

JOURNALS
OF
THE CONVENTION
OF
**THE FREE, SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT PEOPLE
OF TEXAS, IN GENERAL CONVENTION
ASSEMBLED.**

In accordance with an ordinance, passed by the General Council on the eleventh of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and sanctioned by his Excellency the Governor, Henry Smith, on the thirteenth of the same month; and with a view to consummate the will and wishes of the General Council, his Excellency the Governor, Henry Smith, did issue his proclamation to all municipal judges, Alcaldes and citizens, that elections should be held on the first day of February next, in all the municipalities of Texas, for the purpose of electing delegates to a Convention, to be held in the town of Washington, on the first day of March ensuing, to be clothed with ample, unlimited or plenary powers, as to the form of government to be adopted; *Provided*, that no Constitution should go into effect, until the same be submitted to the people, and confirmed by a majority thereof.

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, March 1st, 1836.

There being a quorum of the delegates elect present,
On motion of Mr. Everett,
Mr. Collingsworth was called to the chair.
On motion of Mr. Parmer,
Mr. Willis A. Faris was appointed Secretary pro. tem.
On motion of Mr. Parmer,
Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine and report upon the credentials of the delegates elect.

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative. Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Parmer, Everett and Childress, and

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Mr. Zavala was added to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The Convention adjourned until two o'clock.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed to examine and report upon the credentials of the delegates elect, through their chairman, Mr. Parmer made the following Report, to wit:

From the municipality of Austin, *Thomas Barnett* and *Charles B. Stewart*.

From the municipality of Brazoria, *Edwin Waller*, *James Collingsworth* and *John S. D. Byron*.

From the municipality of Washington, *Benjamin Briggs Goodrich*, *G. W. Barnett*, *James S. Swesher* and *Jesse Grimes*.

From the municipality of Mina, *J. W. Bunton*, *Thomas J. Gazley* and *R. M. Coleman*.

From the municipality of Gonzales, *Mathew Caldwell* and *John Fisher*.

From the municipality of Milam, *Sterling C. Robertson* and *George C. Childress*.

From the municipality of Nacogdoches, *Robert Potter*.

From the municipality of San Augustine, *Martin Parmer*, *S. W. Blount* and *E. O. Legrand*.

From the municipality of Sabine, *William Clark, Jr.*, and *James Gaines*.

From the municipality of Harrisburg, *Lorenza de Zavala*.

From the municipality of Jasper, *Stephen H. Everett* and *George W. Smith*.

From the municipality of Matagorda, *Baily Hardeman*.

From the municipality of Jackson, *Elijah Stepp*.

From the municipality of Shelby, *Sidney O. Pennington* and *William C. Crawford*.

From the municipality of Jefferson, *Claiborne West* and *William B. Scates*.

From the municipality of Refugio, *James Power*, *Samuel Houston*, *David Thomas* and *Edward Conrad*.

From the municipality of Goliad, *William Mottley*.

From the municipality of San Patricio, *John Turner*.

From the municipality of Bejar, *Francisco Ruis*, *Antonio Navarro* and *J. B. Badgett*.

From the municipality of Pecan Point and vicinity, *Robert Hamilton*, *Richard Ellis* and *Collin McKinney*.

From the municipality of Colorado, *William D. Lacy* and *William Menifee*; and

On motion of Mr. Parmer,

The report was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a President of their body.

The question being taken it was agreed to. Mr. Everett nominated Mr. Ellis, and there being no opposition, Mr. Ellis was declared unanimously elected President of the Convention, who was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Collingsworth and Everett; whereupon the President addressed the Convention at some length on the importance of their duties.

On motion of Mr. Collingsworth,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary to their body.

Mr. Collingsworth nominated Mr. W. A. Faris; Mr. West nominated Mr. E. M. Pease; Mr. Legrand nominated Mr. H. S. Kimball.

The President appointed Messrs. Everett and Childress tellers, and the votes being taken, the tellers reported, that

Mr. W. A. Faris received ten votes; Mr. E. M. Pease received seven votes; Mr. S. H. Kimball received twenty-four votes, whereupon the President declared Mr. Kimball duly elected Secretary to the Convention, who was conducted to the Secretary's table by Messrs. Everett and Childress.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Potter nominated Mr. Isham Parmer, and there being no **opposition**, the President declared Mr. Parmer duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Door-Keeper.

Mr. Potter nominated Mr. John A. Hizer, and there being no opposition, the President declared Mr. Hizer duly elected Door-Keeper of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Goodrich,

The Convention proceeded to the election of an assistant Secretary and an engrossing Clerk.

Mr. Bunton nominated Mr. Pease for assistant Secretary, and Mr. Goodrich nominated Mr. Saul for engrossing Clerk, and there being no opposition, the President declared them both duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Childress,

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of five to draft a Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Parmer offered the following as an amendment:

Resolved, That the President appoint one delegate from each municipality a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence,

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question recurring upon Mr. Childress' resolution, it was decided in the affirmative; whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Childress, Gaines, Conrad, McKinney and Hardeman, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Gazley,

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of five, to draft rules for the order and government of the Convention,

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative: whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Gazdy, Houston, Potter, Collingsworth and Everett, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Everett,

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of three on privileges and elections.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative; whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Everett, Stewart and Coleman, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Parmer,

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of three to wait upon Governor Henry Smith, and Lieutenant Governor Robertson, and Council, and notify them of the formation of the Convention.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative; whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Parmer, Houston, and Coleman, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1836.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Gazley, chairman of the committee appointed to draft rules for the order and government of the Convention, made the following report.

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