

of instructions to said officers, copies of which were retained and filed with the Secretary of this Convention.

On motion of Mr. Gazley the Convention adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1836.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Carson asked leave to be excused from serving on the Naval committee, which request was granted; and the President appointed Mr. Waller to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. Powers, Resolved that a government brand be adopted, which will be placed on all horses, mules, oxen, carts, wagons and other property of the Republic, as the nature of the case may be; and it is hereby made the duty of the officers in charge of such property, to see the same carried into effect.

On motion of Mr. Potter the same was referred to the Committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr. Everett the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Constitution. Mr. Everett in the chair; and after some time spent therein, on motion of Mr. Gazley the committee rose.

Whereupon Mr. Everett reported that the committee of the whole had had under their consideration the report of the committee on the Constitution and had instructed him to report progress, and ask leave to sit again; which report was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gazley the Convention adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Potter, Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to draft a provision for the constitution on the subject of lands: and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Potter, Carson, Childress, Fisher and Coleman.

The President laid before the Convention a communication from Mr. Wm. S. Fisher, collector at Velasco, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Potter referred to the com. on Naval affairs.

The President laid before the Convention the report of the auditor of public accounts, which are as follows, towit:

“Washington, March 7, 1836.

The Honb. Prest. & members of the Convention. In conformity with the existing laws, I beg leave to report the amount of the

government debts from 1st Jany. 1836 to 7th March inclusive, admitted to audit and drafted for, upon ballancing the books & correcting the errors in addition, on account of

Contingent Expenses . . . . .	604	78
Civil Expenses . . . . .	6,023	23
Military Expenses . . . . .	39,329	79

Amount of government debts 7th March 1836 . . . . . \$45,957 80  
*J. W. Moody, Auditor.*

Washington, 14th Mar. 1836.

The Honb. Prest & members of the Convention.

In accordance with the existing laws, I beg leave to report, that since the 8th March, to the 10th inst. inclusive I have admitted to audit & drafted for on account of

Contingent Expenses . . . . .	00,000	0
Civil Expenses . . . . .	30	0
Military Expenses . . . . .	543	65

Amt. of Govt. debts on 7th March . . . . . \$45,957 80

“ “ “ “ 10th “ . . . . . \$46,531 45

Add for Contingent Expenses as per account 27th January . . . . .	37	50
Total am't audited and drawn for . . . . .	46,568	95
Deduct amt. of draft paid in per S. Leeper's note . . . . .	38	00

Amt. Govt. debts 10th March . . . . . \$46,530 95

Having ceased operations since the morning of the 11th inst. and balanced the books of the office, they stand thus—

Contingent Expenses . . . . .	642	28
Civil Expenses . . . . .	6,053	23
Military Expenses . . . . .	39,835	44

Amt. Govt. debts 10th March 1836 . . . . . \$46,530 95

Having received information of four families being in a house on this side the Colorado, of which my own is among the number, I must go to their relief. My office and papers being ready for examination, an immediate action is earnestly requested.

I remain Sir, Your obedient servant,

*J. W. MOODY, Auditor."*

On motion of Mr. Rusk, the same was referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. Carson the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Constitution: and

On motion of Mr. Rusk that the committee rise, and the question being taken, it was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon the President resumed the chair; and Mr. Carson reported that the Committee of the whole had had under consideration the report of the Committee on the Constitution, and instructed him to report the report the same as amended.

On motion of Mr. Carson the report was received and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rusk:

Resolved that the Constitution as reported and amended be referred to a select committee of five, with directions to correct errors and phraseology relating to the present provisions, with leave to submit reflections by report; and the question being taken thereon it was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon the President appointed Messrs. Rusk, Gazley, Hamilton, Gaines and Everett said Committee.

Mr. Barnett of W. laid before the Convention sundry communications from F. W. Smith; which were read and on motion of Mr. Carson, the same were referred to the Military Committee.

On motion of Mr. Rusk—Resolved that the Committee on Military affairs be instructed to make arrangements for furnishing arms, munitions, &c. to a company of regulars on their march to the frontier under the command of Lieutenant Teal.

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

Mr. Goodrich laid before the Convention a communication: which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Rusk the same was referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Conrad introduced the following, which was read,

“Whereas many individuals from the United States have left their homes of peace and comfort to volunteer in the service of this country and endure the hardships and perils of war, in its struggle against Mexican tyranny; and have by their generous patriotism and gallant conduct in the field earned our earnest gratitude; therefore,

“Resolved that bounties of land be and are hereby granted to said volunteers, as follows:

“To all who are now in service and shall continue in the service faithfully during the war 1280 acres.

“To all who have served faithfully or who shall serve faithfully for a period not less than six months 640 acres.

“To all who have served faithfully for a period not less than 3 months 320 acres.

“To all who shall enter the service previous to the 1st July next, and shall continue in the service faithfully during the war, provided the war shall continue for a period more than six months 960 acres.

“To all who were at the siege of Bejar 640 acres.

“To all who shall enter the service after the 1st July next, a quantity proportioned to their services and to be hereafter determined.

“Resolved That the lawful heir or heirs of all such volunteers as may have fallen or may hereafter fall in the present struggle with the Mexican government, or who may have died, or may hereafter die from any accident whilst in the service of the Country during the war, shall be granted the quantities of land which would have been due the deceased under the colonization laws, as established by the laws of the land had he survived, and that is to say, one league and labor (——— acres) for a man of family and one-third of a league (——— acres) for a single man. Also that the said heir or heirs shall receive in addition to the land granted as aforesaid, a bounty of 640 acres, as decreed by the Council at San Felipe on the 11th day of Dec. 1835.

“Resolved that every applicant for land under those claims shall present a certificate from the proper officer under whose command he served, the time of service, faithfulness, discharge &c. and that the certificate shall be presented to a land commissioner or such proper agent as might be established by law, as a voucher for the correctness of the claims. Also that these claims may be located on any unappropriated vacant land in the country, but no single grant shall be located in more than one body, nor any grant of 1280 acres in any other form than 2 equal squares; nor any grant of 960 acres in any other form than a square of 640 acres and another square of 320 acres; nor any grant of 640 acres in any other form than a square; nor any grant of 320 acres in any other form than a square. The expenses of surveying, office fees &c shall be borne by the claimant.

“Resolved that no bounty land as herein specified shall be construed so as to affect the rights and privileges to land under the colonization laws as established by the laws of the land of any said volunteer, any more than if it had not been granted.—

On motion of Mr. Childress, that the rule be suspended and the preamble and resolution be put on their adoption; and at the suggestion of the introducer the same was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Parmer the Convention adjourned till tomorrow 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1836.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

1. Mr. Potter chairman of a select committee to whom was referred that part of the Constitution in relation to lands made the following report. \* \* \* \* \*

On motion of Mr. Gazley the same was referred to the select

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