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[illegible] Mr. Davis gave notice that he will shortly introduce the following bill, entitled:

An act to amend and explain section fifteen of an act entitled, An act to organize the City Court of New Orleans, approved 29th February, 1836.

Mr. Fellows gave notice that he will shortly introduce the bill entitled:

An act to increase the jurisdiction of the Parish Court of the Parish of East Feliciana, and for other purposes.

The Speaker laid before the House the communication of Mr. Horatio Davis, Brigadier General of the first Brigade, Louisiana Militia, inviting the members of this House to attend at a review of the Washington Battalion, on Sunday next, on the Lafayette Square.

The Speaker laid also before the House, the communication of the Elders and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, inviting the members of the House to attend Divine Service on Sundays, and offering them seats in their Church.

The rules having been dispensed with, Mr. Brashear moved that the House take up the bill entitled:

An act to define the powers of the corporation of the City of New Orleans; said motion having prevailed, said bill was made the special order of the day for Thursday next, 9th instant.

Mr. Ratliff moved to take up the bill entitled: An act to amend articles 680, 681 and 682 of the Code of Practice, under a writ of fieri facias; which bill had been laid on the table subject to the call of the House. Said motion having prevailed, said bill was taken up and made the special order of the day for Thursday, the 9th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The house took up for their third readings the following bills, entitled:

An act to repeal the 332 Article of the Code of Practice.

An act to increase the number of police jurors in the parish of West Feliciana, and to divide the Sixth and Seventh Wards of said parish each, into two separate wards, and to be called the 10th and 11th Wards of said parish.

An act to prevent the failure of the District Court throughout the parishes of this State, and for other purposes.

On motion, ordered, that said bills do pass and retain their titles.

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

The house took up for the second reading the entitled:

An act to establish and create a new parish to be called Warren, and for other purposes.

On motion, said bill was recommitted to a select committee of three members, to report on Wednesday next, 8th instant, at which time said bill is ordered to be taken up in the order of the day.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Farrar, Brashear and Phelps on said committee.

The house took up for a second reading the bill entitled:

An act to form a new parish to be called Bossier.

On motion, said bill was laid on the table.

The rules having been dispensed with, the house took up for a second reading the bill entitled:

An act to repeal an act, entitled An act to remove the seat of justice of the parish of Claiborne, from Gibsland to Minden, and for other purposes.

The several sections being read, and adopted, 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 request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The house took up for a second reading the bill, entitled:

An act relative to the property qualifications of members of police jury and assessors in and for the parish of Calcasieu.

The several Sections having been adopted; and, on motion, the rules having been dispensed with, the house proceeded to a third reading of the same.

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

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

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

An act relative to the duties of parish surveyors.

Mr. Musson, in behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Manufacture and Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of the Parish of Jefferson, and of the City of Lafayette, for the creation of an Inspector of Staves, and the bill entitled:

An act to regulate the Inspection of Staves in the City of Lafayette, and Suburb Delaware, reported the same bill without amendment;

On motion, ordered that the same be laid on the table subject to the call of the House.

Mr. Ratliff, in behalf of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of P. O. Lee, praying for relief, reported by a bill entitled:

An act for the relief of P. O. Lee and others;

Which was read for the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Taylor, in behalf of the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported the following bill, entitled:

An act to provide for the mode of assessing the tax on landed property in the State of Louisiana;

Which was read, by the title only, for the first time, and,

On motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The same member, in behalf of the same Committee, reported a bill entitled:

An act to encourage and improve the rearing of silk worms and manufactures of silk in the State of Louisiana;

Which was read for the first time, by the title only, and,

On motion, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Manufacture and Commerce.

Mr. Ogden, in behalf of the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the bills entitled:

An act for the benefit of debtors whose property may be sold at judicial sales at the end of a twelve months' bond;

An act to repeal the first section of an act entitled: An act to fix the time for making Sheriff's and Coroner's sales, and for other purposes, approved 5th March, 1842;

An act to amend an act entitled: An act to increase the revenue of the State of Louisiana, approved 25th March, 1842;

Reported unfavorably to said bills, and prayed to be discharged from any further consideration of the same;

On motion, said bills were laid on the table subject to the call of the House.

The same member, in behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the following bills, entitled:

An act providing the mode by which the solvency of sureties on appeal bonds shall be determined; and

An act to repeal the usury;

Reported by substitutes under the same titles;

Which were read for the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The same member, in behalf of the same Committee, reported a bill entitled:

An act to amend article 2403 of the Civil Code;

Which was read for the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The same member, in behalf of the same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry free persons of color, submitted the following bill entitled, accompanied with a written report, recommending the adoption of the same:

An act to amend an act, approved the 16th March, 1842, entitled: An act more effectually to prevent free persons of color from entering into this State and for other purposes;

Which was read for the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

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The Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the memorial of sundry citizens and inhabitants of the Bayou Grosse Tête,

Respectfully report in favor of their claim, viz:

That the proposed contract is employed for the making a road on the bank of the Bayou Grosse Tête, from Crane's store to the Indian Village.

Your Committee approve of the employment of the force as above stated, provided the inhabitants will furnish the hands with provisions and guards, and the necessary security that the State Engineer may deem necessary for their safe keeping, and pay the necessary expenses of transportation, from the point where they may at the time they are required.

The same Committee report in favor of the memorial, and petition, asking the State to place the colored convicts on the road, leading from Bayou Grosse Tête to the Mississippi River, at Darrid's Landing, on the same conditions as prescribed and required of the first named memorialists. WALTER BRASHEAR,

Chairman of Committee on Internal Improvements.

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Mr. Phelps, in behalf of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled:

An act regulating a term of the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana to be held at the town of Harrisonburg, in the Parish of Catahoula;

Reported the same without amendment.

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Mr. Robertson laid before the House a petition of sundry inhabitants residing on Bayou Grosse Tête praying for certain relief.

On motion, said petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

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The Speaker appointed Messrs. Robertson, Nicholls and Derby, per [illegible] on said committee.

On motion of Mr. Wadsworth, the House took up the resolution relative to the yeas and nays.

On motion, ordered that the same be rejected.

The Speaker laid before the House two memorials, one from the members of the Police Jury of the Parish of Caddo, and the other from sundry citizens of said parish, in relation to the division of said parish.

On motion of Mr. Fellows, ordered that the same be laid on the table subject to the call of the House.

Mr. Taylor, agreeably to previous notice, introduced a bill entitled:

An Act to abolish the office of Register of Mortgages in the Parish of Natchitoches, which was read for the first time, and, being dispensed with, underwent a second reading and was adopted.

On motion, ordered that said bill be engrossed for its third reading on to-morrow.

By a message from the Senate, by Mr. H. Davis, their Secretary, the House was informed of the concurrence of the Senate with amendments to the resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine the situation of the College of Franklin.

By the same, notifying the concurrence of the Senate is requested in the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Senate, &c., That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall adjourn their respective Houses sine die, on Monday the 27th February inst., at 12 o'clock M.

By number messages from the Senate, by Mr. H. Davis, their Secretary, the Senate informed that they have passed and concurred in the bill entitled:

An Act to establish election precincts in the Parish of Livingston and the act to [illegible] Parish.

By the same message, the following bills of the House are requested to be returned, viz:

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And, An Act to change the name of Joseph Wilkinson Nicholls and of Catharine Nicholls.

On motion of Mr. Davis, ordered that the House proceed to the consideration of the bills at their third readings.

The House took up for their third reading the bill entitled:

An act to amend an act entitled An act relative to roads and levees, approved [illegible] 1839.

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

The House took up for their reading the bill entitled:

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Mr. Brewer, being the mover of the same, moved that the rules be dispensed with, and the bill be printed.

On motion, ordered that the rules be dispensed with.

The House took up the bill for a second reading, and, the rules being dispensed with, the same was read, and, the question being on its engrossment, it was decided in the affirmative.

Consequently said question prevailed.

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An act to prevent the failure of the District Courts throughout the several Parishes of the State, and for other purposes;

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Resolved, That the State Engineer be directed to send a boat and set of hands, as soon as possible, to clear out the obstructions formed in the Bayou Darbonne by the floating timber cut down by the orders of the Board of Public Works under the superintendence of Capoulé Morgan, which has rendered a steam navigable before, for flat boats, keel boats, and all small vessels, totally impracticable by the smallest craft.

Said resolution was read, for the first time.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, it was read for the second time, and Mr. Sparrow moved to amend the same, by adding at its close the words:

"And immediately after said work shall have been completed, the State Engineer shall, with the same boat and hands, cause to be removed the obstructions in the Tensaw River and Bayou Mason, and said boat and hands shall be kept there until said obstructions shall be removed."

Mr. Sparrow's amendment was adopted, and the resolution was adopted as amended.

On motion, the rules were again dispensed with, and the said above resolution was finally adopted.

Mr. Z. Ledoux, the Governor's Private Secretary, delivered a message in writing from the Governor.

Mr. Carter, of the Committee of Enrolment, reported the following bills of the House as correctly enrolled:

An act to create additional election precincts, and to change election precincts in the Parishes of Carroll, Madison and Concordia.

An act for the relief of the Common School in the city of Lafayette.

An act to amend an act, entitled An act to provide for the trial of certain lawsuits pending in the 3rd, 9th and 10th Judicial Districts; and,

An act to amend the act, entitled An act to incorporate the town of Shreveport, in the Parish of Caddo, and for other purposes, approved 20th day of March, 1839;

And the President signed said bills.

Mr. Carter also reported the bill of the Senate, entitled:

An act for the relief of John Gordon;

As correctly enrolled; and the Secretary requested the signature of the Speaker of the House thereto.

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An act to determine the salaries of the officers of the State of Louisiana, and for the relief of the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Sparrow presented a memorial signed by William and E. P. Voorhies, in relation to two slaves belonging to them, who were executed; which memorial, on motion of Mr. Sparrow, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Lafaurie presented a petition signed by Gillies Thompson, for himself and on behalf of Alexander Saunders, in relation to some land situated in the Parish of Concordia; which, on motion of Mr. Lafaurie, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Governor's Private Secretary delivered a message in writing from the Governor.

On motion, the Senate sat with closed doors on Executive business.

The doors being opened, on motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1843.

The House met agreably to adjournment.

The Speaker reported Messrs. Philips, Selby and Edwards on the Bank Committee to whom was referred the resolution appointing a Joint Committee to examine into the situation of the building now occupied by the Governor and other state officers.

Mr. Musson moved that the chairman of the Bank Committee be instructed to return to the House the documents relative to banks furnished by the Board of Currency, which documents had been sent to the House from the Senate.

Mr. Clark laid before the House the memorial of R. B. Brashear, praying for the establishment of a ferry.

On motion, said petition was referred to a Special Committee composed of the delegations of Terrebonne, Assumption and St. Mary.

Mr. Fellows laid before the House the memorial of the Sheriff of the Parish of Caddo, praying for relief.

On motion, said petition was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Brewer laid before the House the petition of D. Vawter, praying for some relief;

On motion, said petition was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Morgan laid before the House the memorial of sundry citizens of Baton Rouge, relative to the Penitentiary;

On motion, said petition was referred to a Special Committee of three members;

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Morgan, Brashear and Selby per [illegible] on said committee.

Mr. Selby laid before the House the memorial of sundry citizens of Carroll, praying for some relief;

On motion, said petition was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Taylor, in behalf of the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported the bill entitled:

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Which was read for the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

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Respectfully report in favor of their claim, viz:

That the proposed contract be employed for the making a road on the bank of the Bayou Grosse Tête, from Crane's store to the Indian Village.

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On motion, ordered that the same be laid on the table.

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Mr. Brewer, being the mover of the same, moved that the rules be dispensed with, and the bill be printed.

On motion, ordered that the rules be dispensed with.

The House took up the bill for a second reading, and, the rules being dispensed with, the same was read, and, the question being on its engrossment, it was decided in the affirmative.

Consequently said question prevailed.

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Said resolution was read, for the first time.

On motion, the rules were dispensed with, it was read for the second time, and Mr. Sparrow moved to amend the same, by adding at its close the words:

"And immediately after said work shall have been completed, the State Engineer shall, with the same boat and hands, cause to be removed the obstructions in the Tensaw River and Bayou Mason, and said boat and hands shall be kept there until said obstructions shall be removed."

Mr. Sparrow's amendment was adopted, and the resolution was adopted as amended.

On motion, the rules were again dispensed with, and the said above resolution was finally adopted.

Mr. Z. Ledoux, the Governor's Private Secretary, delivered a message in writing from the Governor.

Mr. Carter, of the Committee of Enrolment, reported the following bills of the House as correctly enrolled:

An act to create additional election precincts, and to change election precincts in the Parishes of Carroll, Madison and Concordia.

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An act to amend an act, entitled An act to provide for the trial of certain lawsuits pending in the 3rd, 9th and 10th Judicial Districts; and,

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And the President signed said bills.

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As correctly enrolled; and the Secretary requested the signature of the Speaker of the House thereto.

He also informed the House that the President of the Senate had signed the above mentioned enrolled bills of the House.

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An act to determine the salaries of the officers of the State of Louisiana, and for the relief of the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Sparrow presented a memorial signed by William and E. P. Voorhies, in relation to two slaves belonging to them, who were executed; which memorial, on motion of Mr. Sparrow, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Lafaurie presented a petition signed by Gillies Thompson, for himself and on behalf of Alexander Saunders, in relation to some land situated in the Parish of Concordia; which, on motion of Mr. Lafaurie, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Governor's Private Secretary delivered a message in writing from the Governor.

On motion, the Senate sat with closed doors on Executive business.

The doors being opened, on motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1843.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

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Mr. Robertson laid before the House a petition of sundry inhabitants residing on Bayou Grosse Tête praying for certain relief.

On motion, said petition was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The same member also laid before the House a petition from sundry citizens of the Parish of Iberville and Ascension, praying for the erection of a new Parish.

On motion, said petition was referred to a Special Committee of three members.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Robertson, Nicholls and Derby, per [illegible] on said committee.

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