

accepted, and that he be requested to repair immediately to Velasco or any other point, and wait upon General Mexia with a copy of the Resolutions passed this day, requesting General Mexia to proceed to Bexar and accompany the expedition, and extend all the aid in his power, with authority to draw on this Government for any amount of money necessary in forwarding the objects of said Resolutions.

Passed at San Felipe de Austin, Dec. 10, 1835.

JAMES W. ROBINSON,

Lieut. Gov. and ex-officio Pres't of G. C.

E. M. PEASE,

Sec'y of Gen. Council.

Approved, December 12, 1835.

HENRY SMITH,

Governor.

*A Resolution for calling a Convention.*

By the laws of Creation and Nature, all men are free and equal, and of these natural rights no man can be forcibly deprived of the principles of immutable justice: a desire for domination and power in man over his fellow man, subjects the weak and unambitious to the machinations of the more subtle and strong—to avoid such evils social compacts or Governments are formed for mutual and individual protection;—to this end each member of a community surrenders certain of his natural rights for common security;—thus, of necessity, all the legitimate powers of any Government are immediately derived from the governed. The people are sovereign, and all the officers designated for the execution of their civil compact are agents and accountable for their fidelity:—when such agents assume the character of principals or dictators, and attempt of their own will to subvert the form and true principles of the Governmental Compact and substitute another without the consent of the parties whose agents they are, resistance from the people is necessary and a virtue: in this situation are the citizens of Texas and a considerable portion of the Mexican Republic, of which Texas is a part—resistance is, therefore,

a duty. The protection of our liberties—one natural and reserved right to make it so:—arms are the resort, and in arms the people will find their only security from the oppression of ambitious tyrants, whose chains are forged to manacle our citizens and subdue them to their will: courage and bravery in resistance, and prudence in council will restore to us the natural sovereignty of all Governments:—one civil compact or constitution is destroyed and another must be formed to guarantee the purposes and ends of political associations: a Provisional or temporary Government, however wisely formed, or prudently administered, is at best uncertain and insecure—permanency and strength should be the basis of all Governments—therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That in virtue of the powers vested in the “Provisional Government of Texas” by the Representatives of the people in convention assembled, and it is hereby *resolved*, by the General Council of the Provisional Government aforesaid, that a Convention of delegates of the people for each Municipality of the three departments of Texas shall be called, to assemble on the first day of March next, at the town of Washington.

SEC. 2. *Be it further resolved*, That the Delegates elected by the people be clothed with ample, unlimited, or plenary powers as to the form of government to be adopted: *provided*, that no Constitution formed shall go into effect, until the same be submitted to the people and confirmed by a majority thereof, in such manner as shall be prescribed by a provision in such instrument.

SEC. 3. *Be it further resolved*, That the acting Judge, or in case there be no acting Judge, the Alcalde of each municipality be required, and it is hereby made his duty to issue writs of election to some competent and respectable citizen of each election district, to hold the election in the said district on the first day of February, 1836, to be conducted in the manner that elections have heretofore been conducted—allowing all free white males *and* Mexicans opposed to a Central Government a vote: *provided*, that no proxy votes shall be received—excepting, nevertheless, all the Citizen Volunteers in the Army, each of whom shall have a right to his vote, which he shall write upon paper over his own proper signature,

and send to the Judge or Alcalde of his respective Municipality, to be received on or before the day of the election aforesaid; and also *provided*, that the said Judge or Alcalde shall appoint the several places for holding said elections; of which time and place for holding the same, reasonable notice shall be given in the best manner for informing the people thereof; and duplicate returns of each election shall be made to the Judge or Alcalde aforesaid, one of which shall be filed on the archives of his office, the other to be presented at the Convention as evidence of the election of the members.

SEC. 4. *Be it further resolved*, That with a view to as just an equalization of representatives as can be at present determined, that the Municipality of Austin shall elect three delegates, Brazoria four, Washington four, Mina three, Gonzales two, Viesca two, Nacogdoches four, San Augustine four, Liberty three, Harrisburg two, Jasper two, Matagorda two, Jackson two, Tenehaw two, Jefferson two, Refugio two, Goliad two, San Patricio two, Bexar four, Gaudaloupe Victoria two, and the citizens of Pecan Point two.

SEC. 5. *Be it further resolved*, That the Governor shall, and it is hereby made his duty, as soon as may be, to issue his proclamation for carrying into effect the preceding Resolutions.

Passed at San Felipe de Austin, Dec. 10, 1835.

JAMES W. ROBINSON,

Lieut. Gov. and ex-officio Pres't of G. C.

E. M. PEASE,

Sec'y of Gen. Council.

This was vetoed by the Governor but it passed by a constitutional majority on the 13th December, 1835.

HENRY SMITH,

Governor.

*An Ordinance and Decree granting a Bounty of Land to certain Volunteers in the Army of the People of Texas.*

*Be it ordained and decreed, and it is hereby ordained and decreed by the General Council of the Provisional Government of Texas*, That there shall be, and there is hereby granted to each volunteer in the Army of the People of Texas, his heirs or legal representatives who may have

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