

*Unanimously adopted* by the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Van Zandt, it was ordered that a copy of the above resolution, signed by the President and Secretary of the Convention, be transmitted to the family of General Andrew Jackson, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, July 5, 1845.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by the Rev. Chauncey Richardson.

The roll being called, the following delegates answered to their names:

Messrs. President Rusk, Anderson, Armstrong of J., Armstrong of R., Baylor, Bache, Brashear, Brown, Burroughs, Caldwell, Cazneau, Clark, Cunningham, Cuney, Darnell, Davis, Evans, Everts, Forbes, Gage, Hemphill, Henderson, Hicks, Horton, Hogg, Holland, Hunter, Irion, Jewett, Kinney, Latimer of L., Latimer of R. R., Lewis, Love, Lumpkin, Lusk, Lipscomb, Mayfield, M'Gowan, M'Neil, Miller, Moore, Navarro, Parker, Power, Rains, Runnels, Scott, Smyth, Standefer, Taylor, Van Zandt, White, Wood, Wright and Young—56.

The journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Mayfield and Runnels to invite within the bar of the House, Generals Besancon and Thomas, and Judge W. K. Baylor.

Mr. Caldwell offered the following Ordinance:

#### AN ORDINANCE,

Relative to the introduction of the United States Troops into Texas.

Whereas, the Government of the United States, having passed resolutions by which Texas may be annexed and incorporated into the American Union; and whereas, the delegates of the people in Convention assembled, having acceded to the proposals submitted by the President of the United States, to the Government of Texas, and by said Government submitted to the people thereof, and to this Convention; and whereas, there are many tribes of Indians, belonging to the United States of America, located within and adjacent to the territory of Texas: Therefore, for the security and tranquillity of our frontier—

*Be it ordained by the Delegates of the People in Convention assembled,* That the President of the United States, be, and he is hereby requested, to occupy without delay, the frontier of this Republic with such troops as may be necessary for its defence; and the President of Texas is requested to make known the same to the Government of the United States, through their Representative near this Republic.

Read a first time.

On motion, rule suspended—read a second time; and

On motion of Mr. Gage, referred to a special committee, composed of Messrs. Gage, Mayfield, Caldwell, Cazneau, Lewis, Hemphill, Young, Hunter, Anderson and Cunningham.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, the Convention proceeded to its further organization.

Mr. Hemphill nominated for Assistant Secretary, Thomas Green.

Mr. Henderson nominated “ “ A. W. Lockett.

Mr. Wright nominated “ “ Jas. S. Gillett.

Messrs. Miller, Cazneau and Cuney, were appointed Tellers.

The House then proceeded to ballot, whereupon it was found that

Mr. Green received	33 votes.
Mr. Lockett “	15 “
Mr. Gillet “	7 “

Mr. Green having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected 1st Assistant Secretary of the Convention.

The House then proceeded to the election of 2d Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Bache nominated P. W. Humphreys.

Mr. Henderson nominated J. M. Swisher.

Whereupon, after balloting, it was found that

Mr. Swisher received	37 votes.
Mr. Humphreys received	16 “

Mr. Swisher having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected 2d Assistant Secretary.

The House then proceeded to the election of Sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Lumpkin nominated Mr. McKnight.

Mr. Runnels “ J. M. Floyd.

Mr. Brashear “ D. D. Culp.

Mr. Jewett “ Jas. Neely.

Mr. Smyth “ J. C. Alexander.

Mr. Lipscomb “ S. W. Pipkin.

Whereupon, after balloting, it was found that

Mr. McKnight received	9 votes.
Mr. Floyd	11 "
Mr. Culp	7 "
Mr. Neely	13 "
Mr. Alexander	7 "
Mr. Pipkin	7 "

Neither candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the House proceeded to a second ballot, which resulted as follows:

Mr. McKnight received	8 votes.
Mr. Floyd	13 "
Mr. Culp	8 "
Mr. Neely	14 "
Mr. Alexander	9 "
Mr. Pipkin	3 "

Neither candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the House proceeded to a 3d ballot, which resulted as follows:

Mr. McKnight received	8 votes.
Mr. Floyd	15 "
Mr. Culp	6 "
Mr. Neely	15 "
Mr. Alexander	9 "
Mr. Pipkin	1 "

Neither candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the House proceeded to a 4th ballot, which resulted as follows:

Mr. McKnight received	8 votes
Mr. Floyd	16 "
Mr. Neely	21 "
Mr. Alexander	10 "

Neither candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the House proceeded to a 5th ballot, which resulted as follows:

Mr. McKnight received	3 votes.
Mr. Floyd	13 "
Mr. Neely	36 "
Mr. Alexander	3 "

Mr. Neely having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms to the Convention.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Door-keeper.

Mr. Brown nominated James A. Young,

Mr. Wood nominated Wm. Cockburn.

Mr. Kinney nominated F. Hughes.

The vote being taken, it was found that

Mr. Cockburn received	28 votes.
Mr. Hughes	17 "
Mr. Young	9 "

Mr. Cockburn having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared by the President duly elected Door-keeper for the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Chaplain.

Mr. Gage nominated Mr. Haynie.

Mr. Parker nominated Mr. Morrell.

The vote being taken, it was found that

Mr. Haynie received	33	votes.
Mr. Morrell	18	"

Whereupon the President declared the Rev. Mr. Haynie duly elected Chaplain for the Convention.

Mr. Jewett offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President appoint the following Standing Committees:

1. Committee on the State of the Nation.
2. Committee on the Executive Department.
3. Committee on the Legislative Department.
4. Committee on the Judiciary.
5. Committee on the General Provisions of the Constitution.
6. Committee on Privileges and Elections.
7. Committee on Printing.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment by way of substitute:

*Resolved*, That a committee of fifteen be appointed to enquire and report what method will be most expedient in bringing before this House the business on which it has convened.

Mr. Cazneau moved to refer the resolution and amendment to the committee on Rules; which motion was lost.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Brown, and lost.

The vote was then taken on the resolution of Mr. Jewett, and carried.

Mr. Burroughs moved that the committee on Privileges and Elections consist of thirteen members. Lost.

Mr. Kinney moved, that the President have discretionary power to appoint whatever number he may please.

Mr. Van Zandt moved that fifteen members be appointed on said committee. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Lipscomb, nine members were appointed on said committee.

Whereupon, the President announced the following Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Messrs. Miller, Evans, Forbes, Cunningham, Darnell, Lumpkin, Wright, McNeill, Armstrong of Jefferson.

Mr. Burroughs presented the petition of Mr. Jefferson W. Oliver, praying to be admitted as a member of this body, from the county of Sabine, which was referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Young presented the memorial of Wm. B. Ochiltree, contesting the seat of Charles S. Taylor, as one of the delegates from Nacogdoches county, which, on motion of Mr. Parker, was referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. Mayfield, the election returns of the county of Nacogdoches were also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Bache presented the memorial of the citizens of Galveston county in behalf of Memucan Hunt, praying that he might be admitted as a member of this body, which was referred to the committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Cazneau, the resolution of Mr. Jewett, forming Standing Committees, was taken up.

Mr. Cazneau moved that the committee on the State of the Nation, consist of fifteen members. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Cazneau, the committee on the Executive Department, was filled with nine members; Legislative Department with thirteen members; and Judiciary fifteen members.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the committee on General Provisions of the Constitution was filled with fifteen members.

Mr. Cazneau moved that the committee on Printing consist of five members. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lipscomb, the House adjourned until Monday morning 8 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, July 7, 1845.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Messrs. President Rusk, Anderson, Armstrong of J., Armstrong of R., Baylor, Bache, Brashear, Brown, Burroughs, Caldwell, Cazneau, Clark, Cunningham, Cuney, Daruell, Davis, Everts, Forbes, Gage, Hemphill, Henderson, Hicks, Hogg, Horton, Holland, Hunter, Irion, Jewett, Kinney, Latimer of L., Latimer of R. R., Love, Lumpkin, Lipscomb, Mayfield, McGowan, McNeill, Miller, Moore, Navarro, Parker, Power, Rains, Runnels, Scott, Smyth, Standefer, Taylor, Van Zandt, White, Wood, Wright and Young.

Prayer by the Chaplain—the journal of the preceding day read and adopted.

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