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LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA.

**Journal of the Senate.**

MONDAY, 24th February, 1850.

The Senate met agreeably to adjournment.

Present—Hon. J. G. Bryce, President pro. tem. in the Chair.

Messrs. Adams, Beebe, Butler, Caulfield, Chamblisse, Cole, Dauney, Drew, Dufour, Duncan, Gardere, Gaudet, Haralson, Hereford, Moore, Peck, Phillips, Ray, Richardson, Swayze, Tatman, Van Wickle and Waddell.

The assistant Secretary requested the concurrence of the House, in the following bills and resolutions:

An act to authorize Martha C. Smith, to keep a Ferry across the Bayou Dorchest.

An act directing a census to be taken of portions of the parishes of Natchitoches, Catahoula and Rapides, with a view to the formation of a new parish.

An act to create a Notary Public in and for the parish of St. Helena.

An act providing for a trial by jury in all cases involving less of compensations.

Resolutions to perpetuate the memory of General Philemon Thomas.

An act increasing the number of Jurors in the parish of West Feliciana, from forty eight to ninety-four.

And Resolution to improve the thoroughfares across the Mississippi swamp.

He further informed the House, that the President pro tem had signed the following enrolled bills and resolutions of the House, viz:

Resolution requesting the State Engineer to make a review and survey of the Shoals on the Ouachita, and report the expense of making the improvements required.

Resolution authorizing the State Engineer to repair to the parish of St. Bernard, to examine the Bayou Terre-aux Bleuts.

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

An act to change the name of Valery Rabelais to John Valery Rabelais, and

An act to repeal section 19, of an act entitled an Act to organize and define the authority duties and functions of the Police Jury of the parish of Jefferson, and for other purposes, approved January 30, 1834.

On motion of Mr. Swayze, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Cade, for a few days.

Mr. Beebe obtained leave to introduce

An act to authorize the liquidation of the affairs of the City Bank of New Orleans, which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was taken up at its 2nd reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

FINANCE.

Mr. Dufour made the following report, which was read.

The Select Committee on the Library have in furtherance of the views of both Houses of the legislature, authorized the Librarian to organize said Library for the use of the members, and now report a bill for appropriating the necessary sum for defraying the expenses attending the accomplishment of the orders of the committee.

(Signed) CYPRIEN DUFOUR,
JNO. RAY,
F. M. HEREFORD.

Mr. Dufour also introduced an act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred for the State Library, which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its second and third readings, and passed.

Mr. Dufour presented a memorial from H. Phillips, late State Librarian, praying that compensation be allowed him for extra services rendered the State, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Claims.

On behalf of the Committee on Internal Improvements, Mr. Dufour introduced

An act relative to the Orleans Navigation Company, which was read, and made the special order of the day for Monday next 25th February.

Agreeably to previous notice Mr. Ray introduced

An act to provide for filling any vacancy that may occur in the office of Recorder; and an act to authorize Justices of the Peace to take Inventories, which were read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, they were taken up at their second reading, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to previous notice Mr. Ray also introduced

An act to amend the tenth section of an act entitled an act to provide for the disposal of the Internal Improvement lands to which the State of Louisiana is entitled by virtue of an act of Congress, approved on the 4th day of September, 1841, approved February 25th, 1847, which was read for the first time.

Mr. Van Wickle, of the Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the memorial of divers inhabitants of the parish of Pointe Coupee, praying that an appropriation be made for certain works on Sarkie Bayou, Middle Bayou and Bayou Maringe, reported a Resolution, instructing the State Engineer to execute certain works on Sarkie Bayou and Middle Bayou, if he deem their expediency, which was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said resolution underwent its second and third readings and was finally adopted.

Mr. Gardere presented a memorial from M. Thomas Lafourche, late of the British Colonial Engineers, on the subject of the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi, and to remedy the dangers of inundation, which was referred to the Joint Committee on Levees.

Mr. Layet, Clerk of the House, requested the concurrence of the Senate in

An act authorizing Notaries to perform the marriage ceremony in the State.

Mr. Butler, of the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred.

An act to allow compensation to J. W. Halsey, Esq., for professional services, reported said bill with amendments.

On behalf of the same Committee, Mr. Butler reported favorably to

An act for the relief of A. O. Debeau, Assessor for the Parish of Pointe Coupee for the years 1847 and 1848, and

An act for the relief of J. H. Cunningham. Said bills were read for the second time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, they underwent their third reading and passed.

The President delivered an invitation to the Senate from the Washington Guards to a Ball to be given on the 22d of February.

On motion of Mr. Gardere, said invitation was accepted.

The President also submitted the following report, which was read and was, on motion of Mr. Butler, laid over subject to call.

*To the Honorable the Senate of the State of Louisiana*

The undersigned begs leave to submit the following report in obedience to the resolution of your Hon. Bodies, passed on the 21st of January 1850, requiring information with regard to certain improvements to be performed in Red River above the Falls at Alexandria and a survey for a Levee on Grand River.

The Same hands in the Red River District have been employed on the Sabine River and the Bayou Pierre and their operations fully detailed in my general report.

The works to be performed on Red River and its outlets are very extensive and second in importance to none in the State. The most force that could be placed on this part of the public works has not and could not have done a great amount of work compared to the whole to be accomplished in a few months.

They have been engaged in working above raised, on the bayou Pierre, one of the outlets of Red River, and have removed a great quantity of the raft that existed in this bayou and obstructed the passage of the waters of the same. The result of this raft will be appreciated when it is remembered that it consisted not only of the drift accumulated by natural causes but that Capt. Shreve spent nearly $100,000 in placing a large quantity of raft in the heads of the bayous so as to close them in and force the water down Red River. The raft removed by one force so facilitated the discharge of the waters as to reduce considerable, in the estimation of the inhabitants, the height of the water on Red River above. I doubt not that this would have been seen to be very beneficial had not the unwonted rise of water in that stream the last season been such as to place the whole region in a most anomalous condition.

I believe the force could have been employed to much better advantage on the work but for what I conceive to have been an error in the plan of operation adopted by my predecessor in commencing his operations above at the head of the bayou before he removed the obstructions from below and ordering a large force to be concentrated across the head of Anderson Bayou, one of the outlets of the Pierre so as to force its waters down the last mentioned stream.

When I visited, soon after my appointment, that division of the Public force, I found so much had been done on this work that it seemed best to continue it, though from the unprecedented high stage of the water, at the time it was not easy for me to form a correct judgment of its utility. My predecessor had ordered it—much of the work was done, and the most intelligent inhabitants, acquainted with the localities at low water thought it necessary, under these circumstances it was continued.—It appears he found unexpected difficulties in the way, and the materials prepared can be sold for the benefit of the State. The delay is the only difficulty.

The hands are now employed in removing the Raft in the head of Sand Beach River or Bayou, with a view of letting off the waters of Red River into the Bayou Pierre by that channel.

As stated in my Report, the State Boat at this point had been sunk in shallow water either by accidental causes or by evil designing persons. I believe by the former. The sudden rise of Red River has prevented our raising her as yet. This could be done now, but as the water is high, the force to be applied might on account of the height of the water, injure her timbers. I have thought it best to let her remain for a short time, in her position, as it is to be expected the water will fall before long be lower than at present, when she can be safely and easily raised. She is securely moored and will suffer no very essential injury from this misfortune.

I regret exceedingly this misfortune as it was my earnest desire and expectation to do much for the Red River district during my connection with the Public service, believing as I did that it is the most important work in the State. It is my design so soon as I can be spared from the seat of Government, to give much of my personal attention to that part of the Public service, so as to effect by a complete reorganization of operations there, all that I desired and the State had a right to expect.

The survey for the Grand River levee was made in obedience to resolution No. 154, approved March 16, 1848, but as there was a delay in sending down the manuscript to the city it did not reach them in time to be incorporated in the English copy of my Report. It will be found in the French copy commencing on the 37th Page.

It will cost about $8000 to accomplish the work, and it would be of very great utility not only to the Rising Plantations of the lands on the Mississippi River, Grand River and the Mouths of Red River but the Mississippi River much that is now subject to inundation would be drained and made available for cultivation. The Commission have not been able to search many times on the great expanse of country exposed to receive them and ascertain whether any other outlet there may be for the waters of the Mississippi when it is deemed to have any

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work of this kind done, none would be more adventitious than this.

Respectfully,
(Signed) A. D. WOOLDRIDGE,
State Engineer

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the Senate took up

An act for the relief of Alexander S. Blackburn, for services rendered the State during the invasion by the British in 1814 and '15.

Said bill was read for the 2d time and was adopted.

On motion the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 3d reading and passed.

FIRST READINGS.

The following bills and resolutions were read for the first time:

An act for the relief of Auguste Thierry and Jeanne Clet, his legitimate wife, residents of the city of New Orleans.

An act to aid in the establishment of a Mechanics' Institute in the city of New Orleans.

Resolution authorizing the Governor to cancel and annul the bond furnished by P. E. D. Lavaudais, late State Treasurer—and

An act for the relief of John Perkins.

The following bills were read for the first time:

On motion, the rules were suspended, they underwent their second and third readings and passed.

An act to provide for the payment of the members, officers and contingent expenses of the General Assembly.

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

An act to create an additional Notary for the parish of Carroll; and—

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

Resolution instructing the State Engineer to complete the work on Little River; and—

Resolution fixing the salary of the Assistant State Engineers at two thousand dollars—

Were read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, they underwent their second reading, and were referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

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—was read for the first time, and laid over subject to call.

The resolution directing the State Engineer to examine and report upon the practicability and utility of making an outlet for the waters of the Lafourche in the vicinity of Lockport or Field's Lake, so as to prevent the inundation on the lower part of said Bayou—was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said resolution was taken up at its second reading, and was referred to the Committee on Roads and Levees.

An act to change the terms of the Court in the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Louisiana—was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was taken up at its second reading, the first section thereof was adopted—and, on motion, the further consideration of the bill was laid over subject to call.

An act to authorize the liquidation of the affairs of the Mechanics & Traders' Bank of New Orleans—was read for the first time.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill was taken up at its second reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, the Committee were instructed to report to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Moore, "an act defining what rights and property shall be exempt from seizure."

And an act to exempt a homestead from seizure to the inhabitants of this State, were taken up and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On his further motion, the school bill was also made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Beebe introduced an act to authorize a loan out of the internal improvement fund to pay deficiencies of past appropriations. Referred to the Committee of Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, an act to regulate suits by summary process between landlords and tenants, was made the order of the day for Friday 1st March, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Waddill, the Senate concurred in the amendments to the House to 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 Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana and Concordia.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That from and after the expiration of the charter granted Benjamin Sumner, of the parish of Point Coupee, to enjoy the exclusive privilege of establishing and keeping a Ferry at Shreve's Cut off, on the Mississippi river, including both and said charter, and charter grant expiring on the 11th day of February, A. D 1852—that Michael and Joseph Torras shall then enjoy the exclusive privilege of keeping a Ferry at said Shreve's Cut-off, on the Mississippi, including both sides of said river, in the parishes of Point Coupee, West Feliciana and Concordia, for the term of ten years, upon the terms and conditions following, to wit: That said Michael and Joseph Torras, in consideration of the exclusive privilege of keeping said Ferry for the time therein mentioned, shall be bound to keep in good order and condition a suitable number of flatboats, skiffs, &c., and to cross persons, or their property, when they wish to cross said Ferry, with all possible dispatch, and that for all unnecessary delay, to be liable for damages, to be recovered before any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That the Police Jury of the parishes of Point Coupee and West Feliciana and for the City of New Orleans, shall be entitled to demand and receive for licenses.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That from and after the passage of this act, and during the whole period of its term, no person or persons shall keep or establish a Ferry across the Mississippi river, at the place designated in the act, nor within three miles of the same by the river, under the penalty of paying ten dollars per day for each and every day he or they may keep the said Ferry, to the injury of the said Michael and Joseph Torras, to be sued for and recovered before any Court of competent jurisdiction, one half to the parish and the other to the use of said Michael and Joseph Torras, and shall pay all costs of the prosecution. Provided, however, that this act shall not be construed so as to deprive any person from keeping a Ferry for the crossing of themselves and families without charge.

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That the act approved Feb. 11, 1845, granting a charter to Bennett Barton Simmes, and to which act this is an amendment, and all laws and parts of laws contrary to the provisions of this act, are and they are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That during the time of said privilege, the said Michael and Joseph Torras shall transport across said River at said point, *free of toll*, all officers and troops engaged in active duty of this State, all arms and military stores belonging to the State, and all ministers of the Gospel, under penalty of forfeiting their said privilege.

Sec. 6. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That said Michael and Joseph Torras shall be bound to construct, in a reasonable time, an efficient bridge across the bayou known as the Lake Fausse, on the road passing through the estate of the late Isaac Franklin, in the parish of West Feliciana, thereby relieving the traveling community from the ferry charges now existing there.

Mr. Swayze moved that the foregoing bill be passed.

Mr. Van Wickle called for the yeas and nays. On this motion,

Mr. Dufour in the chair:

Messrs. Beebe, Butler, Caulfield, Chamblisse, Cole, Dauney, Gardere, Moore, Ray, Swayze and Tatman, voted for its final passage—11 yeas

And Messrs. Dufour, Adams, Clark, Drew, Gaudet, Hereford, Peck, Richardson and Van Wickle voted against it—9 nays.

Said bill was consequently passed, and the title thereof adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, the Senate took up "an act for the relief of Jean Baptiste Dupont and Isidore Macarty Honore, veterans of 1814 -15."

This bill was read for the 2d time, and was adopted.

On motion, the rules were suspended; said bill underwent its 3d reading and passed.

Agreeably to previous notice, Mr. Bryce introduced "an act to provide for the appointment of an additional notary public for the parish of Rapides," which was read for the 1st time.

On motion, the rules were suspended; said bill underwent its 2d and 3d readings, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Beebe, the Senate took up

An act to provide for the protection of persons and property against explosions of boilers on board of steam vessels plying in the waters of the State of Louisiana, by competent engineers, and to punish their negligence."

Mr. Cole withdrew his amendment to the 1st section of this bill.

The bill underwent its 2d reading, was amended and engrossed as amended.

On motion, the rules were suspended, said bill underwent its 3rd reading, and passed as amended.

Mr. Gardere, of the Committee of Enrolments, reported "An act to incorporate the town of Vernon, in the parish of Jackson," as correctly enrolled, and the President pro tem. signed the same.

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

On motion, the Senate sat with closed doors, on ex-curtive business.

The doors being opened:

On motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

## LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

**Official Report of Debates.**

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 27th February, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Hon. J. B. Pauche, Lt. Governor, presiding.

Mr. Waddill called up a resolution for the improvement of Bayou Rouge and offered a substitute therefor, which was taken up and passed.

He also called up an act for the relief of Athanase Armand and V Gauthier, veterans of 1814 '15 Adopted on its second reading.

Mr. Moore called up the bill to regulate pilotage in the Atchafalaya bay and river. Passed.

Mr. Phillips introduced an act authorizing the Recorder of Mortgages and the Police Jury of the parish of De Soto to approve the security of Benjamin Youngblood, sheriff elect of the said parish. Passed.

Mr. Harrison, on behalf of the Committee on elections, to whom had been referred the certificate of election of the Hon. Samuel W. Dorr, Senator from the Dallas District, composed of the parishes of Concordia and Tensas, reported that Mr. Dorrey had been duly elected.

Mr. Adams, on behalf of the Special Committee, to whom had been referred certain accounts submitted by the Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the State House at Baton Rouge, made a report:

Which, on motion of Mr. Phillips, was ordered to be printed with the accompanying documents.

Mr. Richardson introduced an act to amend an act to establish Warehouses and Houses of Refuge, by the creation of a Quarantine Hospital at the city of New Orleans. Approved March 5th, 1846.

Mr. Richardson, on behalf of the Committee on Commerce, to whom had been referred an act for the relief of Armand C. Vallet, of the parish of Lafourche, reported

Mr. Phillips moved to amend the period prescribed for the fees by striking out 30 years and inserting 20 years, which motion prevailed, and the bill as amended passed.

Mr. Phillips, on behalf of the Committee on Parochial Affairs, to whom had been referred the act to create the parish of Choctaw, moved that said act and accompanying documents be referred to a Special Committee, composed of the senatorial delegation from the parishes of St. Landry and Calcasieu, Lafayette and Vermilion, Rapides and Avoyelles, to wit: Messrs. Bryce, Waddill, Tatman, Swayze and Cade.

Mr. Phillips, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported

An act to increase the salary of the Governor's private Secretary—unfavorably.

An act authorizing the liquidation of the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank—with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, the Senate took up the foregoing bill, which was amended and passed.

Mr. Swayze introduced an act for the relief of the Sheriff of the parish of St. Landry. Passed.

Mr. Caulfield introduced an act for the relief of J. W. Hayes, Sheriff of the parish of East Feliciana. Passed.

Mr. Segur, on behalf of a special Committee to whom were referred the act fixing the salaries of the assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, and assistant Secretary of the Senate, reported said bill. It was taken up and passed.

Mr. Gaudet moved a reconsideration of the vote authorizing Notaries Public to perform the marriage ceremony.

It was reconsidered and amended so as to apply exclusively to the parish of West Feliciana, and passed.

Mr. Chamblisse introduced a resolution directing the State Engineer to make a certain survey. Passed.

Mr. Cole called up an act authorizing F. Harang & Co., to make a Canal, &c. Passed.

Mr. VanWickle, on behalf of the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a Resolution instructing the State Engineer to make a survey on Little River.

On behalf of the same Committee, to whom were referred the memorial of S. P. Harrison and others, in favor of a road across the Mississippi swamp, and against the report of the surveyed by the State Engineer, Mr. VanWickle reported against the prayer of said memorial.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Act defining what rights and property shall be exempt from seizure.

Mr. Swayze moved that said bill be laid over subject to call, and the ayes and nayes were demanded—9 ayes, 18 nays.

After some debate in which Messrs. Drew, Dufour, Dorsey, Swayze, Waddill and Cole participate.

The three first paragraphs of said bill were adopted, and on motion of Mr. Drew, said bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Moore, an act to amend article 641, of the Code of Practice, in order to exempt from seizure a homestead to the inhabitants of this State, and the substitute thereto reported by the select Committee, were referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with instructions to incorporate the provisions of said substitute in the bill as renamed.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive Business.

The doors being opened.

Mr. Moore presented a memorial from the trustees of the Louisiana Institute, praying that certain amendments to the Charter of said Institute be made, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Whereupon, the Senate adjourned.


ST. PETER STREET, BETWEEN ROYAL AND BOURBON (UP STAIRS.)

ALWAYS on hand, a quantity of Cologne Water, as imported by any other manufacturer, still now, Deceived by splendid labels, people often buy a worthless article. The Cologne Water we offer today, has no bamboo about it. It is sold by the bottle or half bottle at a very moderate price. Buyers are invited to call and examine for themselves the unbrittable bottles, and see on the great cork of Jean Marie Farina Cologne Water. [m6 6m

QUINTINE—For sale by R. J. HART & CO., 79 Tchoupitoulas street.


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**Proposals for carrying the Mails in Louisiana.**

*Extract from the act of Congress of 3d March, 1845, section 10.*

"*And be it further enacted* That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General, in all future letting of contracts for the transportation of the mail, to let the same, in every case, to the lowest responsible bidder, sufficient guaranty of faithful performance, without other reference as to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty, and security of such transportation; nor shall any new contractor hereafter be required to purchase out, or take at a valuation, the stock or vehicles of any previous contractor for the same route."

☞ Bidders will be careful to read the forms and instructions appended to this advertisement. They are requested to state, in their proposals, the mode by which they intend to convey the mail. Where the size and weight of the mails, or the speed called for in the schedules shall require it, the contracts will be made for coach, steamboat or railroad conveyance, as the case may be; and, consequently, such routes will be let to bids proposing such modes of conveyance. In all other cases, the routes will be assigned to bids proposing the cheapest mode of conveyance.

☞ Railroad companies are specially notified that their requirements are to be understood as including the supply of such office on the line of their respective roads, not over a quarter of a mile from a depot, for receiving proposals for offers more than a quarter of a mile off will be considered.

PROPOSALS for carrying the mails of the United States from the 1st day of July, 1850, to the 30th of June, 1854, inclusive, in Louisiana, will be received at the contract office of the Post Office Department in the city of Washington, to 10 a. m. of the 16th of April, 1850, to be decided by the 11th of May, 1850, on the route and in the manner and time herein specified, to wit:

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6101 From New Orleans at 5 p m daily,
By Fort Pike, Pass Christian, Biloxi, and Pascagoula;
To Mobile, Ala., by 11 a m next day, 161 miles;
And back between 12 m daily and 7 a m next day.
The intermediate offices to be supplied twice a week in each direction, and as much oftener as the route touch there.
Proposals for a schedule allowing more time to pike-rod, from Shreveport through the town of Greenwood to the Texas line. Passed.

Mr. Dufour presented a petition from Charles M Cannery, praying to be restored to his civil rights. Mr. Van Wickle introduced an act for the relief of Zenon Langlais, a veteran of 1814 '15, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Chamblisse introduced an act authorizing Police Jury of the parish of Carroll to lay a levee tax. Passed.

Mr. Swayze introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted.

*Resolved* that the report of contingent expenses of the several departments (this day referred to the Committee on Salaries, with instructions to report on the practicability of reducing said contingent expenses, also to specify the various items absolutely necessary for each department, and the probable cost of said items; and also whether the amount of said contingent expenses could not be limited to a certain amount, without prejudice to the public interest, or to the officers of said departments.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, "an act relative to notaries public, which was made the special order of the day for this day, was laid over to be acted on together with an act making notaries public elective.

The Senate then took up an act relative to the N. Orleans Navigation Company.

Mr. Drew moved to refer said bill to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Dufour opposed the reference. He thought that the bill should be acted on at once.

Messrs. Bryce, Van Wickle, Segur and Beebe sustained the reference.

It was referred.

On motion of Mr. Dufour, the Committee were instructed to report to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Moore, "an act defining what rights and property shall be exempt from seizure."

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On motion of Mr. Swayze, the Senate insisted on their amendments to the resolutions fixing the salary of the Assistant State Engineers at $2000.

Mr. Drew moved to take up the bill, authorizing Notaries public throughout the State to perform the marriage ceremony.

Messrs. Dufour, Segur, Boisdoujon and Gaudet opposed the passage of this bill.

Messrs. Drew and Harrison advocated its passage.

The question was in on an amendment to lay the bill indefinitely on the table and the ayes and nays were called—ayes 9, nays 17.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was accordingly laid indefinitely on the table.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the Senate took into consideration the Resolution requesting the State Engineer to remove chair stones in Grand River and Bayou Pierre. Passed.

On motion of Mr. Cole the Senate took up the resolution requesting an delegation of Congress to use their efforts to procure a bi-weekly mail between New Orleans and Pensacola, between Donaldsonville and Opelousas and between Assumption and Tigerville.

Mr. Cole moved to amend by striking Lafourche Interior and Terrebonne. Passed as amended.

The separate vote on the resolution relative to the Carondelet Canal was called for. Ayes 11, nays 7.

The adoption of the preamble was then carried by the following yeas and nays, viz:

Mr. Waddill moved to take up

Mr. Van Wickle moved to adjourn.

The question was taken and lost.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

The doors were opened.

Mr. Phillips introduced an act to authorize the Recorders of Mortgages in the parishes of Caddo and Avoyelles, to transport certain records and papers to the Recorder's office in the parish of De Soto.

Whereupon the Senate adjourned.

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6127 From Washington at 1 p m once a week, Thursday.
To Bayou Pratiolet by 6 p m, 8 miles;
And back, between 6 a m and 11 a m same day.
6128 From Chesterfield at 6 a m once a week Tuesday.
To Bayou Ferry;
To Monticello by 6 p m, 20 miles;
And back between 8 a m and 6 p m, Friday;
From Richmond at 8 a m twice a week, Monday and Thursday;
By Mitchell's Bend, and Young's Point;
To Vicksburg, Miss., by 6 p m, 35 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday and Friday and 8 p m.
6140 From Richmond, La., at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Bayou Macon, Chesterfield, Hurricane, Wimberbourgh, and Oakley;
To Harrisonburg by 6 p m next day, 87 miles;
And back between 5 a m Friday and 6 p m next day.
6141 From Richmond at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By New Carthage and Ashwood;
To Grand Gulf, Miss., by 6 p m, 45 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday and 3 p m.
Side for two trips a week will be considered.
6142 From Lake Providence at 7 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Swan Lake, Lake Caraway, Monticello, Point Jefferson, and Prairie Mer Rouge;
To Rastrop by 6 p m next day, 76 miles;
And back between 7 a m Monday and 3 p m next day;
6143 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Thursday.
By Winnsboro', Bellevue, and Mound Bayou;
To St. Joseph's by 3 p m Saturday, 92 miles;
And back between 7 a m Monday, and 3 p m Wednesday.
Side to extend to Vidalia are invited.
6144 From Monroe at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Trenton, Forksville, Grove Hill, Colvin's Quay, Mount Lebanon and Attoon;
To Minden by 3 p m next day, 48 miles;
And back between 5 a m Friday, and 6 p m next day.
6145 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Tuesday,
By Bastrop;
To Hawkins's Landing, Ark., by 6 p m next day, 60 miles;
And back between 7 a m Thursday, and 6 p m.
Proposals to end at Bastrop will be considered.
6146 From Monroe at 4 p m twice a week, Tuesday and Saturday.
By Quachita City and Marion;
To Farmersville by 4 p m next days, 55 miles.
And back between 4 p m Tuesday and Friday, and 4 p m next days.
6147 From Monroe at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday,
By Indian Village;
To Vernon by 6 p m, 40 miles;
And back between 5 a m and 6 p m Tuesday.
From Vernon at 1 p m once a week,
To Colvin's by 7 p m, 17 miles;
And back between 8 a m and 12 m same day.
6149 From Minden at 5 a m once a week, Friday,
By Ringgold, Coushatte Chute, and Campti;
To Grand Ecore by 6 p m next day, 80 miles;
And back between 5 a m Wednesday, and 6 p m next day.
6150 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Friday;
By Allen's Settlement, Flat Lick, Dorchest, Pine Flat, and Red Land;
To Walnut Hill, Ark., by 7 p m, next day, 67 miles;
And back between 7 a m Wednesday, and 7 p m next day.
6151 From Shreveport at 11 a m once a week, Wednesday;
To Belle view by 4 p m next day, 50 miles;
And back between 7 a m Friday and 12 m next day.
6152 From Shreveport at 5 a m once a week, Tuesday.
By Willow Chute, Belleview, Cypress, and Greenville;
To Walnut Hill, Ark., by 11 a m Thursday, 99 miles;
And back between 1 p m Thursday and 5 p m Saturday.
Proposals to end at Red Land are invited.
6153 From Greenwood at 6 a m once a week Wednesday;
By Bethany, Texas;
To Pulaski by 6 p m, 34 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m Thursday.
6154 From Mansfield at 6 a m once a week, Monday.
By Pleasant Grove;
To Pulaski, Texas by 6 p m, 36 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m Tuesday.
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6155 From Mansfield at 3 p m once a week, Monday.
By Ashland;
To Logansport by 6 p m, 21 miles.
And back between 6 a m and 12 m same day.
6156 From Mansfield at 6 a m once a week, Tuesday and Saturday.
By Grand Cane Keatchie, and Blossom Hill;
To Greenwood by 6 p m, 40 miles;
And back between 6 a m Monday and Friday, and 3 p m same day.
6157 From Clinton at 5 a m once a week Monday.
By Durham's, and Williamsport to Keachie by 6 p m, 30 miles
And back between 6 a m and 9 6 m Tuesday.
Proposals to extend to Shreveport are invited.
6158 From Manny at 8 a m once a week Tuesday
By Mill creek and Doyline;
To Burt's Ferry by 6 p m, 30 miles
And back between 8 a m and 7 p m Wednesday.
6159 From Fort Jesup at 12 m 3 times a week, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday
By Pleasant Hill
To Mansfield by 9 p m;
Thence by Sumner Grove
To Shreveport by 6 p m next day, 42 miles;
And back between noon and 6 p m Wednesday and Friday and 12 m next day.
6160 From Grand Ecore at 4 p m three times a week Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.
By Alexandria
To Fort Jesup by 11 a m
Thence by Natchitoches
To Sabinetown 7 days by 12 m next day,
And back between 4 p m Monday, Thursday, and Saturday and 2 p m.
6161 From Grand Ecore at 4 p m once a week Monday.
By Saint Maurice, Cedar Creek, Saline Mills Cedar Grove and Hineve;
To Natchitoches by 12 p m Wednesday, 90 miles;
And back between 4 a m Thursday and 2 p m Saturday.
6162 From Grand Ecore at 5 a m once a week, Monday.
Along the bank of Red River
To Shreveport by 7 p m Thursday
And back between 7 a m Monday at 1 p m Thursday.
Proposals to carry only between Jenkins and Cypress Bayou, to be by a steamboat to be proposed by the bidder, are invited.

SPECIAL OFFICES.

*Proposals are invited for supplying the following offices in Louisiana, for the next two years, to be delivered respectively, into such hands as may be found to be named in the proposals.*

Allen, at 11 miles from Grand Cane, 1 time a week
Ashton from Lake Providence 10 miles once a week
Bayou Porter from Greenwood, 10 miles once a week
Carrollton from New Orleans, 7 miles, three times a week
Dallas from Richmond, 12 miles, once a week
Delitzine from Bayou 10 miles, once a week
Fausse Point from New Iberia, 9 miles, once a week
Marbury ville from Shreveport 8 miles once a week
Midford from Baton Rouge, 14 miles once a week
Salt Spring from Sparta 12 miles once a week
Spear's Store from Cherry Ridge, 10 miles, once a week
St. Charles from Carrollton, 25 miles, once a week
Taylor from Bonnet Carre, 11 miles, once a week

*Form for a Bid where no change from advertisement is contemplated by the bidder*

To Contractor for Mail Service.

The undersigned hereby proposes to carry the mail on the route in the State of Louisiana, whose name or number is as follows, there state the name or residence, hereby proposes to carry the mail on the route in the manner and time stated in the advertisement requires, in the time stated in the schedules, and by the following mode of conveyance, to wit: Horse, stage, boat, etc., to be conveyed for the annual sum of $

*Form of a Guaranty to accompany each bid.*

The undersigned hereby insert the name of the guarantor or guarantors, guarantees that, if the present name of bidder or names of bidders, as the case may be, shall be entitled to the mail contract, he or they will be accepted by the Postmaster General, shall enter into an obligation prior to the first day of July next, with sufficient sureties to perform the service proposed.

Dated

*Form of Certificate.*

The undersigned, postmaster of, do certify that the guarantors whose names are subscribed are sufficient and able to make good the guaranty.

Dated

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Seven minutes are allowed for opening and closing the mails at all offices where no particular time is specified. Bids on railroad and steamboat routes there is to be no more delay than is necessary to deliver and receive the bags.

2. The mails are to be delivered in preference to passengers and to their entire exclusion, if its we gift and bulk require it.

3. Post office blanks, mail bags, and the special agents of the Department, on the exhibition of their credentials, are to be conveyed, without further charge, on mail lines admitting of such conveyance.

4. Mail agents are to be conveyed, without charge, on the principal railroads and steamboat lines where the size of the mails and the number of the offices will require their employment by the Department; and, in that case, a separate apartment for the assorting and safe-keeping of the mail is to be provided by the contractor, under the direction of the Department.

5. In all cases there is to be a forfeiture of the pay of the trip when the trip is not run, a forfeiture of at least one-fourth part of a month when the running or arrival is so far behind time as to lose the connection with a depending mail, and a forfeiture of a due proportion of a month when a grade of service is rendered inferior to that in the contract. These forfeitures may be increased into penalties of ten times the amount, according to the nature or frequency of the failure and the importance of the mail.

6. Fines will be imposed unless the delinquency be satisfactorily explained in due time, for failing to take from, or deliver to, a post office, or to a mail route, any part of it; for suffering it to be wet, injured, lost, or destroyed; for conveying it in a place or manner that exposes it to damage or loss; for refusing, or refusing after demand to convey a mail by any coach, railroad car, or steamboat, when the contractor regularly runs on the route beyond the specified number of trips in the contract, and for arriving at post offices and not setting up or running an express to transmit commercial intelligence in advance of the mail, a penalty will be exacted equal to a quarter's pay.

7. The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures; for violating the post office laws; for disobeying the instructions of the Department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the department; for lodging the contract without the consent of the Postmaster General, or for setting up or running an express as afore said.

8. The Postmaster General may alter the contract, at any time after the advertising a pro rata increase of compensation, within the restrictions imposed by law, for the additional service required, if the increase of speed, or the employment of additional stock or carriers is rendered necessary; and the contractor may, in such case, relinquish the contract, on timely notice, if he prefer so to do. The Postmaster General may annul the contract, if he shall deem it for the interest of the service and pay, when he will, a fair price for the service in whole or in part, or, for a higher or different grade of service on the route, allowing one month's extra pay on the amount dispensed with.

9. The payments will be made through drafts on post offices or otherwise, after the expiration of each quarter—say in February, May, August and November.

10. The distances are given according to the best information; but no increased pay will be allowed, should they prove to be greater than is advertised, if the places are correctly named.

11. The Postmaster general is prohibited by law from knowingly making a contract for the transportation of the mail with any person who shall have entered into any combination, or proposed to enter into any combination, to prevent the making of any bid for a mail contract by any other person or persons, or who shall have made any agreement, or shall have given or performed, or promised to give or perform, any consideration to do or not to do, any thing whatever to induce any other person not to bid for a mail contract. Particular attention is called to the 60th section of the act of 1836, prohibiting combinations to prevent bids.

12. A bid received after time, to wit: the 16th April next, at 10 a m, or without the guaranty required by law, or that dominates several routes in one sum of compensation, cannot be considered in competition with a regular proposal not adjudged to be ineligible.

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13. A bidder may offer, where the transportation called for in the advertisement is difficult or impracticable at certain seasons, to substitute an improved mode of conveyance, or to furnish service in a specified number of days, or weeks or months.