

Committee of the Whole, on the report of the committee on the Legislative Department—Mr. Smyth in the chair.

After some proceeding therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Convention adjourned until half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 23, 1845.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain.

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

Quorum present—the journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be instructed to receive proposals for printing the Journals of the Convention, in what kind of type, the size of the page, the price per page, and the time at which the work will be ready for delivery, shall be specified; and that bond with approved security shall be taken for the prompt and due execution of the work.

On motion of Mr. Lusk, the rule requiring the resolution to lay on the table one day for consideration, was suspended, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Mayfield moved to reconsider his vote subscribing for 1500 copies of the "New Era" weekly, which, on motion of Mr. Gage, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the

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were taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Clark, the Convention resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the report of the committee on the Legislative Department—Mr. Van Zandt in the chair.

After some proceeding therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which report was adopted.

Mr. Howard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Geo. Fisher, the interpreter to the Hon. J. A. Navarro, deputy from the county of Bexar, be entitled to receive the same pay as a member of the Convention, and that the same be paid out of the contingent fund appropriated to defray the expenses of this Convention.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Convention resolved itself into Committee of the Whole—Mr. Darnell in the chair.

After some proceeding therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, reported, that they had adopted various amendments to the report of the committee on the Legislative Department, which they recommend to the Convention, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was adopted.

The amendments of the committee were then taken up.

The first amendment of the committee is in section 1st, first line, to strike out the word "white."

On motion of Mr. Lewis, a call of the Convention was made; and,

On motion of Mr. Young, the further call was suspended.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment.

The ayes and noes were as follow:

Ayes—Messrs. President Rusk, Armstrong of J., Armstrong of R., Baylor, Bache, Brown, Bagby, Caldwell, Cazneau, Clark, Cunningham, Evans, Everts, Forbes, Gage, Hemphill, Hender-

son, Horton, Howard, Holland, Hunter, Irion, Jewett, Kinney, Latimer of L., Latimer of R. R., Lumpkin, Lusk, Lipscomb, Mayfield, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Power, Rains, Scott, Smyth, Standefer, Tarrant, Van Zandt, White and Wright—42.

Noes—Messrs. Burroughs, Cuney, Darnell, Davis, Hicks, Hogg, Lewis, Love, McGowan, McNeill, Moore, Runnels, Wood and Young—14.

So the amendment was adopted.

The amendment of the committee in first line, after the word "shall," insert "have attained to the age of 21 years, and who shall"—was adopted by the Convention.

The following amendment of the committee was also adopted:

Add to the end of the 1st section, "Provided, that no soldier, seaman, or marine, in the army or navy of the United States, shall be entitled to vote at any election created by this Constitution."

The amendment of the committee to strike out the words "General Assembly" wherever they occur in the report, and insert the word "Legislature," was adopted by the Convention.

The amendment of the committee to the 2d section, to strike out the words "as electors," and insert "at elections," was adopted.

In the 7th section, fifth line, the amendment of the committee is as follows: strike out "twenty-five years" and insert "twenty-one."

Upon which the ayes and noes were called, and stood as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. President Rusk, Anderson, Armstrong of R., Baylor, Bache, Brown, Burroughs, Clark, Cunningham, Darnell, Davis, Evans, Everts, Gage, Hemphill, Henderson, Hogg, Horton, Howard, Holland, Irion, Jewett, Jones, Latimer of L., Latimer of R. R., Lewis, Love, Lumpkin, Lusk, Lipscomb, Mayfield, McGowan, McNeill, Miller, Moore, Parker, Power, Rains, Runnels, Scott, Standefer, Van Zandt and Young—43.

Noes—Messrs. Armstrong of J., Bagby, Caldwell, Cazneau, Cuney, Forbes, Hicks, Hunter, Kinney, Navarro, Smyth, Tarrant, White, Wood and Wright—15.

So the amendment was adopted.

In section 10th, the amendment of the committee was adopted, and is as follows:

Strike out from the word "and" in second line, to the word "they" in the same, and insert "at the first meeting of the Legislature."

The amendment of the committee to the 14th section, after the word "President" in second line, insert "pro tem.," was adopted.

Also, in 14th section, the amendment of the committee, to insert "two-thirds" after the words "majority of," was adopted.

The amendment of the committee to the 16th section, to strike out all in the second line to the word "and," was adopted.

In 20th section, the amendment of the committee was adopted, to strike out all after the word "open."

The amendment of the committee to the 26th section, to strike out all enclosed in brackets, which is "the office of Post Master excepted," was adopted.

The additional section of the committee, to come between the 28th and 29th sections, is as follows:

"No person who denies the being of a God, or a future state of rewards and punishments, shall hold any office in the civil department of State."

Which was read and rejected by the Convention.

The amendment of the committee to the 30th section, is as follows:

In the eighth line, strike out "the number of qualified electors," and insert "the free population, Indians not taxed, Africans and descendants of Africans excepted."

Which was debated at some length; and.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, July 24, 1845.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by the Chaplain.

Members present—Messrs. President Rusk, Anderson, Armstrong of J., Armstrong of R., Baylor, Bagby, Bache, Brashear, Brown, Burroughs, Caldwell, Cazneau, Clark, Cunningham, Cuney, Darnell, Davis, Evans, Everts, Forbes, Gage, Hemphill, Henderson, Hicks, Hogg, Horton, Howard, Hunter, Irion, Jewett, Jones, Kinney, Latimer of L., Latimer of R. R., Lewis, Love, Lumpkin, Lusk, Lipscomb, Mayfield, McGowan, McNeill, Miller, Moore, Parker, Power, Rains, Runnels, Scott, Smyth, Standefer, Tarrant, Ochiltree, Van Zandt, White, Wood, Wright and Young.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Anderson offered the following resolution;

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