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## LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA.

### Journal of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, Feb. 21, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. On the roll being called, a quorum was present.

On motion, it was ordered that the minutes of Feb. 1st be so corrected that the portion of them which reads as follows, to wit: Mr. Larue, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Sister Regis, reported unfavorably on said petition, be corrected so as to read as follows: Mr. Larue, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Managers of the Female Orphan Society, praying for the revival of the act of March 15, 1844, exempting all their property from taxation, reported that the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted, without a violation of the Constitution, but that the Committee recommended an annual donation, in addition to the usual one, equal to the amount of taxes collected on the property of the association.

On motion, the above memorial was recommitted to the Committee on Public Charity.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Board of Administrators of the University, on motion the same was referred to the Special Committee on the University.

The Speaker appointed on said Committee, to fill vacancies, Mr. Walker and Lamsden.

The following gentlemen introduced petitions:

Mr. Connelly, memorial of W. M. Mercer, of the Parish of Terrebonne—

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Winfield, memorial of J. B. Herbert, praying for relief—

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. George, petition of certain citizens of Caddo, asking for a charter for a Rail Road:

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The following gentlemen introduced the following resolution:

Mr. Blake, *Resolved, &c.*, That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby directed and instructed to cause the left bank of Grand River, from the Park to Bayou Pigeon, the same having been as per resolution approved March 16, 1848, surveyed, and the practicability and cost of the same having been reported on by the State Engineer.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Harry, *Resolved, &c.*, That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby instructed to order as soon as practicable, on Bayou Paisas House, and Partner Gindry in the Parish of St. Martin, a sufficient number of bonds as already ordered by resolution numbered 203 in the acts of 1848.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Cirnay, *Be it resolved, &c.*, That the State Engineer is hereby required to cause to be removed, the wreck of the steamboat Little Rock, lying in the Bayou Teche, below the town of Franklin, in the Parish of St. Mary.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Wilson, *Resolved*, That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby directed to furnish the House, as soon as practicable, with 500 additional copies in English, of the State Engineers Report.

On motion, the same was adopted.

Mr. Maley, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of purchasing a blank number of copies of Louisiana Reports, on the adoption of the federal constitution, and also blank number of copies of Madison papers for the Library of the State.

On motion, the same was adopted.

Mr. Jackson, *Resolved*, By the House, that the usual sum of twenty cents per mile, be, and the same is hereby allowed to each of the members of the Committee appointed to examine into the several Institutions in the State, the same to be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the House.

On motion, the same was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Larue, the House took up for a second reading, bill entitled, an act to make an appropriation for the salaries of the officers of the State, from 1st of January to 21st March, 1850:

The same being read, the House formed itself into a Committee of the Whole to the consideration of said bill, Mr. Mouse in the chair. After some time, the Committee rose and reported the same back, with amendments.

On motion, the House took up said bill, and the rules being dispensed with, the same underwent its second and third readings, and was adopted as amended, with its title. The Clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Mr. King, on behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill entitled:

An act to amend article 904 of the Louisiana Civil Code—

Reported by a substitute under the following title:

An act to amend article 904 of the Civil Code.

Mr. Walker, on behalf of the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the following entitled bills, reported unfavorably on the same, viz:

An act to create a General Weigh Master for the city and port of New Orleans.

An act to regulate the gauging of wines, spirits, molasses, &c., in the city of New Orleans.

An act for the purchase of the right of Dr. Palmer's Dredging Machine for the State of Louisiana.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the General Council of the city of New Orleans, reported by bill under the following title:

An act changing the time vessels are to remain at their mooring before they are charged with wharfage.

Mr. Marks, on behalf of the Committee on Militia, to whom was referred the bill entitled—

An act for the relief of Simon Matual, a veteran of 1814 and 15—

Reported the same back to the House with amendments.

Mr. St. Martin, on behalf of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled—

An act for the relief of the parish of St. John the Baptist and other parishes—

Reported by substitute under the following title:

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

Mr. Deforgez, on behalf of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom was referred the bill entitled—

An act for the relief of A. Toulouse—

Reported by substitute under the following title:

An act to appropriate $365 for the benefit of Antoine Toulouse.

Mr. Sargent, on behalf of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled—

An act for the relief of Jurors in the parish of Catahoula—

Reported the same back to the House without amendments.

Mr. Tete, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, to whom was referred the petition for the creation of a new Parish, reported by resolutions under the following title:

Resolutions relative to the creation of the new parish of Berlin.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of certain citizens of the parish of St. Mary, reported by bill under the following title:

An act to authorize the construction of floating bridges across the Bayou Teche, in the parish of St. Mary, with piers or wharves of the same.

Mr. Favrot, on behalf of the minority of the Committee on the Penitentiary, submitted the following report, which was ordered to be printed:

*Report of the minority of the Committee appointed by the House to visit the Penitentiary.*

The undersigned beg leave to submit the following report:

The intention of the Penitentiary system was to amend men, as that of the Legislature has always been to inflict punishment on crimes—from the remotest time to that of the punishment by the *guillotine*, penalties have been gradually mitigated, being now confined to one example, and the Legislature seems to have been convinced that from the moment it became necessary to get rid of a man as a nuisance to society, reason and humanity advised us to do it in a manner less cruel and more in harmony with the spirit of the age and the progress of civilization. Things go much further in our days; such is the conviction that capital punishments useless, that the gradual tendency of the age is to its abolishment.

In compliance the spiritual punishments of a hereafter have been abandoned by enlightened minds, and we have heard a Minister of the Gospel say fearlessly from the pulpit, notwithstanding the superstitious ideas entertained by a great portion of mankind, that there is no hell.

In fact, what can the fear of the future be, when in the present time physical pains are without effect?

The inefficacy of the severest penalties on the vessel convicts is well ascertained. What then, could better punishments do? They have afflicted weak minds and given rise to many a wretched case. Those in whom nature it was not to do it, may have been driven to it.

Since the adoption of the Penitentiary system, many an inquiry has been set up as to the advantages derived by society. What has been the result?

The Legislature has not been more successful in the achievement of its end; the amendment of man.

The hope that marks the exit of the convict from his cell, prepares his return. In what what have they gained? A little more corruption. Can it be otherwise when you see an individuals sentence which who, for a first fault, has been condemned to some months of confinement, which he might of undergone in a place to the effect, without dishonor, deal with in the same manner as are great criminals and placed out a level with negroes? Can it be otherwise when you see white women confounded with black wenches?

I stop here, my pen is unable to describe the horror which such a state of things inspires. It is enough for me to mention it, the Legislature must apply the remedy.

It will, perhaps, be said that crime is always crime, let it be committed by white or black persons, it is ever crime.

Let it be admitted, but I maintain that it is very bad policy, in a country like ours, to establish no distinction as to color, and assume the fact to prove that the object of the Penitentiary to amend has entirely failed.

Who can believe that a woman after having spent six months there degraded, can come out with the intention of behaving better.

My intention is not to discourse on a subject of so vast an importance, that volumes could be written upon it, but only to take care of the interests of the State too generally neglected.

Convinced by the experience of all here that punishments do not amend men, strengthened in my opinion by the report made in France to the Academy of Moral Sciences on the information collected in all the Penitentiaries, correctly as well in Europe as in the United States, I shall consider the Penitentiary merely as a place destined to confine people dangerous to society, and to make them atone by their work for a part of the evil they may have committed.

I do not there give concession in the opinion of the majority of the Committee as to the manner in which this establishment is kept. There exists a great uncleanliness in the cells and particularly in the lower range, which spreads an infectious smell which did not exist previous to the leasing of the establishment.

I do not see of what utility a Minister can be in that establishment; he hold no himself that his preaching produced no effect, and he has requested an appropriation of five or six hundred dollars to purchase the works of Walter Scott and of Lamartine in order to inspire his flock with a relish for reading.

Agreeably to the laws of 1844 the Senate has such deputies to perform as in my opinion, should have called on said Committee to inquire whether they have been strictly fulfilled, and not to rely for such information on reports lightly made, and which have no weight with me. By the above recited act the Clerk appointed by the Senate to watch its interests, besides his salary of $2000 and his lodging, was to receive ten per centum on the benefit which was to be made by the establishment, which supposes that the State was to have and hoped to have a benefit. This it was impossible for me to see in the short time I had to examine the accounts. It is true that I was, on Sunday the 10th notified that the Committee was to meet on the 9th to prepare a report. Far from me the idea that this was intentionly done. However, on that same day I went to the House, where I did not fail to appear, save on the 11th on account of indisposition.

Agreeably to the report of the majority, since the establishment has been leased out, the State has clated a very fine profit. But it remains, as can be seen in having lost nothing! Truly, not to have lost is much in my opinion something to be grateful for. What could be done for the profit have been considerable.

The last contract made by the late Governor, has not been submitted to us. I can say nothing on it. The majority however makes a favorable report thereon, and gives us to understand that the State will receive one fourth of the profits. There is no harm in cherishing hope.

I will conclude in the very small minority in which I am placed, that in case the Legislature intends to consult the interests of the State and consequently of the people who are overburdened with taxes, they ought to consider the convicts of the Penitentiary as beings against whom society is to guard, and that nothing is to be expected from the system of conversion, that the State ought to endeavor to open a source of revenue which might be considerable, and that the best way is to leave the lease to the last and highest bidder, who should give security, and be subject to the same conditions as are required by existing laws. The whole is respectfully submitted.

When I wrote the above, I had seen but the report which was presented to me by the Chairman of the Committee appointed by the House, and having since conversed with the members of the Committee of the Senate, I must say that I concur in the report which they have presented and which is in conformity with the idea I had of every thing that concerns the financial affairs of the establishment.

The following members gave notice that they will shortly introduce the following bills:

Mr. Bailey—An act for the relief of John P. Collins, a veteran of 1814—'15.

Mr. Canonge—An act relative to free public schools in the State of Louisiana.

An act relative to public notaries.

Mr. Maroy—An act in relation to the fines imposed for violation of the ordinances and regulating the Police Jury of the parish of Orleans on the right bank of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Bonny, on behalf of enrollment, reported the following bills as duly enrolled:

An act to authorize the Clerks of the District Courts of this State to convene the Police Juries of the differentparishes, when the office of President of the Police Jury is vacant.

An act to authorize the Governor of the State to appoint a Notary Public in the parish of Franklin.

An act to grant a pension to Alexander S. Blackburn, a veteran of 1814—'15

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

By a message from the Governor, through Mr. Guitre, the House was informed that His Excellency had approved and signed the bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the town of Vernon.

An act relative to the election of additional Justices of the Peace and Constables in the parish of Caddo.

By a message from the Senate, through Mr. St. C. Davis, their Assistant Secretary, the concurrence of the House was requested to the following bills and resolutions:

An act for the relief Rice J. Clark.

An act to repeal an act to incorporate the borough of Freeport, and acts amendatory thereto.

Resolution in relation to Grand Levee, in the parish of Point Coupee.

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

Resolutions on Slavery.

Resolution appointing a committee to examine the accounts of the Commissioners of Public Buildings at Baton Rouge.

The following gentlemen Adams and Ricker have been appointed on said Committee on behalf of the Senate.

On motion, the House took up the above resolution, and the rules being dispensed with, the same was amended by striking out the number three, and inserting in lieu thereof number five, and was adopted as amended.

The Speaker appointed on said Committee, Messrs. Caldwell, Blake, Monaghan, Marks, Watts.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House, with amendments in the above resolution, and to request their concurrence in said amendments.

Mr. Lizon offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Accounts of the Commissioners on the State House, be instructed to inquire whether any of the money appropriated for the internal decoration of the house, has been expended for any other purpose than that designated by law.

By another message from the Senate through their Assistant Secretary, Mr. St. C. Davis, the House was informed of the concurrence of the Senate to the bill entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Latil, Frat geon Dupong, and E. Malias, f m c.

And also, of the concurrence of the Senate, with amendments, to the bill entitled an act to change the terms of the Court in the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Louisiana; and the concurrence of the House was requested in said amendments.

By the same message, the House was informed that the Senate had receded from its first amendment to the bill entitled an act to incorporate the town of Trinity, and had further amended said bill, and the concurrence of the House was requested in said amendments.

Mr. Moise, with leave, presented the following entitled bill—An act to authorize the State Treasurer to keep a portion of the public money in Baton Rouge. The same being read, and the rules being dispensed with, underwent its second and third readings, and was adopted as amended, with its title. The Clerk was directed to request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

The following gentlemen, agreeably to previous notice, introduced the following bills: The rules being dispensed with, underwent their second readings, and were read by their respective titles, and were referred to their appropriate committees.

Mr. Auch—An act to provide for the representation of the City of Lafayette in the General Council of New Orleans.

Mr. George—An act for the relief of James Marks.

Mr. Rivers—An act for the relief of the parish of Concordia.

Mr. Marks—An act to fix a day certain, for the expiration of the term of all offices under the constitution, not otherwise provided for.

Mr. Fleming—An act to repeal the 16th section of act No 106.

Mr. Wilder—An act for the relief of the Irish Emigrant Society of New Orleans.

Mr. Bienvenu—An act to define and regulate the duties of the Justices of the Peace, Mayor, Aldermen and Recorder of incorporated towns or cities acting as Justices of the Peace in this State, relating to slaves arrested as runaway, or for being at large without a pass or permit from their owner or owners, and to repeal all conflicting laws.

An act to define and regulate the duties of persons who may hereafter arrest a runaway slave or slaves going at large within the corporate limits of any town or city, contrary to the ordinances thereof, without a pass or permit from the owner or owners of such slave or slaves, and to repeal all conflicting laws.

Mr. Bonny, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reports as duly enrolled, the following entitled Bills:

An act to provide for the appointment of two additional Notaries Public for the parish of Catahoula.

An act for the relief of Joseph Latil, Francis Duesing and Edward Mills, f. m. c., of the city of New Orleans, veterans of 1814-'15.

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

Mr. King, on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the following entitled Bills, reports the same back to the House without amendment:

An act to establish and regulate and enforce the duties on the Pilots and pilotage of the Atchafalaya Bay and river.

An act amendatory to an act entitled An act to change the time of holding the District Courts in the Thirteenth Judicial District, approved February 8th, 1850.

An act for the relief of James Cage.

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

An act to repeal the 16th section of act No. 106—

Reported by substitute under the following title:

An act to amend an act entitled, An act to define the jurisdiction and determine the number of Justices of the Peace to be elected in and for the parish and city of New Orleans, approve June 1, 1846.

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

An act to prohibit the retailing of ardent spirits within certain limits—

Reported by substitute under the following title:

An act to prohibit the retailing of ardent spirits within two miles of Pleasant Hill Academy, in the parish of De Soto.

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

An act regulating Auctions and Auctioneers:

Reported by substitute under the following title:

An act to regulate the duties of Auctioneers.

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

An act granting to Parish Recorders, Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace to take the oaths of all persons acting in a Judiciary capacity—

Reported by substitute under the following title:

An act to provide for the taking and recording of the oath of office.

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

An act to provide for the building and construction of a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Grand River—

Reported the same back to the House with amendments.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the following entitled bills and resolutions, reported unfavorably on the same:

Resolution for the purchasing of Elliott's Debates.

Resolution appointing a Committee to enquire into the expediency of compelling the Canal Bank to complete the 36th section of its charter.

An act to fix a day certain for the expiration of the term of all offices under the Constitution, not otherwise provided for.

An act to alter and amend the Police Jury Law in the parish of Jackson.

An act to receive the evidence of slaves in certain cases.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the following entitled bills, reported that the subject matter of the bills had been already acted on by the Committee:

An act to define and regulate the duties of persons who may hereafter arrest a runaway slave or slaves going at large within the corporate limits of any town or city, contrary to the ordinances thereof, without a pass or permit from the owner or owners of such slave or slaves, and to repeal all conflicting laws.

An act to define and regulate the duties of Justices of the Peace, Mayor, Aldermen and Recorders of incorporated towns or cities acting as Justices of the Peace in this State, relating to slaves arrested as runaway, or for being at large without a pass or permit from their owner or owners, and to repeal all conflicting laws.

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

Memorial of the citizens of Carrollton—

Reported that the objects of the Memorial have been accomplished by a general law reported from this Committee.

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

An act for the relief of Merrick Meullen—

Reported against the adoption of the bill.

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

An act for the relief of James Marks—

Asked in reference to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

The minority said report was adopted.

On motion, the same member, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled—

An act to divide the duties of the Comptroller of the city of Lafayette, and to provide for the appointment of a Secretary of the Council of said city:

Reported that the municipal authorities of Lafayette have power by their charter, to accomplish the objects of the bill.

On motion, the same member, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the men orial of the citizens of Caddo, asking for a Rail Road Charter.

Reported adversely to the prayer of the memorial—

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas C. Poole, Clerk of the Second District Court, New Orleans, praying for relief.

Reported against the same.

Mr. Connelly, on behalf of the Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the following entitled bills and resolutions, reported the same back to the House without amendments.

An act to authorize Theophile Harrang & Co. to cut a canal from Bayou Lafourche to Lake Washa.

An act to levee Kimbole Cross and Langleys' Bayous.

An act to remove the Mississippi Bar.

Resolution to improve the Huff power.

Resolution for the improvement of the Navigation of Bayou Bouff, in Rapides, Avoyelles.

Resolution, directing the State Engineer to report to the River Sabine, and remove obstructions from its navigation.

Resolution instructing the State Engineer to remove obstructions from Bayou l'Embarrass, in the Parish of St. Martin.

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

An act to appropriate $50 000 for the Monroe and Mississippi Road.

Reported the same back to the House with amendments.

The same member, on behalf the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of certain citizens of the Parish of St. Tammany:

Reported by resolution under the following title:

Resolution for the improvment of Bayou Forneus.

*Resolved, &c.*, That the State Engineer be, and he is hereby required to remove the obstructions to the navigation of Bayou Forneau, or Pontchalstaway, in the Parish of St. Tammany.

Mr. White, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the following entitled resolutions, report the same back to the House without amendments.

Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to procure a semi-weekly mail between Vicksburg and Richmond, Louisiana.

Resolutions requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence to have an accurate topographical and hydrographical survey of Louisiana.

Resolutions and instructions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress to effect an amendment of the act for the better security of the lives of passengers on steamvessels.

Mr. Verser, on behalf of the Joint Committee of two Houses, on the subject of the defining the powers and duties of the Councils of the city of New Orleans.

Reported a bill under the following title:

An act, defining certain powers and duties in the Councils of the several Municipalities of the city of New Orleans, and providing for the election of certain Municipal Officers.

The same member, on behalf the Committee on amendments to Constitution, to whom was referred the bill, entitled:

An act to amend article 5 of the State Constitution, relative to the sessions of the General Assembly annual.

Reported the same back without amendments.

Mr Lamsden, on behalf of the Committee on Militia, to whom was referred the following entitled bills:

Reported the same back to the House without amendments.

An act for the relief of Nicholas Grain, a veteran of 1814 and 1815

An act for the relief of Nicholas Gesclair.

An act for the relief Joseph Carter, Richard Martin, Henry Hughes, Wm. K. Remon, John Hopper, John M. Fife, Thomas Cook, and James Gouen, veterans of 1814 and 1815.

The same member on behalf of the same Committee to whom were referred the following entitled Bills of the Senate reported the same back with amendments:

An act granting a pension to Vincent Lesseur a veteran soldier of 1814 and 1815.

An act for the relief of Joseph Gouen and Joseph Janson veterans of 1814 and 1815.

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

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee to which was referred the petition of John R. Shorts, reported by Bill under the following title:

An act for the relief of John R. Shorts a veteran of 1814 and 1815

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee to whom was referred the petition of Calixte Rougeau a veteran of 1814 and 1815, reported by bill under the following title:

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The same member, on behalf of the same Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Carter, reported by bill under the following title:

"An act for the relief of John Carter a veteran of 1814 and 1815.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Finn, reported by bill under the following title:

"An act for the relief of Patrick Finn a veteran of 1814 and 1815

Mr. Warren on behalf of the Committee on Public Education, to which was referred the bill of the Senate, entitled:

An act for the relief of Jerome Cathgarte, Superintendant of Public Schools for the Parish of Avoyelles, reports the same back to the House, without amendments.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee to whom was referred the resolution instructing said Committee to examine into the propriety of granting compensation to Parish Superintendents for services, which it appears, that from all the information received from different parts of the State, it appears to be, but one opinion, that the compensation to Parish Superintendents, as at present authorized by law, is totally adequate to the services required.

The same member, on behalf of the same Committee to whom was referred the resolution instructing the Committee to inquire into the necessity of paying School Directors throughout the State, reports unfavorably.

The following gentlemen gave notice that on some future day they would introduce the following bills:

Mr. Morrow—An act for the relief of E. T. Jones, Sheriff of the Parish of Claiborne.

Mr. Livingston—An act for the relief of Cheley Johnson.

Mr. Rainey—An act for the relief of Drury M. Prichard, Sheriff of the Parish of Catahoula.

Mr. Gardner—An act relative to removing the obstructions in Bayou Fasclice in the Parish of St. Landry.

Mr. Elam—An act for the relief of Yates & McIntyre.

Mr. Carroll—An act to create a public road from Vermilionville to the Southern limits of the Parish of St. Landry.

Mr. George—An act to provide for the right of way for the construction of a Rail Road from the town of Athens in the Parish of Caddo to the line dividing the State of Louisiana from Texas.

By a message from the Governor, through his Private Secretary, Mr. Z. Taylor, the House was informed that he had signed and approved the bill entitled:

An act to authorize the city of Lafayette to contract loans to the amount of $20,000 on loans of money, for the purpose of extinguishing the present liabilities of said city, and providing the means of redeeming such loans.

By a message from the Senate, through their Assistant Secretary, Mr. St. C. Colombe Davis, the House was informed of the concurrence of the Senate to the bills entitled,

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

An act to divide the 7th and 9th Police Jury Ward of the parish of Concordia.

By the same message the concurrence of the House was requested to the following enrolled bills:

An act granting additional powers to the Police Jury of the parish of Rapides.

An act to authorize Alexander Thompson Word to his civil and political rights

An act to authorize the establishment and provide for the government of a House of Refuge for juvenile delinquents and vagrants in the city of Lafayette.

By the same message the House was informed of the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments of the House to the following entitled bills and resolutions:

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

Resolution appointing a Committee to examine the accounts of the Commissioners of Public Buildings at Baton Rouge.

The following gentlemen, agreeably to previous notice, introduced the following bills:

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, they were severally read a second time by their respective titles and referred to their appropriate committees.

Mr. Albert—An act for the relief of sundry inhabitants of the parishes of Assumption and Lafourche Interior.

Mr. Griffin—An act making appropriations for improving roads, levees, &c., in the parish of Avoyelles.

Mr. Sever—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.

Mr. Bailey—An act for the relief of John P. Collins, a veteran of 1814—'15.

Mr. Barthe—An act to provide for the creation of a Board of Control over all financial corporations except banks.

Mr. McCranie—An act providing for a general array law.

Mr. Walker—An act regulating interest on judgments.

An act fixing the proscription of certain open accounts.

Mr. Marcy—An act in relation to the fines imposed for violations of the ordinances and regulations of the Police Jury of the parish of Orleans, on the right bank of the river Mississippi.

The House then took up for a second reading, the

Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to procure a semi-weekly mail between Vicksburg, Miss. and Richmond, La.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, said resolutions underwent their third reading, and were passed with the title.

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

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The House then took up for a second reading, the

Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to procure a semi-weekly mail between Vicksburg, Miss. and Richmond, La.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, said resolutions underwent their third reading, and were passed with the title.

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

The House then took for a second reading, the bill entitled,

An act to authorize the city of Lafayette to contract loans to the amount of $20,000 on loans of money, for the purpose of extinguishing the present liabilities of said city, and providing the means of redeeming such loans.

By a message from the Senate, through their Assistant Secretary, Mr. St. Colombe Davis, the House was informed of the concurrence of the Senate to the bills entitled,

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

An act to divide the 7th and 9th Police Jury Ward of the parish of Concordia.

By the same message the concurrence of the House was requested to the following enrolled bills:

An act granting additional powers to the Police Jury of the parish of Rapides.

An act to authorize Alexander Thompson Word to his civil and political rights

An act to authorize the establishment and provide for the government of a House of Refuge for juvenile delinquents and vagrants in the city of Lafayette.

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The House then took up the bill for a second reading entitled:

An act to amend the 1096 article of the Code of Practice.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, said bill underwent its second and third reading, and was passed with its title.

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

The House then took up the bill entitled:

An act to create a general weigh master for the City and Port of New Orleans.

On motion, the same was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The House then took up the Resolution instructing the Finance Committee to report a bill for raising the rate of taxation to the rate established by the Act to provide a revenue for the support of the Government of this State, passed in 1847.

On motion, the same was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The House then took up the amendments of the Senate to the Resolution fixing the State as an Assistant Engineer, at $2 000.

On motion, the amendments were disagreed to.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the same.

The House then took up the amendments of the Senate to the bill entitled:

An act to change the limits of the Court of the 11th Judicial District of the State of Louisiana.

On motion, said amendments were concurred in.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House therein.

The House then took up the bill of the Senate for a first reading entitled:

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

On motion, the same was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The House then took up for a first reading, the Resolution of the Senate, entitled: Resolution instructing the State Engineer to report on certain works on Lake Bruin and Mobile Bayou, if he deem them expedient.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, said bill underwent its second reading, and was adopted.

On motion, the rules being further dispensed with said bill underwent its third reading, and was passed with its title.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House therein.

The House then took up for a first reading the following entitled bills from the Senate:

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

An act to the relief J. B. Cunningham.

On motion, said bills were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The House then took up for a first reading, the following entitled bills from the Senate.

An act for the relief of John Baptiste Dupont, and Isidore Macarty Hospice, veterans of 1814 and 15.

An Act to authorize the liquidation of the affairs of the City Bank of New Orleans.

An act to provide for the appointment of an additional Notary Public for the Parish of Rapides.

The House then took up the Bill from the Senate for a first reading entitled:

An act granting to Michael Torras and Joseph Torras, the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry across the Mississippi River at Shreve's Cut Off, in the Parishes of Point Coupee, West Feliciana and Concordia.

On motion, the rules being dispensed with, said bill underwent a second reading, and was adopted as amended.

On motion, the rules being further dispensed with, said bill underwent a third reading and was passed with its title.

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

The House then took up the amendments of the Senate to the bill entitled:

An act to incorporate the Town of Trinity.

On motion, the same were concurred in.

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

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

# AUCTION SALES.

**Field Hands and Six Arpents of valuable Land fronting on the River, at auction this day at the Place Delaneaux, near the Belitbar Saulet.**

BY N. VIGNIE, Auctioneer.

BY virtue of an order from the Honorable the Third Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, in and for the parish of Jefferson, dated March 7, 1850, will be sold at public auction, on Thursday, the 28th inst., at 12 o'clock, in the Rotunda of the City Exchange, St. Louis street, between Royal and Chartres streets, for account of the succession, the following described tracts of land and negroes, to wit:

Six Tracts of Land, being part of the plantation of the late Mr. Jean Baptiste Jerferson on the right bank of the Mississippi river, about five miles above the city of New Orleans, bounded on one side by land formerly belonging to the estate of the late A. N. Destrehan, and on the upper side by the plantation of Messrs. Murphy & Gardanne, the whole according to a plan drawn by A. Duhamel, Surveyor, deposited in the office of T. Guyot, Notary Public in the city of New Orleans. Tracts numbers One and Two, measure each one arpent and twenty-five feet front on the river by seventy-nine arpents deep between parallel lines; Tracts numbers Five, Six, Seven and Eight, measure each one arpent front on the river, but when measured on a line drawn in the middle of the public road they have the following widths, viz: Tract number Five, 156 feet 1 inch; lot number six, 156 feet 4½ inches; lot number seven, 156 feet 7½ inches; lot number eight, 156 feet 11½ inches by 79 arpents more or less in depth, each of said tracts numbers five, six, seven and eight open by about 57 minutes so that they have the following widths in the rear: lot number five, 200 feet 7 inches; lot number six, 201 feet 4 inches; lot number seven, 202 feet; and lot number eight 202 feet 8 inches. Together with all the buildings and improvements on said eight lots of ground which are 212 shares of capital stock in the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana, attached to the same, as follows: on lots numbers one, two, and seven, 25 shares on each and every lot; on lot number five, 37 shares; on numbers six and eight, 37 shares on each and every lot.

BAGUETTE, a negro boy, aged about 60 years.

CELIANTE, a negro girl, aged about 14 years.

JOHN, a negro boy, aged about 14 years.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—For the six tracts above described, the purchaser will assume the payment of the following stock notes, due to said Bank, 1st of January, 1851, and non-walable according to the charter of said bank, viz: No. 7, 8740 on each and every lot. On No. 8, $719 29-100. On lots numbers 5 and 6, $1 000 on each and every lot. The balance of purchase money, $4 cash, and the balance on a credit of 1, 2 and 3 years in notes secured by mortgage on the property, for the above $6 each and the balance on a credit of 6 and 12 months, in notes secured by mortgage on said slaves, endorsed to satisfaction.

Notes that are not paid at maturity will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum until paid, as a penal clause only.

Acts of sale before T. Guyot, Notary Public, at the expense of the purchasers. Lithographic plans can be had at the Auctioneer's office.

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**Property at Bay St. Louis.**

BY N. VIGNIE, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, 28th March, 1850, at 12 o'clock, will be sold at the St. Louis Exchange,

ONE PART OF LAND, bounding one arpent front on Bay St. Louis, by about 30 arpents, more or less, measuring about 30 feet by 18 feet, a gallery &c.

Terms—Cash. m19

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