WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., December 19, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present: Messrs. Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

Prayer by the Chaplain. The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to quiet land titles issued to colonists, settlers, citizens, &c., reported that the committee are divided in opinion on many important features contained in the bill; and, also, as to some of the amendments proposed. They, therefore, return the bill and amendments herewith submitted for the action of the Senate.

Mr. Latimer, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, reported a substitute for the same and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, December 18, 1849.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a joint resolution for the relief of the heirs and assignees of Benjamin D. Nobles, deceased, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report that the vouchers, that were before the committee, show that said Nobles purchased three lots in the city of Austin at the first sale of lots by the Government of the Republic of Texas, and that he paid the first installment down; and that before the second payment fell due, he died—his administrator paid, however, the second and third installments and withdrew, and was discharged from said administration by the Court of Probate for Travis county; and that a second administrator was appointed, who acted as such until after the fourth and last payment fell due, when he resigned his administratorship—and the first administrator was re-appointed, and he alleges, by affidavit, that the second administrator informed him that the last installment was paid, and that he knew no better until the forfeited lots were advertised for sale in 1848—and those lots among the number; when he applied for and obtained from the Judge of the District Court of Travis county an injunction to stop the sale of said lots—he, also, represents that

he has made improvements on said lots to the value of two thousand dollars, the whole amount that he has paid on said lots is a little above nineteen hundred dollars, and the whole amount now due by said estate is between four and five hundred dollars, payable in the promissory notes of the Republic of Texas. From these facts, the committee have no hesitation in reporting the bill back to the Senate and recommending its passage. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill to provide for ceding to the United States jurisdiction of certain lands in this State for public purposes, and a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the citizens of Jasper county correctly enrolled, and that the same were presented to the Governor, on this day for his approval.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to a bill to authorize any two county commissioners to perform the duties of chief justice of the county court, when said office is vacant, or when said officer is absent from the State, or is unable or disqualified to act.

Mr. Wallace offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a joint committee to consist of two from the House of Representatives and one from the Senate, be appointed to examine the Treasury of the State, and report its condition as early as practicable.

A bill to amend the 6th, 7th and 9th sections of an act authorizing and requiring the county courts to regulate roads, appoint overseers, &c., approved March 15, 1848; read third time and passed.

A bill to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature among the several counties of this State, according to the requirements of the constitution; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the Select committee of seven to whom was referred several bills on apportionment.

A bill to amend the fourth section of an act, approved March 13, 1848, entitled an act to amend sections ten, eleven, thirteen and twenty-two of an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, approved May 12, 1846; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Joint resolution instructing our Representatives in Congress to use their efforts to obtain an appropriation for the improvement

of the navigation on our south western coast; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill donating two leagues of land to each county in this State for the purpose of establishing a Manual Labor School; read second time.

Mr. Wallace moved to refer the bill to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through their Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills and joint resolution, viz:

A bill to restore lands, sold for taxes and purchased by the State, to the former owners;

A bill to authorize James Knight to adopt Lucinda E. Nibbs, daughter of Mary Beckam, deceased, late of the county of Fort Bend; and,

Joint resolution making an appropriation for the relief and education of Angelina Elizabeth Dickinson; which were severally read first time.

A bill to incorporate the Nueces Manual Labor School; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Kinney, laid on the table.

Resolution offered, on yesterday, by Mr. Grimes, relative to the printing of the Comptroller's report, was read.

The yeas and nays being called, stood thus:

Yeas: Messrs. Burleson, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, Pease, Phillips, Taylor, Ward and Wallace—9.

Nays: Messrs. Davis, Gage, Kinney, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Portis, Robertson, Truit, Van Derlip and Walker—11; rejected.

A bill to amend an act to prescribe the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas, together with the report of the committee on State Affairs offering a substitute therefor, was read.

The yeas and nays being called on the adoption of the substitute, stood as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Davis, Gage, Hart, Moffett, Pease, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip and Ward—11.

Nays: Messrs. Burleson, Grimes, Latimer, McRae, Parker, Phillips, Walker and Wallace—8; adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill providing payment for the forage and subsistence of the company of mount-

ed volunteers mustered into the service of this State, on the 10th June, 1849, by Col. H. L. Kinney;

Also, that the House had concurred in the 2d and 3d amendments, and refused to concur in the first amendment of the Senate to a joint resolution providing for the mutual surrender of persons therein mentioned by the Governments of the United States and Mexico.

The Senate insisted on their amendment, and appointed Messrs. Robertson, Parker and Portis a committee of conference, on the part of the Senate, and requested a like committee, on the part of the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the Governor, presenting the following communication:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Austin, Dec 19, 1849.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of your Honorable body, requesting to be furnished with all the information in my possession, relative to the late Indian depredations, &c. Previously to the receipt of that resolution, the accompanying message upon that subject, and embodying all the information in my possession, had been prepared, and which is herewith transmitted as responsive thereto.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant,
GEO. T. WOOD.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Austin, Dec. 17, 1849.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I have the honor to inform the Hon. Senate that representations have been made by the citizens of the county of Grayson that frequent Indian depredations have been committed in that quarter, and that bands of savages are still hovering around and near their settlements.

They have made application to me for a force for their protection, which, without action on my part, I have thought proper to refer to the Honorable the Legislature.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant,
GEO. T. WOOD.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the communication was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burleson presented the petition of Eli T. Merriman; which

was read, and, on motion of Mr. Burleson, referred, with the accompanying documents, to the committee on Military Affairs.

Joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller to sell certain lots in the city of Austin, together with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims recommending its indefinite postponement, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Burleson, the joint resolution and report were laid on the table.

A bill appropriating four thousand dollars for the compensation of the assessors of direct taxes for taking the enumeration of the inhabitants of the State for the year 1848; read and passed to the third reading.

A bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish and and incorporate the College of DeKalb, approved January 26th, 1839; read.

Mr. Ward offered the following amendment: after "six years" in 2d section insert "at the expiration of the above period the board shall fill vacancies by election, and if a vacancy or vancies should occur in either of said classes before the expiration of their respective terms, the board shall fill the same by election for the unexpired terms"; adopted.

Mr. Ward moved to amend the 2d section by inserting after the "College" the words "appointed by this act"; adopted.

Mr. Ward moved to amend the 4th section by inserting at the beginning of said section the following: "the persons that may be appointed as trustees to fill the vacancies that may occur in"; adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the President and Trustees of the Guadalupe High School Association; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to applicants from the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county that have not been legally returned to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, together with the report of the committee on Public Lands, reporting a substitute therefor, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Cooke, laid on the table until to-morrow.

Joint resolution, relative to making the port of Aransas a port of entry, and to erect a light-house upon Mustang Island; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Gage, chairman of the committee on County Boundaries, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the permanent location of the seat of justice for Cass county, reported the same back to

the Senate, with the following amendments, and recommended their adoption and the passage of the bill.

Amendments.

1st amendment: "Sec. 5th. *Be it further enacted*, That all the officers of said county who are required by law to keep their offices at the seat of justice, are hereby required to keep their offices at the place which may be selected as the seat of justice under this act; and all courts in and for said county shall be held at that place, except that of the justice of the peace in their respective precincts; provided, however, that the next spring term of the District Court for the county of Cass shall be held as heretofore at the town of Jefferson."

2d amendment: "And further provided, that if any of the above town lots or property shall have been sold by said county, the purchaser or purchasers of the same shall have the privilege of rescinding said purchase, and the county court may reconvey such property to the donor or donors, as though such sale had never been made, and if the purchasers of said town property should choose not to rescind or set the said property back to the county, then the said county court may reconvey the proceeds, arising from such lots as may be retained, to the original donor or donors, after paying all the expenses which have originated in the sale of said town lots by the said county."

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of Peter Crudden, deceased, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended it to their favorable consideration.

Mr. Moffett, chairman of the committee, on the part of the Senate, to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, made the following report:

The committee appointed in accordance with a resolution adopted by both Houses of the Legislature on the 14th inst., requiring them to make suitable arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, have adopted the following as most suitable for the occasion, and respectfully request that all Officers, Heads and Officers of Departments, Charitable Societies and Citizens, will be in attendance on the occasion, and form the procession in the order subsequently designated. The escort is to be formed at the residence of the Go-

vernor elect, at 10 o'clock on Friday, the 21st inst., and proceed to the Capitol in the following order :

Programme of Procession.

Music ;
Military ;
Governor, and Governor elect ;
Lieutenant Governor elect ;
Committee of Arrangements ;
Brig. Gen. Harney, Staff, and Officers of the U. S. Army ;
(on horseback ;)
Judges and Clerks of the Supreme Court ;
Judges of the District Courts ;
Heads and Officers of Departments ;
Masons in Regalia ;
Odd Fellows in Regalia ;
Sons of Temperance in Regalia ;
Citizens ;
Carriages.

Col. H. L. Kinney is appointed Chief Marshal, on the part of the Senate, and Col. Clements and Maj. Gillet, Assistant Marshals, on the part of the House of Representatives.

J. H. MOFFETT,
Chairman of the Committee of the Sentate.
J. K. HOLLAND,
Chairman of the House of Representaives.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., December 20, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present : Messrs. Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

Prayer by the Chaplain. The Journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill to provide for deductions from the salaries of District Judges and District Attorneys who fail or neglect to per-