

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Asa Brigham, from the Municipality of Brazoria, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat.

Mr. A. H. Latimer, from the Municipality of Pecan Point and vicinity, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat.

Messrs. Thos. J. Rusk, Charles S. Taylor, and John S. Roberts appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats as delegates elect from the Municipality of Nacogdoches.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The Convention proceeded to the election of an assistant secretary in the place of Mr. E. M. Pease, who declined to act.

Mr. Houston nominated Mr. F. W. Jackson and there being no opposition, the President declared Mr. Jackson duly elected assistant secretary of the Convention.

Mr. Menard from the Municipality of Liberty appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to superintend the procurement of carriers, to send expresses to the army, with such suitable directions as may be thought necessary by the Convention.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative; whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Crawford, Lacy, and Caldwell, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1836.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. A. B. Hardin, from the Municipality of Liberty, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat as a member of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to ballot for a committee to act as an Executive Committee, till such time as a more perfect form of provisional government may be established; and, after some discussion,

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The same was laid on the table.

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Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President of the House, to call upon the late Governor Smith, the late Lieutenant Governor Robinson, and the late acting council, that they be requested to deliver up to them all documents or papers

in anywise connected with the late provisional Government, and to inform them that their functions as provisional officers ceased on the first day of March.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to form an oath to be administered to the Executive Committee and every officer in the service of the Convention, or who may be appointed by this Convention.

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Resolved, That the Convention go into an election for a Major General to have command in chief of all the forces (regulars and volunteers) now in the field, or to be raised, and he to be under the direction of this Convention, and that he be forthwith ordered to the field; and, on motion of Mr. Everitt, the same was laid on the table.

Mr. Crawford, chairman of the committee appointed to procure suitable couriers for the purpose of forwarding expresses, with such information as this Convention may deem proper, beg leave to report the following, to-wit:

Believing it of vital importance that this convention know correctly the true situation of our enemy on the frontier, and also the condition of our army, they would recommend the convention to accept the services of Major Caldwell, who purposes to start this day for the frontier.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

The report was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hardeman,

Messrs. Houston, Hamilton, Collinworth and Thomas were added to the committee appointed to draft a constitution.

Mr. Coleman asked and obtained leave to be discharged from further duty to the committee on privileges and elections; where upon the President appointed Mr. LeGrand in his place.

On motion of Mr. Everitt,

The Convention adjourned till two o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bunton,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to inquire into the actual condition of our army, the number of officers, grades, where stationed, and what force they command, and the number of privates now in the field; what their condition as to clothing, the quantity of provisions and munitions of war now in the country, and where at, and make report of the same.

And the question being taken thereon it was decided in the affirmative; whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Bunton, Barnett of Washington, Legrand, Fisher of Gonzales and Fisher of Matagorda, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Rusk,

Resolved, that the President appoint a committee consisting of one member from each Municipality to report as early as practicable a constitutive act for the purpose of organizing the physical force of the country for its defence, against its enemies.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative; whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Rusk, Barnett of Austin, Collinsworth, Badgett, Lacy, Caldwell, Mottley, Zavala, Smyth, Stepp, Scates, Hardin, Bunton, Robertson, Harde-man, Latimer, Thomas, Blount, Clark, Pennington, Turner and Swisher, said committee.

On motion of Mr. Conrad,

The following Preamble and resolution was introduced:—Whereas Land titles have been recently granted by commissioners, to individuals under the colonization Laws, whilst many brave and worthy men, with equal claims, have been prevented by serving in the field, of similar privileges, notwithstanding the decree of a former Convention, ordering all such proceedings to be suspended: Therefore,

Resolved, That all Land commissioners or agents whatever, interested with the disposition of public Lands, close their offices, and suspend the granting of titles, and all matters whatsoever connected with the disposal of public Lands forthwith; and that if any titles should be granted in defiance of this authority, such titles shall be null and void, and the individual so offending shall be subject to a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for twelve months.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the preamble and resolution were laid on the table till to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Collinsworth,

Resolved That the papers and documents transferred to the convention, be referred to a committee of five delegates for examination and report.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative; whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Collinsworth, Gazley, Hamilton, Childress and Goodrich said committee.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Resolved that Col. Jesse Benton and Lieut. Griffin Bane be and they are hereby, authorized to raise a Regiment of rangers, the officers of which shall be commissioned by the authority of this convention; the said Regiment of rangers to receive the same pay and rations that are provided for the regular army; the said regiment to enrol themselves during the war, and to be subject at all times, to the orders of the Commander-in-chief of the public forces.

And the question being taken thereon was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Goodrich,

Resolved, that no legislative subject shall be acted on by the Convention after this day, the 3rd of March, except such as relates directly to the defence of the country.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the resolution was laid on the table till to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Gazley,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to devise & report to this Convention a suitable flag for the Republic of Texas.

And the question being taken thereon, was decided in the affirmative; whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Gazley, Scates, Zavala, Robertson, and Barnett of Austin, and

On motion of Mr. Houston, the President was added to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Goodrich,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to Messrs. Baker & Bordens, editors of the Telegraph for the files of their paper presented them.

And the question being taken thereon, was unanimously decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Menifee,

The Convention adjourned till tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1836.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The names of the members being called and the journals of the two preceding days being read by the Secretary,

Mr. Everitt, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections made the following report:

Your committee on privileges and elections ask leave respectfully to report, that after a patient examination of various documents laid before your committee, in regard to an election held in the municipality of Matagorda, (said election being contested by Messrs. Royall and Fisher) have come to the conclusion that Mr. S. Rhodes Fisher is legally elected and entitled to a seat in this house. In drawing this conclusion, your committee would respectfully state to the house, that among the returns of elections, is one from Goliad, held among the volunteers on the fifth of January; at that election Mr. Royall received sixteen votes. The person who discharged that post, appeared before your committee, and testified that he discharged said volunteers on the evening of the 11th

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