

EXECUTIVE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, we, the people of Texas, through our delegates in General Convention assembled, for the purpose of framing a Constitution, and organizing a Government under that Constitution, free, sovereign and independent; and finding, from the extreme emergency of the case, and our critical situation, that it is a duty we owe to our fellow-citizens and ourselves, to look upon our present danger with a calmness unruffled, and a determination unsubdued; and at the same time, to pursue a prompt and energetic course for the support of our liberty and protection of our property and lives; therefore,

1st. *Resolved*, That we deem it of vital importance to forthwith, form, organize and establish a Government, "*ad interim*," for the protection of Texas, which will have full, ample and plenary powers to do all and every thing which is contemplated to be done by the General Congress of the people, under the powers granted to them by the constitution, saving and excepting all legislative and judicial acts.

2nd. *Resolved*, That said Government shall consist of a chief executive officer, to be styled the "President of the Republic of Texas;" a Vice-President, Secretary of State, Secretary at War, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Treasury, and Attorney General, whose salaries shall be fixed and determined by the first Congress of the Republic.

3rd. *Resolved*, That all questions touching the powers hereby confided to these officers, shall be decided by a majority of said officers.

4th. *Resolved*, That the President be elected by this convention: and that the candidate or individual having a majority of the whole number of votes given in, shall be, and is hereby, declared to be duly elected.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Vice-President, the aforesaid Secretaries and Attorney General, be elected by this Convention, a majority of the whole number of votes being requisite to a choice.

6th. *Resolved*, That the members of this body vote for the above named officers "*viva voce*."

7th. *Resolved*, That the officers so elected, be required to take the oath prescribed by the Constitution.

8th. *Resolved*, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of a majority of his cabinet, shall have the appointment of all officers, civil, military and naval, for, and during, the existence of the Government "*ad interim*."

9th. *Resolved*, That the Government aforesaid, shall be invested, and they are hereby, vested with full powers to create a loan, not to exceed one million of dollars; and to pledge the faith and credit of the Republic, and the proceeds of the sale of the public lands, for the repayment of the same, with the interest thereon.

10th. *Resolved*, That the President and his cabinet shall have full power to appropriate the funds of Texas, to the defence of the country, by raising and supporting the army and navy, making fortifications, &c.

11th. *Resolved*, That said officers hold their offices until their successors are chosen and qualified.

12th. *Resolved*, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of his cabinet, shall have power to issue writs of election for senators and representatives, at an earlier day than that fixed by the constitution, and convene them as soon after the election, as may be convenient.

13th. *Resolved*, That said Government have ample and plenary powers to enter into negotiations and treaties with foreign powers.

14th. *Resolved*, That the President and his cabinet have power to appoint commissioners to any foreign power.

The foregoing fourteen resolutions were adopted in convention of the people of Texas, assembled at the town of Washington, on the 16th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

RICHARD ELLIS,
President of the Convention.

Attest, H. S. KIMBLE,
Secretary.

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