unjust and odious monopoly is established whereby none but persons possessed of large capital can embark in a business which should be open to the free competition of all.

2d. Because the undersigned perceive in said act an open and a direct infringement of that clause of the Constitution of the United States which prohibits any State from levying any duties or imposts on imports or exports. By the bill as it has passed the House each owner of a hogshead of tobacco is compelled under penalty to store it in a warehouse licensed by the State, he is then compelled to pay a price fixed by the State to the storekeeper, and from this storage the storekeeper is to pay a certain price per hogshead to the State for the increase of its revenue. The undersigned cannot perceive in this, any thing but an indirect duty levied on the import of every hoghead of tobacco into this State.

They therefore pray the house that this their protest be entered on its journal.

F. W. BREWER.
PIERRE COUVILLION.
C. H. BLANCHARD.
JOHN V. HEATH.
CYRUS RATLIFF.
D. F. ORR.
BEN. WINCHESTER.
B. A. WILSON.
J. P. BENJAMIN.
W. B. STILLE.
MORGAN MORGAN.
D. J. FLUKER.
W. B. ROBERTSON.
D. O'BRYAN.
I.N. GUILBEAU.

By a message from the Senate, by Mr. Davis, their Secretary, the signature of the Speaker is requested to the following enrolled resolutions:

A resolution increasing the per diem of the Translators and Minute Clerks of both houses.

By the same message the House was informed that the Senate insisted in their amendments to the bill entitled:

An act for the relief of Augustus Heard and Chas. Lemaire.

By the same message the House was informed of the Senate's concurrence to the following resolution and bills:

A resolution voting the thanks of the State to the late State Treasurer, F. Gurder, for the able and efficient manner in which he has managed the finances of the State for the last fifteen years.

An act to amend the charter of the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company.

And, an act to amend an act entitled: An act relative to the compensation of jurors in the Parish of Avoyelles, and for other purposes, approved 8th March, 1841.

By another message the concurrence of the House is requested to the bill entitled:

An act to establish a ferry across lake No. 1, or Hudson's Bayou, in the Parish of Madison.

By another message the House was informed of the Senate's concurrence to the bill entitled:

An act to repeal an act entitled: An act to exempt the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Martin, Atakapas, from the obligation of complying with the provisions of the act entitled: An act to provide further and more effectually for the police of the public roads in this State, approved 18th March, 1822.

Mr. Voorhies on behalf of the Committee of Enrolment reported as duly enrolled the following bills and resolution from the House:

An act to create an Inspector for Flour, Beef, Pork, and for the City of Lafayette and Parish of Jefferson.

An act relative to Justices of the Peace in and for the Parish of Rapides.

An act to incorporate a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Town of Thibodeauxville in the Parish of Lafourche Interior; and for other purposes.

And a resolution relative to the necessary repairs to be made to the buildings belonging to the State, situated on Chartres, Jefferson and Levee streets.

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 bills and resolution from the Senate:

An act for the relief of W. & B. Voorhies.

An act to amend An act to renew certain pensions; and a

Resolution increasing the per diem of the Translators and Minute Clerks of both Houses.

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

On motion of Mr. Newport, the rules were dispensed with, and the House took up for a second reading the bill from the Senate entitled:

An act for the relief of H. W. Fowler, of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, and B. V. Cotter, Sheriff of Natchitoches;

Which had been reported by the Committee on Claims, with amendments.

The Several sections having been adopted, on motion, the rules were dispensed with for a third reading. On motion ordered that said bill do pass as amended, and retain its title.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence in said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Bordelon, the rules were dispensed with, and the House took up the amendments of the Senate to the bill entitled:

An act to improve Bayou Boeuf and to provide for the maintenance of the same.

On motion, the House concurred in said amendments. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Brashear in behalf the Joint Committee appointed to cancel and assort the bonds of the State issued in favor of Municipality No. One, submitted the following report:

The undersigned members of the committee appointed by the Legislature to cancel and assort the State bonds issued to the Municipality No. One," under an act entitled "An act authorizing an emission of bonds of the State to the city of New Orleans," approved March 15th, 1839, which bonds have been returned by said Municipality, do hereby certify that they have counted said bonds, 1250 in number, from No. 1 to 1250 (twelve hundred and fifty) amounting to the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (as per above statement at the time of their delivery) each of those bonds having thereto attached interest coupons not yet matured, and that they have been by us committed to the flames in presence of his Excellency A Moulton, Governor of the State, and Honorable R. C. Nicholas, Secretary of State; and we further certify that the interest coupons which have been paid by the said Municipality No. One, have also been destroyed by burning, in presence of his Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Secretary of State.

STATE TREASURY, 5th April, 1843.

(Signed) A. G. CARTER,
Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate.
(Signed) WALTER BRASHEAR,
Chairman on behalf of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) B. F. VOORHIES,
A. BOUDOUSQUIE,
W. C. C. CLAIBORNE,
WM. B. ROBERTSON,
A. MOUTON,
R. C. NICHOLAS.

A true copy.
WM. DEBUYS, State Treasurer.

The same member, in behalf of the special committee to whom had been referred the bill entitled:

An act amendatory of an act entitled an act to increase the revenue of the State of Louisiana, approved 26th March, 1842, and for other purposes,

Reported the same with amendments.

On motion, the reconsideration of the same was postponed until the order of the day.

The House took up the bill from the Senate entitled:

An act relative to American State papers on the public domain, and other books belonging to the State;

Which was read for the second time, and adopted with amendments.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, and said bill was taken up and read for a third time by the title only.

On motion, ordered that said bill do pass as amended under the following title:

An act relative to American State papers on the public domain, and other books relative to public lands.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof, and to request their concurrence to said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ratliff, another member was appointed on the contingent expense committee in lieu of Chas. Aubert—absent by sickness for the balance of the session.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Culbertson on said committee.

By a message from the Governor, by Mr. Ledoux, his private Secretary, the House was informed that the Governor had approved and signed the following bills and resolutions, on the first of April, 1843.

An act to incorporate the Louisiana Medico Chirurgical Society.

An act to authorise the removal of the person and property of certain minors to the State of Mississippi.

An act to authorise the people of the Parish of Calcasieu to select the seat of justice for said Parish, and to remove the Court-house, Jail, and other public buildings therein.

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

An act to authorize the Register of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Jefferson to appoint a deputy.

An act relative to depositions of witnesses in certain cases.

A resolution instructing the Superintendent of Internal Improvements to order on the Bayou Vermillion one of the boats belonging to the State, and a sufficient number of hands to remove all obstructions, and for other purposes.

An act to erect and establish the Parish of De Soto, and for other purposes.

By a message from the Senate by Mr. Davis, their Secretary, the House was informed that the President of the Senate had signed the following bills and resolutions:

An act to exempt the organ of St. Patrick's Church from seizure for the debts of the corporation of said church.

An act to authorize the Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of Orleans and the Recorders of Mortgages for the several other Parishes of this State to cancel certain mortgages.

An act to authorize the payment of certain sums of money to the persons therein named; and a

Resolution authorizing the annulling of the bond and mortgage executed by Francois Gardère, late State Treasurer, for securing the faithful performance of his duties as such.

Mr. Voorhies, on behalf of the Committee of Enrolment, reported that he had this day submitted for the approval and sanction of the Governor the foregoing bills and resolution.

By the same message, the signature of the Speaker is requested to the bill entitled:

An act to create two additional election precincts in the Parish of De Soto.

By the same message, the House was informed of the Senate's concurrence to the following bill:

An act granting to R. N. Wood and Th's. Cochran the privilege of keeping a ferry across the river Tensas, and for other purposes; and also of the Senate's concurrence with amendments to the resolution ordering the distribution among the Parishes of this State of the printed copies of the sixth census furnished by the General Government of the United States to the State of Louisiana; the concurrence of the House is requested to said amendments.

By the same message, the concurrence of the House is requested to the bills entitled:

An act to provide a seat of justice for the Parish of Tensas; and,

An act to provide for the extinguishment of the public debt.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the House took up the bill from the Senate entitled:

An act to amend the act entitled: An act to provide for the liquidation of Banks, approved 14th March, 1842;

Which had passed, and the vote on its final passage reconsidered on the 31st March, 1843, and carried, and said bill having been taken up, was laid on the table subject to the call of the House.

During the discussion, Mr. Brewer moved to lay said bill on the table indefinitely;

On said motion Mr. Benjamin called for the yeas and nays, when it appeared that

Messrs. Blanchard, Bordelon, Brewer, Chiz, Couvillion, Culbertson, Delassus, Fluker, Guilbeau, Howell, Morgan, Musson, O Bryan, Rogers and Wilson had voted in the affirmative—15 yeas. And that

Messrs. Benjamin, Briant, Bienvenu, Brashear, Clark, Coffee, Edwards, Foley, Gaudet, Heath, Hunt, McNeil, Nichols, Newport, Ogden, Orr, Philips, Ratliff, Robertson, Stille, Voorhies and Winchester had voted in the negative—22 nays.

Said motion was consequently lost.

Mr. Hunt then moved the final passage of the bill.

On said motion, Mr. Brewer called for the yeas and nays, when it appeared that

Messrs. Benjamin, Briant, Bordelon, Brashear, Clark, Edwards, Foley, Gaudet, Heath, Hunt, McNeil, Morgan, Nichols, Newport, Ogden, Orr, Philips, Robertson, Stille, Voorhies and Winchester had voted in the affirmative—21 yeas. And that

Messrs. Blanchard, Brewer, Chiz, Coffee, Couvillion, Culbertson, Delassus, Farmer, Fluker, Guilbeau, Howell, Musson, O'Bryan, Ratliff, Rodgers and Wilson, had voted in the negative—16 nays.

Said motion having prevailed—on motion, ordered that said bill do pass as amended and retain its title.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof and request their concurrence in the amendments of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ratliff, the rules were dispensed with, and the House took up for a third reading the bill from the Senate entitled:

An act for preventing trespasses.

Mr. Ratliff having obtained the dispensation of the rules, offered an amendment, which was adopted.

On motion, ordered that said bill do pass as amended and retain its title.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof and request their concurrence to said amendment.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The House took up the bill entitled:

An act amendatory of an act entitled: An act to increase the revenue of the State of Louisiana, approved 26th March, 1842, and for other purposes;

Which had been reported this morning with amendments by a select committee, the consideration of the same having been postponed to the order of the day for this day.

During the discussion of the second section, which reads thus:

Sect. 2. Be it, &c., That the taxes now imposed by existing laws of this State, shall be increased by adding thereto, for the year 1843, twenty-five per centum: provided that nothing in this section shall effect the tax on auction sales as regulated in the first section of this act.

Mr. Clark offered the following proviso to said section:

Provided: That the State tax on lands in the Parish of West Baton Rouge shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.

And, on the adoption of said proviso, called for the ayes and nays, when it appeared that *Messrs.* Clark, Fluker, O'Bryan and Orr, had voted in the affirmative, 4 ayes. And that, *Messrs.* Benjamin, Briant, Bienvenu, Bordelon, Brashear, Brewer, Chiz, Coffee, Couvillion, Culbertson, Delassus, Edwards, Farmer, Foley, Fluker, Gaudet, Guilbeau, Heath, Hunt, McNeil, Morgan, Musson, Nicholls, Newport, Ogden, Orr, Philips, Ratliff, Rodgers, Voorhies, Wilson and Winchester, had voted in the negative—24 nays.

Said proviso was consequently lost.

Mr. Clark then moved the following proviso to said second section: Provided that no addition shall be made in the present tax on lands in the Parish of West Baton Rouge.

Both said proviso amendments were under discussion, when the previous question was called for, which previous question recurred on the adoption of said second section.

On the adoption of said section, the ayes and nays were then called for, when it appeared that *Messrs.* Benjamin, Briant, Bienvenu, Bordelon, Brashear, Brewer, Coffee, Couvillion, Culbertson, Delassus, Edwards, Foley, Heath, Hunt, McNeil, Nicholls, Ogden, Orr, Philips, Wadsworth and Winchester, voted in the affirmative—19 yeas; and that *Messrs.* Chiz, Clark, Edwards, Farmer, Fluker, Gaudet, Guilbeau, Howell, Morgan, O'Bryan, Ratliff, Robertson, Rogers, Voorhies and Wilson had voted in the negative—16 nays.

Said section was consequently adopted.

During the discussion of the third section, as amended, on motion, the House adjourned to this evening, at 5 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 5TH, 1843.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

The Speaker appointed the following members on the committee to examine the different colleges of the State:

College of Baton Rouge, *Messrs.* Robertson and Morgan.

College of Jefferson, Messrs. Claiborne and Nicholls.

College of Franklin, *Messrs.* Bordelon and O'Bryan.

College of Louisiana, *Messrs.* Fluker and Howell.

Mr. Benjamin having obtained the dispensation of the rules, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of three members of this House be appointed, whose duty it shall be during the recess of this Legislature, to examine minutely the expenses in each department of the State Government, and suggest such measures as to them may seem advisable for diminishing said expenses, and to submit a printed report within the first week of the next session.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Benjamin, Ogden and Musson on said committee.

The same member having obtained the dispensation of the rules, offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, &c., That the State Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to correspond with the Treasurers of the several States of the Union, and to obtain and prepare a statement of the sources and manner of collecting the revenue in each State, and to cause to be printed his report thereof, together with such suggestions as he may deem useful in relation to augmenting the revenue of the State, and to make said report within the first week of the next session of the Legislature;

Which was read for the first time, and the rules having been dispensed with, underwent a second reading and was adopted.

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

Mr. Winchester having obtained the dispensation of the rules, offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That there be appointed a joint committee of two members of the House of Representatives and —— members of the Senate, whose duty it shall be, jointly with the Secretary of State, to negociate with the Bank of Louisiana, and the Union Bank of Louisiana, for the sale of the interest of the State in those institutions, and with the City Bank of New Orleans for the settlement or purchase of the bonds of the State held by it, and to report during the first week of the next session;

Which was read for the first time, and the rules having been dispensed with, underwent a second reading and was adopted.

On motion, the clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Messrs. Winchester and Boudousquié having been appointed on behalf of the House on said committee.

On motion of Mr. Winchester the rules were dispensed with, and the House took up the amendments of the Senate to the bill entitled:

An act to reduce the number of assessors in the several parishes of this State.

On motion, the House concurred in their amendment.

The clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

On motion, the rules were again dispensed with, and the House took up the amendments of the Senate to the bill entitled:

An act to change the mode of holding elections in the Parish of St. James, and for other purposes.

On motion, the House concurred in said amendments.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

On the motion to dispense the rules to take up a bill from the Senate entitled:

An act to remove the Seat of Government to Baton Rouge,

The yeas and nays were called for, when it appeared that

Messrs. Brewer, Chiz, Clark, Coffee, Fulsey, Fluker, Heath, Howell, Morgan, Nicholls, Newport, O'Bryan, Orr, Ratliff, Wadsworth and Wilson, had voted in the affirmative—16 yeas. And that

Messrs. Allen, Benjamin, Briant, Boudousquié, Bordelon, Brashear, Bron, Couvillion, Culbertson, Delassus, Edwards, Gaudet, Guilbeau, Hunt, McNeil, Musson, Robertson, Rodgers, Stille, Voorhies and Winchester had voted in the negative—21 nays.

Said motion was consequently lost.

On motion, the House went into a committee of the whole, on the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled:

An act relative to the fees of Clerks of Courts, and Mr. Edwards being called to the chair; after some time the committee rose, and the chairman, Mr. Edwards, reported that the committee had had said section under consideration, and had adopted the same.

On motion, said report was adopted.

On motion, said bill was ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, and the House took up the bill from the Senate, entitled:

An act relative to Probate advertisements, by the Parish Judge of Avoyelles;

Which was read for the first time; and the rules having been dispensed with, said bill was taken up and read a second time and adopted.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, and the Section was read a third time by the title only.

On motion, ordered, that said bill do pass and retain its title.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, the rules were dispensed with, and the same member introduced, without previous notice, the bill, entitled:

An act to provide for the filling of vacancies that have occurred or may occur in the Senate and House of Representatives;

Which was read for the first time; and the rules having been dispensed with, underwent a second reading, and was adopted.

The rules were again dispensed with for a third reading.

On motion, ordered, that said bill do pass, and retain its title.

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

On motion of Mr. Wadsworth, the rules were dispensed with, and the house took up, for a third reading, the bill, entitled:

An act for the relief of M. J. Garcia, Sheriff of the parish of Jefferson.

On motion, ordered, that said bill do pass, and retain its title.

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

After some time the committee rose, and the chairman, Mr. Clark, reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration and had adopted the same.

The House took up said report, which was adopted.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with for a third reading.

On motion ordered that said bill do pass and retain its title.

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

On motion, the rules were dispensed with and the House took up the bill from the Senate entitled:

An act to amend an act entitled: An act for the organization and discipline of the Militia of the State of Louisiana, approved 19th March, 1842;

Which had been laid on the table subject to the call of the House, together with a substitute under the same title offered by Mr. Phillips.

During the discussion, on motion, said substitute was laid on the table indefinitely, and the House took up the Senate's bill.

The several sections of said bill having been adopted and the rules having been dispensed with for a third reading,

On motion, ordered that said bill do pass and retain its title.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with and the House took up the bill entitled:

An act to amend an act relative to the inspection of Beef and Pork, and for other purposes, approved 16th March, 1839;

Which was read for a second time, and the rules having been dispensed with, said bill was read a third time.

On motion, ordered that said bill do pass and retain its title.

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

Mr. Voorhies, in behalf of the Committee of Enrolment, reported as duly enrolled the following bills and resolutions from the House:

An act to repeal an act entitled: An act to exempt the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Martin, Attakapas, from the obligation of complying with the provisions of an act entitled: An act to provide further and more effectually for the police of the public roads in this State, approved 18th March, 1822.

An act to amend the charter of the New Orleans and Carrollton Rail Road Company.

An act to establish the Bank Code.

An act to establish a Court of Errors in Criminal matters, and for other purposes; and a

Resolution appointing the Representatives of each of the parishes of this State a committee to make an examination of the several offices of the State subject to a tax of 2 per cent, on the amount of their fees and emoluments, under the act "to increase the revenue of the State," approved 26th March, 1842, and to report thereon at the next annual meeting of the Legislature.

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

The same member, in behalf of the same committee, reported as duly enrolled the bill from the Senate entitled:

An act to create two additional election districts in the Parish of De Soto.

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

By a message from the Governor, by Mr. Ledoux, his Private Secretary, the House was informed that he had approved and signed, this day, the following bills and resolutions:

An act to facilitate the liquidation of the property belonging to the late firm of Sheldon & Marsh.

An act to change the mode of holding elections in the Parish of East Feliciana.

An act to create two additional Police Jury wards in the Parish of Assumption.

An act to incorporate the Louisiana Association of Veterans of eighteen hundred and fourteen and fifteen.

An act relative to the Penitentiary.

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

An act for the relief of H. Chalaire.

An act to increase the revenue of the State, to reduce the salaries of certain officers, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief Jean Jacques Babin, of the Parish of Lafourche Interior.

An act to incorporate the New Orleans Female Orphan Asylum.

An act granting to Sheldon ordering the State Engineer to examine a route for a road from Opelousas Court-house, to connect with the road leading from Bayou Grosse Tête to the Mississippi river.

An act to amend an act, entitled: An act to accord certain privileges to the town of Hamilton, approved March 7, 1833.

A resolution instructing the State Engineer to employ the colored convicts in completing the road from Baton Rouge to Clinton.

A resolution directing the State Engineer to examine a route from Gordon's Landing on Red River, to determine whether it would be most proper to construct a causeway or a bridge.

An act for the relief of certain inhabitants of the Bayous Lafourche and Pierre Part.

An act to authorize the Register of Mortgages for the Parish of Orleans, and the Recorder of Mortgages in and for the several parishes of this State, to cancel certain mortgages.

An act to authorize the payment of certain sums of money to the persons therein named.

An act to exempt the organ of St. Patrick's Church from seizure for the debts of the corporation of said church.

An act relative to the draining of the lands in the rear of the city of New Orleans, between the river and Lake Pontchartrain.

By another message, the House was informed of the Senate's concurrence to the amendment of the House to the bill entitled:

An act for preventing trespasses.

By another message from the Senate the House was informed that the Senate persist in the rejection of the third section of the House to the Senate bill entitled:

An act to reduce the number of Assessors in the several parishes of this State, and had appointed a Committee of Conference—on said disagreement:

Messrs. Brewer and Hon having been appointed in behalf of the Senate.

On motion, the House took up said message, and concurred in the appointment of said Committee of Conference:

Messrs. Hunt, Wilson and Guilbeau were appointed on said Committee.

The Clerk was directed to inform the House thereof.

By another message, the House was informed that the President of the Senate had signed the following enrolled bills and resolutions:

An act relative to Justices of the Peace in and for the Parish of Rapides.

An act to create an Inspector for Flour, Beef and Pork in and for the city of Lafayette and Parish of Jefferson.

An act to incorporate a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Town of Thibodeauxville in the Parish of Lafourche Interior, and for other purposes; and a

Resolution relative to the necessary repairs to be made in the buildings belonging to the State.

Mr. Voorhies in behalf of the Committee of Enrolment, reported as having this day submitted to the approval and sanction of the Governor the foregoing bills and resolutions.

By a message from the House, the House was informed of the Senate's concurrence to the bill entitled:

An act for the relief of the Female Orphan Asylum situated in Camp street;

Which was read for the first time, and the rules having been dispensed with, said bill was taken up for a second reading.

On motion, the House went into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the same; Mr. Clark being called to the chair.

After some time the committee rose, and the chairman, Mr. Clark, reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration and had adopted the same.

The House took up said report, which was adopted.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with for a third reading.

On motion ordered that said bill do pass and retain its title.

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

On motion, the rules were dispensed with and the House took up the bill from the Senate entitled:

An act to amend an act entitled: An act for the organization and discipline of the Militia of the State of Louisiana, approved 19th March, 1842;

Which had been laid on the table subject to the call of the House, together with a substitute under the same title offered by Mr. Phillips.

During the discussion, on motion, said substitute was laid on the table indefinitely, and the House took up the Senate's bill.

The several sections of said bill having been adopted and the rules having been dispensed with for a third reading,

On motion, ordered that said bill do pass and retain its title.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with and the House took up the bill entitled:

An act to amend an act relative to the inspection of Beef and Pork, and for other purposes, approved 16th March, 1839;

Which was read for a second time, and the rules having been dispensed with, said bill was read a third time.

On motion, ordered that said bill do pass and retain its title.

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

Mr. Voorhies, in behalf of the Committee of Enrolment, reported as duly enrolled the following bills and resolutions from the House:

An act to repeal an act entitled: An act to exempt the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Martin, Attakapas, from the obligation of complying with the provisions of the act, entitled: An act to provide further and more effectually for the police of the public roads in this State, approved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty-two.

A resolution, appointing the Representatives of each Parish of this State, a Committee with full power and authority to make examination of the several offices of the State, upon whom a tax of two per cent. has been imposed under the act to increase the revenue of the State, and emoluments of office, and for other purposes.

An act to amend the charter of the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad Company.

A resolution, authorizing the Treasurer of the State, to contract with some competent builder or undertaker, for the entire repairs of the State buildings, situated in Charitres, Jefferson and Levee street.

An act to create an Inspector for flour, beef, and pork, in and for the City of Lafayette and Parish of Jefferson.

An act to amend the Black Code.

An act to incorporate the town of Markeville, in the Parish of Avoyelles.

An act to amend an act, entitled: An act, relative to the compensation of Jurors in the Parish of Avoyelles, and for other purposes, approved March eighteen hundred and forty-one.

An act for the relief of the Female Orphan Asylum, on Camp street.

A resolution, ordering the State Engineer, to make a report to the Legislature, at or near the commencement of the next session, upon the present system of drainage of the lands in the rear of the City of New Orleans, and for other purposes.

An act, granting to R. N. Wood and Thomas Cochrane, the right to keep a ferry across the river Tensas, and for other purposes.

An act, making the Clerk of the District Court of the Parish of Avoyelles, ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of said Parish.

An act for the relief of Ozemie Guilbeau.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled:

An act amendatory of An act entitled: An act to increase the revenue of the State of Louisiana, approved 26th March, 1842, and for other purposes; the third section as amended being under consideration when the House adjourned yesterday morning.

Mr. Musson moved to insert the sum of Attorneys-at-Law and Physicians from fifty dollars to [illegible] and on the adoption of said amendment called for the yeas and nays;

When it appeared that Messrs. Brewer, Delaporte, Musson, Rogers, had voted in the affirmative—4 ayes; and that

Messrs. Benjamin, Bienvenu, Blanchard, Bordonquié, Bordelon, Brashear, Bron, Clark, Couvillion, Coffee, Culbertson, Farmer, Fluker, Gaudet, Guilbeau, Heath, Howell, Hunt, McNeil, Nicholls, Newport, O'Bryan, Ogden, Orr, Philips, Ratliff, Robertson, Voorhies, Wadsworth and Wilson, had voted in the negative—30 nays.

Said motion was consequently lost.

On motion, said section was adopted as amended by Mr. Winchester inserting a tax of $25 dollars on every Practical Physician and Lawyer.

Mr. Ratliff having offered an additional section to be numbered section fourth, and which imposes Gambling Houses in New Orleans.

Mr. Brashear moved to lay the same on the table indefinitely, and called for the ayes and nays:

When it appeared that Messrs. Allen, Benjamin, Brashear, Clark, Edwards, Farmer, Fluker, Howell, Hunt, McNeil, O'Bryan, Ogden, Orr, Robertson, Wilson, had voted in the affirmative—16 ayes; and that

Messrs. Bienvenue, Boudousquié, Bordelon, Brewer, Bron, Coffee, Culbertson, Delassus, Gaudet, Guilbeau, Heath, Musson, Nicholls, Philips, Ratliff, Stille, Voorhies and Winchester had voted in the negative—16 nays; and that

Messrs. Allen, Benjamin, Blanchard, Brashear, Brewer, Clark, Edwards, Farmer, Fluker, Hunt, King, McNeil, Morgan, Nicholls, O'Bryan, Ogden, Orr, Robertson, Rogers, Stille and Wilson had voted in the affirmative—21 ayes.

Said section was consequently rejected.

Mr. Benjamin having offered several additional sections, which were adopted:

During the discussion of an additional section offered by Mr. Ratliff.

On motion, the House adjourned to this evening, at 5 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, 6TH OF APRIL, 1843.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with and the House took up the bill from the Senate entitled:

An act to authorize the building of an Armory and a Drill Room;

Which was read for the first time, and the rules having been dispensed with, said bill underwent a second and third reading and was adopted as amended.

The rules were again dispensed with for a third reading.

On motion, ordered that said bill do pass and retain its title.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments of the House.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with and Mr. Wadsworth offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the State of Louisiana, having learned that Geo. T. Dunbar is removed from the office of State Engineer, an office which he has filled for several years with fidelity and ability—In justice to said Dunbar, in order to shield him from any imputation against his reputation as an engineer and as a faithful public servant:

Be it Resolved, That this House of Representatives have the most full confidence in the ability of said Dunbar as an "Engineer skilled in the theory and practice of his profession," and the House tender to him their thanks for the service he has rendered the State.

Be it further resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit to said Dunbar the above resolution.

Mr. Brewer moved to insert in the resolution the thanks of this House to Messrs. C. Rouzine, late Attorney General, O. N. Ogden, late District Attorney of the Ninth District, Frederic Farrar, late District Attorney of the Ninth District and S. W. Stone, late Sheriff of the Parish of Catahoula, and D. Fox, late Sheriff of Claiborne, and to all other officers removed.

Mr Ogden moved to lay both the amendments and the resolution on the table.

On said motion Mr. Wadsworth called for the yeas and nays, when it appeared that

Messrs. Brewer, Chiz, Coffee, Couvillion, Farmer, Fluker, Gaudet, Guilbeau, Howell, King, Morgan, Newport, O'Bryan, Ratliff, Robertson, Rogers, Stille, and Wilson, had voted in the affirmative—14 ayes; and that Messrs. Allen, Benjamin, Bienvenu, Blanchard, Boudousquié, Bordelon, Brewer, Bron, Chiz, Claiborne, Culbertson, Delassus, Edwards, Foley, Gaudet, Heath, Hunt, McNeil, Musson, Nicholls, Ogden, Orr, Philips, Rogers, Voorhies and Wadsworth had voted in the negative—27 nays.

Said motion was consequently lost.

Mr. Wadsworth then moved to lay on the table the amendment of Mr. Brewer.

On said motion, Mr. Fluker called for the yeas and nays when it appeared that

Messrs. Allen, Benjamin, Briant, Bienvenu, Boudousquié, Bordelon, Bron, Claiborne, Clark, Culbertson, Delassus, Edwards, Farmer, Fluker, Hunt, King, McNeil, Morgan, Nicholls, O'Bryan, Ogden, Orr, Robertson, Rogers, Stille and Wilson had voted in the affirmative—21 ayes; and that

Messrs. Brewer, Chiz, Coffee, Couvillion, Foley, Gaudet, Heath, Howell, Musson, Newport, Philips, Ratliff, Voorhies, Wadsworth and Winchester had voted in the negative—17 nays.

Said motion was consequently adopted.

On motion the rules were dispensed with, and the House took up the amendments of the Senate to the bill entitled:

An act for the relief of A. Huard, and Chs. Lemaire.

On motion the House dissented from the amendments to the amendment of the Senate to said bill.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof.

On motion the rules were dispensed, and Mr. Philips on behalf of the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of G. T. Dunbar, late State Engineer, submitted the following report:

The undersigned members of a Joint Committee, appointed to examine the accounts of George T. Dunbar, Engineer of the State, after a careful examination of the accounts vouched by the same, report all cases leaving a national balance due by George T. Dunbar, of eighty dollars and ninty nine cents, receiving to him a credit of one hundred and eighty-seven dollars, twenty five cents, specific producing the receipt of a warrant issued in favor of H. Lemoine, cashier of the State Penitentiary.

P. W. PHILLIPS.
Chairman of the Committee of the House.
A. G. CARTER,
Chairman of the Senate.

On motion said report was adopted.

By a message from the Senate by Mr. Davis, their Secretary, the concurrence of the House is requested to a resolution appointing a Joint Committee to wait upon the Governor and to request if his Excellency has any further communication to make to the Legislature previous to their adjournment.

Messrs. Walker and Bernard having been appointed on behalf of the Senate.

By another message, the House was informed of the Senate's concurrence to a resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine into the condition of the different Colleges of the State.

The following members having been appointed in behalf of the House:

College of Franklin,	Mr. Duprée.	
" Baton Rouge,	Mr. Bernard.	
" Jefferson,	Mr. Hoa.	
" Louisiana,	Mr. Carter.	

Mr. Voorhies in behalf of the Committee of Enrolment, reported as duly enrolled the following resolution:

A resolution voting the thanks of the State to the late State Treasurer, F. Gardere, for the able and efficient manner in which he has managed the finances of the State for the last fifteen years.

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

By a message from the Senate, the House was informed that the President of the Senate had signed the enrolled bills and resolutions:

An act to incorporate the Town of St. Martinville.

Mr. Ratliff on behalf of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, reported that they had examined the Contingent Expenses of the late Governor, and had found all correct.

On motion said report was adopted.

On motion the rules were dispensed with, and the House took up the amendments of the Senate to the amendments of the House, to the bill entitled:

An act