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The carriers of the Bee are authorised to receive subscriptions to our paper, at the rate of 25 cents a week, payable in all cases to the carriers themselves.

Sales at Auction To-Day.

By G Lanaman, Blache & Co., at 10 o'clock, at No. 66 Chartres street, boots, shoes, hosiery, hats, caps, shirts, ready-made clothing

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CONSISTENCY.

Our Black Republican ex brethren are difficult to please. They profess to hate slavery, and to account it a sin. They deprecate all associations with slaveholders, and yet, instead of rejoicing at secession as the severance of a bond they pretend to detest, they not only denounce us for quitting them, but are extremely anxious to employ fire and steel to compel us to go back. This is not very consistent, but the Black Republicans are not in the habit of regulating their action by a regard for that unassuming virtue. The Abolitionists proper—the men who speak of slavery as a covenant with death and a compact with Hell—are truly consistent. WENDELL PHILLIPS, the oracle and mouth piece of that faction, holds language in perfect keeping with his previously expressed opinions. He says he is filled with joy and gladness at the secession of the South. He wishes to see the United States Government cut loose entirely from all connection with slaveholders. He does not scruple to declare that the border States must get rid of their slaves, or follow the example of South Carolina. Now this is frank and fearless. We can understand WENDELL PHILLIPS's position. There is no sneaking or compromising with his honest convictions about him. He carries out his theories manfully to their legitimate consequences. They may be pernicious, absurd, fanatical, but he stands up to them squarely. We feel towards this prince of Abolitionists that sort of qualified admiration one is apt to experience at the contemplation of a thoroughly bad man, who does not seek to veil his depravity, but glories in it as the consummation of human selfishness.

The Black Republicans are a cowardly set after all. They have not the courage of their own convictions. They tamper with principles. Loathing slavery, they are willing to endure almost any sacrifice rather than surrender the border States. Appearances indicate their disposition even to forego the exquisite delight of sending fleets and armies to make war on the Confederated South, rather than run the risk of forfeiting the allegiance of the frontier slave States. We see by this how hollow and perfidious is their policy, and how inconsistent are their acts with their professions. The truth is they abhor slavery, but they are fully alive to the danger of losing their power and influence should they drive Virginia and the other border States out of the Union. They chafe doubtless at the hard necessity of permitting South Carolina and her sisters to escape from their thralldom, but it is a necessity, and they must perforce submit to it.

The Permanent Constitution.

We occupy much of our available space this morning with the publication in full of the Constitution of the Confederate States of North America, for which document we are indebted to the enterprise of our cotemporary of the *Delta*, for whose benefit it was transmitted from Montgomery by telegraph. As this mode of communication is necessarily somewhat imperfect, it is possible that a few errors may have crept into the telegraphic version. Substantially, however, we believe the document to be correct. Upon perusing it carefully we perceive that most of the leading features in which it differs from the Constitution of the United States were minded by us yesterday. The third section of Article Fourth provides in the most positive manner for the recognition and protection of the institution of negro slavery in all new territory which may hereafter be acquired, while the second section of the same Article enacts a stringent provision for the restitution of slaves escaping into any State or Territory of the Confederate States.

Upon the whole our impression is that the permanent Constitution of the Confederate States will command general approbation, inasmuch as it appears admirably and accurately to reflect the popular sentiment of the Southern masses. We apprehend no obstacles to its ratification by the several States of the new Confederacy.

LOUISIANA CONVENTION.

NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, March 14.

The Convention was called to order at five minutes past 12 o'clock, President Mouton in the chair, and 85 members in their seats. The journal was read and adopted. On motion, leave of absence was granted to several members. Mr Hoskins, of St. Bernard, offered a petition of Mr. Jean Sergent, census taker, asking for his pay, which was referred to the Finance Committee. Mr Walker, of Orleans, offered a memorial, which, on his own motion, was referred to the Committee on Patents without being read. Mr Norton, of Orleans, on behalf of the committee appointed to take an inventory of all the Federal property within the limits of the State, offered a report of the value of apparatus and furniture belonging to the Mint. It represented a value of $12,000 in the general and sundry departments, at which point its further reading was dispensed with, and it was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Mr Lawrence, of Plaquemines, offered a resolution instructing the President of this Convention to have the proceedings published, and every member at least 1,000 copies sent as he received a certified copy from Montgomery. This was carried, and immediately after Mr Dawes, of Claiborne, arose to say that he thought that every proper period to move an adjournment had arrived. His motion was put and carried, which, of course, precluded the consideration of Mr Lawrence's ordinance for submitting the Constitution directly to the people, which otherwise would have become next business in order.

Loss of the Steamer Blue Bird.—A correspondent at Donaldsonville writes us that on Wednesday last the small steamer *Blue Bird*, employed as a mail boat on Bayou Lafourche, which left Donaldsonville at six o clock, A M., came into collision, when about three miles up the bayou, with the steamer *Music*, on her way to New Orleans, and was so much injured that she sank in a short time. The accident was caused by a dense fog, and might have been followed by fatal results, as the water entered the cabins of the *Blue Bird* so rapidly as barely to allow the passengers and crew to take refuge on the hurricane deck, the rear portion of which alone is out of the water. The *Blue Bird* had four or five passengers on board, and among them a lady who was saved from drowning with some difficulty After the accident the boat was propelled a short distance by the engine, and then turning around, sank in front of the Hewitt plantation It is said that the *Music* made the proper signal, and that the *Blue Bird* failed to reply in time to avert the collision.

TEXAS.—Texas papers of the 11th, received yesterday, confirm the intelligence of the conflict between the Convention and Gen. Houston reported by the telegraph. At the latest accounts the difficulty was unsettled, but Gov. Houston will be compelled to recede.

Affairs at Fort Brown are approaching a crisis. Some fifteen hundred Texas troops have arrived at Brownsville, and Capt. Hill must surrender the fort, or defend it by force of arms. The prevailing impression is that he will give it up.

TAKEN DOWN THE BLACK FLAG.—The flaunting phrases, "no compromise," "no concession to traitors," have been removed from the head of the New York *Tribune*, and of course its followers, far and near, follow suit.

Another of those terrible tenant murders has just occurred in New York A man, wife, and five children were burned to death at a fire on the 5th, in a house so constructed that the prompt and energetic exertions of the firemen were unavailing to save the occupants. The reader will remember a still more sickening catastrophe of this nature which happened last winter.

HORRIBLE AFFAIR.—On the 28th ultimo, the wife of B B Cooley, living in Frederick county, Va., was missed from home, and discovered under most extraordinary circumstances A letter to the Alexandria *Gazette* says:

Darkness approaching, and the lady continuing to be absent, caused considerable alarm, and the hands who had been come in from the field instituted a search. On approaching the meat house, screams were heard emanating therefrom, and as the key could be found, attempts to break down the door were begun; but while these were in progress, the key was found in the dwelling house, the door opened, and the found lady, in a complete state of nudity, was found sitting on the floor, with her hands covering her face, and perfectly unconscious. Some of her clothing was hanging from the meat hooks in the rafters, and some was strewed about the floor. A saluting tray was almost filled with blood, apparently just drawn from the veins of the throat, those made by the pressure of fingers were upon her arms, and her head, neck and sides were horribly mutilated by what appeared to be a blunt pointed pruning instrument. Her shoes and stockings were found under her bed, in her chamber, saturated with blood Medical aid was promptly procured, and every thing done for her that the circumstances laily that exercise and still could suggest, but all was of no avail She lingered in the same helpless condition in which she was found until Saturday last, when death came to her relief. Her husband, who had married from his home on the freight train of the Manassas Gap Railroad, left early on the day on which the lady was last seen this terrible mystery, and returned just in time to see the remains duly cared. No other person was in the house at the time of the melancholy occurrence.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

Two Days Later from Europe.

Arrival of the Steamship Etna—Large Shipments of Specie—No Tidings of the Australasian—Liverpool Cotton Market Quiet.

New York, March 14.—The Liverpool, New York and Philadelphia Mail Company's steamship Etna, from Liverpool on Wednesday, February 27, via Queenstown the 28th, arrived at her berth this morning.

She brings £260,000 in specie on freight.

The Arabia would sail on the 2d for Halifax and Boston, taking out £200,000 to £300,000 in treasure.

The accounts by the Etna are two days later than those by the Prince Albert at St. Johns, N. F., from Galway the 26th.

Steamships Arrived Out.

The Canadian mail steamship Anglo-Saxon, from Portland, Me., had arrived out at Liverpool. All well.

The Virgo, of the New York, Liverpool and Philadelphia line, from New York, had also reached Liverpool.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, February 28.—The sales of two days Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 27th and 28th in the Liverpool Cotton market comprised 15,000 bales, of which 4000 were on speculation and for export. The market generally closed quiet, but the quotations were barely maintained.

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

Liverpool, February 28.—Messrs Richardson, Spence & Co report Breadstuffs dull but steady. Provisions were dull.

London Money Market.

London, February 28.—The closing quotations for Consols to-day were 93¼ to 93⅝. The Bank of England has made no alteration in the rate of discount.

The British Parliament—England and the Southern Confederacy.

Lords John Russell and Palmerston, in the House of Commons, supported the policy of America preventing the right of search, and permitting prostitution of its flag.

Mr. Cass thought the introduction of free labor into Cuba would be the most effectual means to suppress the slave trade.

Mr. Buckstone feared the Southern Confederacy would revive the slave trade. He hoped the Government would not recognize it without express stipulations against carrying on the trade.

France and the Southern Confederacy.

M. de Thouvenel, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, has officially assured the American Minister that no delegate from the seceding States had been received by him or by the Emperor.

The Bourse was drooping. The Three Per Cent. Rentes closed at 68f. 5c.

General Intelligence.

The Etna brings no tidings of the missing steamer Australasian, which left the port of Liverpool on Saturday, February 16, bound for New York.

The political intelligence by this arrival contains no features of an important character.

The Italian Parliament.

The Italian Senate, by a vote of 129 against 2, has adopted a law conferring the title of King of Italy on Victor Emanuel and his successors

Military Movements.

A Piedmontese brigade will soon enter the city of Rome. The Romans are secretly preparing to receive King Victor Emanuel.

Austria.

The Emperor of Austria has signed a new constitution. The new list has the rights of Hungary. The Hungarian constitution remains intact.

Turkey.

A serious insurrection has broken out in Soutara, Turkey.

The Syrian Question.

Lord John Russell said that nothing had been determined upon respecting the prolonged occupation of Syria.

The Weavers in England.

The Blackburn weavers have partially resumed their work.

China.

The Chinese rebels had taken Woosung and commenced a general massacre, when the French interfered.

Murder at Sea.

Captain Pike, of the ship Gen Parkhill, from Liverpool for Charleston, was killed at sea by the crew. The mate was somewhat injured The ship returned to Liverpool, and the crew were put under arrest

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

The Southern Congress—The Tariff Act—The Constitution Ratified by Alabama.

Montgomery, March 11—In the Congress, yesterday, the veto of secrecy was removed from the Tariff act, which goes into full operation on the 1st of May.

Compared with the Tariff act of the United States, most of the duties are reduced to 25 The greater number of articles at 24 and 19 per cent are reduced to 15. There is a large 10 per cent schedule, and a very small free list.

The Convention in Alabama, now in session here, has ratified the permanent Constitution adopted by the Congress of the Confederate States The vote in favor of it was 87 against 5.

Gen Jamison, the leading Cooperationist, took a bold position in favor of its ratification.

The Governor has appointed Mr. Jere. Clemens Major-General of the army of Alabama.

Movements in Fort Sumter—Probable Evacuation on Monday.

Washington, March 14—A correspondent arrived from the South last night says a messenger has passed through Raleigh with Government dispatches for Major Anderson.

Both Secretary Cameron and Gen Scott declined to say whether the garrison would be out of Fort Sumter on Monday.

New Appointments.

Washington, March 14—The Commissioner of Patents has been tendered to Mr Holloway, formerly a member of Congress from the State of Indiana.

Mr Dale took the Commissionership of Indian Affairs to-day

B S Carter, of Ohio, has been appointed Governor of the Territory of Nebraska.

The Confederate Commissioners.

Washington, March 14—Messrs Crawford and Forsyth, the Commissioners from the Confederate States, having received assurances of the high consideration of the President, will not make official demands pending the Fort Sumter movements.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Transfer of the State Military.

Baton Rouge, March 14—In the House, Mr. Cage offered a resolution authorizing the transfer of the regular military of the State to the Provisional Government, together with such arms and munitions of war as are deemed necessary; also, to allow volunteers to take service under the Provisional Government. The rules were suspended, and the resolution passed.

Baton Rouge, March 14—In the House today, Mr Adams offered a resolution that no appropriation be considered during evening session. Passed.

Mr Breithaupt offered a joint resolution for the relief of the Board of Public Works and its officers, appropriating over $1000, provided they all resign and surrender the books and maps to the Governor to be appointed by the Governor. Laid over

Mr Allen offered a resolution that no member be allowed to speak longer than ten minutes on any question. Mr Gray opposed the resolution —which was laid over

Mr Gray introduced a joint resolution that the Convention should submit the Constitution to the people, or to a Convention elected by the people for that purpose. Laid over.

Mr Pailliex, from the Finance Committee, reported favorably on the bill to provide means for the payment of the State debt, by creating a sinking fund of the surplus money in the Treasury Considerable discussion ensued, during which Mr. Gantt said that instead of having the surplus made a sinking fund, the State would have to borrow $500,000 to meet the appropriations already made. He looked upon the bill as holding out a false idea of the people Mr. Phillips defended the bill, saying the debt amounted to $1,000,000, and wished to pay the debts contracted without making any more. The bill then passed.

Mr. Levy, of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted a report which was ordered to be printed without being read.

Mr. Bradley, of the special joint committee of conference in regard to the Tariff Office bill, reported in favor of the Senate amendment, striking out the third section, which refuses to receive new applications till those on hand are disposed of, also, compelling applicants to take all the land entered in their petition.

The bill was considerably debated. Mr. Levy said the land sharks about the capitol enter those lots of acres to sell out speculators and poor men. He really wished small farms paying nothing, making money. The House refused to concur in the Senate amendment.

A message was received from the Governor stating that he had signed the bill relative to the Charity Hospital and other charitable institutions.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to allow the police jury of the parish to close the mouth of Bayou Plaquemines with a levee was carried, and made the special order for to-morrow.

The act to provide for the authentication of foreign records, documents, legal proceedings, &c., under the new regime, being the order of the day, was taken up and passed.

The bill to clear certain bayous in the parish of St Landry was lost.

The act for the relief of the Mechanics' Society of New Orleans, appropriating $15,000 for the completion of the building, was finally passed

The act annexing a certain portion of Madison parish to Tensas came up and was discussed at some length. The House refused to engross it.

Another joint Committee of Conference on the Land Office bill is to be had.

Adjourned till 5 o'clock.

5 P M—House met. In accordance with the resolution passed this morning, all the business transacted was of a local character.

The Senate bill relative to Harbor Masters was lost.

Mr. Adams's Sheriff bill passed second reading with great difficulty.

An act was introduced relative to medical practitioners, forcing them to take an oath as being graduates of some regular school of medicine.

Murder in Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge, March 14—Dr. Williamson, an esteemed citizen of Assumption parish, was murdered last night at 8 o'clock, while leaving his buggy at the door of his residence, by two assassins in white men. The citizens went in pursuit of the murderers, but recovered no clue.

Later from Havana—Arrival of Steamer De Soto.

New York, March 14.—The United States mail steamship De Soto reached her dock to day, from New Orleans the 5th, via Havana the 9th inst.

Her Havana news has been anticipated by the Bienville at New Orleans.

The Southern Congress—Admiralty Court in Mississippi—Vessels of War Coming South.

Montgomery, March 14—In the Southern Congress, to-day, a bill was introduced providing for the establishment of an Admiralty Court in Mississippi, the Judge to reside at Vicksburg. The balance of the business transacted to-day is of an unimportant nature.

In the Convention nothing of interest transpired

News received here from an apparently reliable source states that five war vessels left New York Tuesday night, with a large number of marines and ample provisions. It is believed they are destined for some Southern port.

Proceedings of the Federal Congress.

Washington, March 14—In the Senate, Mr. Mason, of Virginia, offered a resolution asking the Secretary of War respecting the mustering of troops in the District of Columbia into service since January the 1st, &c Lies over.

Mr. Douglas called up his resolution relative to the Southern forts.

Mr. Clark's resolution passed that the seats occupied by Senators Brown, Davis, Clay, Mallory, Toombs and Benjamin having become vacant, their names be stricken from the roll.

Marching Troops on Washington.

New York, March 14—It is reported from Montgomery that President Davis will march fifty thousand troops on Washington, if the Administration makes any attempt at collecting the revenues outside the Confederate States.

The Mexican and Spanish Missions.

New York, March 14.—It is again asserted that Hons Cassius M. Clay and Thomas Corwin have declined the missions tendered them.

It is reported that Giddings has been nominated Consul General at Montreal.

Decision of the Supreme Court.

Washington, March 14.—The Supreme Court has decided in favor of Mrs Gaines, carrying to her all the property of Daniel Clark in the Kentucky vs. the Orleans case. The Court held that Congress cannot impose a duty upon a State officer, but the Governor should surrender a fugitive on proper proof.

The Spanish Mission.

Washington, March 14—The Senate, in executive session, confirmed the appointments of Hon. Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, as United States Minister to Spain.

The Virginia Convention.

Richmond, March 14—Ex-President John Tyler's speech in the Convention to-day was the sensation. Conditional the appointment of Hon. Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, as United States Minister to Spain.

FURTHER FROM EUROPE

Per Steamer Etna.

New York, March 14—The mails of the steamship Etna, which arrived at this port, have been fully delivered. Those for the Southern cities were sent off by this evening's train.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Messrs James Hewitt & Co. report a decline of ⅛d in cotton since Friday, and partially 3 16d.

Liverpool Breadstuffs Market.

Richardson, Spence & Co. quote a decline of 6d in Flour.

They quote White Corn at 33s. to 39s.

Beef dull Pork dull

Lard fixed dull at 53s. to 56s.

Sugar and Coffee closed quiet at previous rates.

European Political Intelligence.

The French are about occupying a portion of the province of Fessune.

Cardinal Brunelli is dead.

At Constantinople the financial crisis was increasing, and numerous failures were imminent.

Disturbances occurred at Warsaw on the 20th.

The Papal Government declare Napoleon responsible for recent events.

River Intelligence.

Louisville, March 14—The Ohio river at this point is stationary, with 2 feet 1½ inches water in the canal.

New York Markets.

New York, March 14—The Cotton market closed firm, sales of 1,000 bales at 11¾c for Middling Uplands. Flour—Sales of 9000 bbls at $5 to $5 10 for Superfine State. Corn—Sales of 69,000 bushels at 50 to 50½c. Oats are selling at 34 to 35c, decline buoyant. The market for Pork was dull, while the sales comprised 350 bbls at $16 75 to $16 87½ for Mess. Sugar—Sales of 600 hhds at 10 to 10½c per lb. Cuba Molasses is worth 25c. the gallon.

Cincinnati Markets.

Cincinnati, March 14—Wheat has declined 2c the lb Flour steady at $5 20 to $5 for the bbl. Whisky is quoted at 19½c the gallon Pork closed dull at $14 for the bbl. Lard for Mess. Land rules dull at 9c to 9¼c the lb Sugar steady; sales 145 hhds at 9¾c to 9¾c Coffee—Sales at 15½c. to 16c. Molasses is quoted at 31c. to 32c the gallon.

Steamboats Passed Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, March 14—The steamer Magnolia passed down at 5 A M., and the D A Jaunay at 5 P M., yesterday. The James Montgomery at 10 o'clock to-morning.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
CONFEDERATE STATES
OF NORTH AMERICA.

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the Confederate States, each State acting in its sovereign and independent character, in order to form a permanent Federal Government, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and to secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Confederate States of America

ARTICLE I.

SECTION I.

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the Confederate States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION II.

1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several States, and the electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislature, but no person of foreign birth, not a citizen of the Confederate States, shall be allowed to vote for any officer, civil or political, State or Federal.

2. No person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained the age of twenty five years, and be a citizen of the Confederate States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen

3. Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Confederacy, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all slaves.

The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the Confederate States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct.

The number of Representatives shall not exceed one to every fifty thousand, but each State shall have at least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of South Carolina shall be entitled to choose five, Florida two, Mississippi seven, Louisiana six, Georgia ten, Alabama nine, Texas six.

4. When vacancies happen in the representation of any State, the Executive authority there of shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other officers, and shall have the sole power of impeachment; except that any judicial or other Federal officer resigned acting solely within the limits of any State may be impeached by a vote of two thirds of both branches of the Legislature thereof.

SECTION III.

1. The Senate of the Confederate States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six years, and each Senator shall have one vote.

2. Immediately after they shall be assembled in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided, as equally as may be, into two classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, of the second class at the expiration of the fourth, and of the third class at the expiration of the sixth year, so that one third may be chosen every second year; and if vacancies happen, by resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies.

No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the age of thirty years, and been nine years a citizen of the Confederate States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice-President of the Confederate States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided.

The Senate shall choose their other officers, and also a President *pro tempore*, in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the Confederate States.

The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the Confederate States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present. But any judicial or other Federal officer resident and acting solely within the limits of any State may be impeached by a vote of two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature thereof.

Judgment, in cases of impeachment, shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the Confederate States: but the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to law.

SECTION IV.

1. The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof, but the Congress may, at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators

2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

SECTION V.

1. Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as each House may provide.

2. Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member.

3. Each House shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such parts as may, in its judgment, require secrecy; and the yeas and nays of the members of either House on any question shall, at the desire of one-fifth of those present, be entered on the journal.

4. Neither House, during the session of the Congress, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

SECTION VI.

1. The Senators and Representatives shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law and paid out of the Treasury of the Confederate States. They shall in all cases, except treason, felony and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session of their respective Houses, and in going to or returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place

2. No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the Confederate States, which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased, during such time; and no person holding any office under the Confederate States shall be a member of either House during his continuance in office, but Congress may by law grant to the principal officers in each of the Executive Departments a seat upon the floor of either House, with the privilege of discussing any measures appertaining to his department.

SECTION VII.

1. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments, as on other bills.

2. Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the President of the Confederate States: if he approves, he shall sign it, but if not, he shall return it, with his objections, to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two-thirds of that House, it shall become a law. But in all such cases the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each House respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law. The President may approve any appropriation and disapprove any other appropriation in the same bill. In such case he shall, in signing the bill, designate the appropriations disapproved, and shall return a copy of such appropriations, with his objections to the House in which the bill shall have originated, and the same proceedings shall then be had as in case of other bills disapproved by the President.

3 Every order, resolution or vote to which the concurrence of the Senate or House of Representatives may be necessary (except a question of adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the Confederate States; and before the same shall take effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in the case of a bill

SECTION VIII.

The Congress shall have power

1. To lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises for the revenue necessary to pay the debts and carry on the Government of the Confederate States; but no bounties shall be granted from the Treasury, nor shall any duties or taxes on importations from foreign nations be laid to promote or foster any branch of industry; and all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the Confederate States.

2. To borrow money on the credit of the Confederate States.

3 To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes; but neither this nor any other clause contained in the Constitution shall ever be construed to delegate the power to Congress to appropriate money for any internal improvement intended to facilitate commerce, except for the purpose of furnishing lights, beacons and buoys, and other aids to navigation up in the coasts and in the rivers and harbors of the United States, cleaning of obstructions in river navigation in all which cases such duties shall be levied on the navigation facilitated thereby as may be necessary for the object to be attained, and for no other purpose whatever.

4. To establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the Confederate States; but no law shall be passed, during the existence of any debt contracted before the passage of the same

5 To coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures

6 To provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the Confederate States

7. To establish post offices and post-roads, but the expenses of the Post-Office Department after the first day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty three, shall be paid out of its own revenues.

8 To promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries.

9 To constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court.

10 To define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations

11. To declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water.

12. To raise and support armies, but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years.

13 To provide and maintain a navy.

14 To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces

15. To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Confederacy, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions.

16. To provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the Confederate States, reserving to the States respectively the appointment of the officers and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress.

17. To exercise exclusive legislation, in all cases whatsoever, over such district not exceeding ten miles square, as may, by cession of one or more States and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of Government of the Confederate States, and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the Legislature of the State in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings; and,

18. To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the Confederate States, or any department or officer thereof.

SECTION IX.

1. The importation of negroes of the African race from any foreign country other than the slaveholding States or Territories of the United States of America is hereby prohibited, and Congress is required to pass such laws as shall effectually prevent the said importation

2. Congress shall also have power to prohibit the introduction into any State or Territory not a member of, or from any Territory not belonging to, this Confederacy.

3. The privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion the public safety may require it.

4. No bill of attainder or *ex post facto* law, or law denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves, shall be passed.

5. No capitation or other direct tax shall be laid, unless in proportion to the census or enumeration hereinbefore directed to be taken.

6. No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State except by a vote of two thirds of both Houses of Congress.

No bounty shall be granted from any duties or taxes on importations from foreign nations for the purpose of fostering any domestic manufacture, and no such duties or taxes shall be laid for any such purpose.

No duties or taxes shall be laid on any goods or commodities exported by any regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one State over those of another

No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law; and a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time.

Congress shall appropriate no money from the Treasury except by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses, taken by yeas and nays, unless it be asked and estimated for by some one of the heads of Departments and submitted to Congress by the President, or for the purpose of paying its own expenses and contingencies or for the payment of claims against the Confederate States, the justice of which shall have been previously declared by a tribunal for the investigation of claims against the Government, which it is hereby made the duty of Congress to establish

10. All bills appropriating money shall specify in Federal currency the exact amount of each appropriation and the purposes for which it is made, and Congress shall grant no extra compensation to any public contractor, officer, agent or servant after the contract shall have been made or the service rendered.

No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the age of thirty years, and been nine years a citizen of the Confederate States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice-President of the Confederate States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided.

The Senate shall choose their other officers, and also a President *pro tempore*, in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the Confederate States.

The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the Confederate States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present. But any judicial or other Federal officer resident and acting solely within the limits of any State may be impeached by a vote of two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature thereof.

Judgment, in cases of impeachment, shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the Confederate States: but the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to law.

SECTION IV.

1. The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof, but the Congress may, at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators

2 The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

SECTION V.

1. Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as each House may provide.

2. Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member.

3. Each House shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such parts as may, in its judgment, require secrecy; and the yeas and nays of the members of either House on any question shall, at the desire of one-fifth of those present, be entered on the journal.

4. Neither House, during the session of the Congress, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

SECTION VI.

1. No State shall enter into any treaty, alliance or confederation; grant letters of marque and reprisal; coin money; make any thing but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any bill of attainder, *ex post facto* law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, or grant any title of nobility.

2. No State shall, without the consent of the Congress, lay any imposts or duties on imports or exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing its inspection laws; and the net product of all its duties and imposts, laid by any State on imports and exports, shall be for the use of the Treasury of the Confederate States; and all such laws shall be subject to the revision and control of Congress.

3. No State shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty on tonnage, except on sea going vessels, for the improvement of its rivers and harbors, navigated by the said vessels; but such duties shall not conflict with any treaties of the Confederate States with foreign nations; and any surplus of revenue thus derived shall, after making such improvement, be paid into the common treasury; nor shall any State grant to the principal officers in each of the Executive Departments a seat upon the floor of either House, with the privilege of discussing any measures appertaining to his department.

SECTION VII.

1. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments, as on other bills.

2. Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the President of the Confederate States: if he approves, he shall sign it, but if not, he shall return it, with his objections, to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two-thirds of that House, it shall become a law. But in all such cases the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each House respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law. The President may approve any appropriation and disapprove any other appropriation in the same bill. In such case he shall, in signing the bill, designate the appropriations disapproved, and shall return a copy of such appropriations, with his objections to the House in which the bill shall have originated, and the same proceedings shall then be had as in case of other bills disapproved by the President.

3 Every order, resolution or vote to which the concurrence of the Senate or House of Representatives may be necessary (except a question of adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the Confederate States; and before the same shall take effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in the case of a bill

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