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LOUISIANA REGISTRATION

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE. The Senate met agreeably to adjournment. Members present: Messrs. Choate, Derbigny, President; Beauregard, Burdette, Dupré, Hiriart, Lecomte, Laessle, Leblanc, Prodromme, Saunders, Sloan, Tenen and Thomsen.

Mr. Sloan obtained leave to introduce a petition of John Lakin, of the parish of East Baton Rouge, praying the privilege of keeping a steam ferry across the Mississippi opposite the town of Baton Rouge. Resolved, on motion, referred to a Special Committee, of which the President appointed Messrs. Sloan and Hiriart.

The President laid before the Senate a petition from George Brumgard, of the parish of Jefferson, praying to be remunerated, by the State for the losses suffered by him in defending his title to lands illegally sold to him by the State Treasurer. On motion, referred to the Committee of Claims.

The President laid before the Senate the following message from the Governor, which was read by the Secretary in English only, and order d to be translated for Monday next.

I have the honor to present to the Senate the following report: To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana.

In obedience to the Act of the first of April 1833, "supplementary to the several Acts relative to Public Education," forms were prepared for making the reports relative to the Parish Schools and Public Education, at the time the laws of the year were ready for delivery, were transmitted, through the Judges of the several parishes, to the persons to whom the statute required to be addressed. In order that every possible accuracy might be taken to insure full reports on this important subject, and that every public officer should be apprized of the duties to be performed, the law was printed in English and French on the last page of the forms.

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philosophical apparatus, and the formation of a cabinet of Natural History. The number of students received the last session, was sixty six. Sixteen are admitted to the institution during the present year, and the number of students in the course of the present month. Great interest has been manifested in the selection of able professors. A distinguished citizen of France has been placed at the head of this institution, whose great experience and success in the art of instruction, and whose attainments in literature and science would well grounded hopes of the usefulness of his future labors to the state.

The undersigned is of opinion, that no change ought to be made in the local institutions of the public schools. The mode of electing the administrators of the Parish Juris, and the appointment of trustees in all the parishes, (except that of Orleans) vests the power where it ought to rest, with those who are immediately interested in its proper application. The details of the organization of the parish schools, necessarily, to be attended to by those who can understand them the best. They are acquainted with the wants of each neighborhood, and the most practicable means of supplying them. No uniform general system would well. The location of the population, the difference of language, and various other causes, render it inexpedient to make any change in the laws as to this branch of the subject. As to the management of the school fund, the only change which the undersigned considers it material to be made, is that already suggested in the deposit of the lists of scholars with the superintendent, previous to the receipt of money from the Treasury.

If the Legislature should deem it inexpedient to change the present mode of distributing the school fund, the undersigned respectfully recommends a change in the sixth section of the Act of 1833, by repeal of the clause of limitation, which provides "that the whole sum paid to any parish, shall not exceed the amount of the operation of the law for the year." Under the operation of this law, the number of indigent scholars, whatever may be the increased labors of the instructor, he can have no increase of compensation beyond a certain amount, which, in populous parishes, where, from the intelligence and public spirit of the inhabitants, good schools are established and encouraged, the undersigned believes to be inadequate for the compensation of competent teachers. The object of the State, is to afford to the greatest possible number of children, the means of education. Where the greatest number is taught, the State is the best served, and there its liberality ought to be extended. It is believed that it would be better policy, on the part of the State, to grant a premium to those teachers who could collect under their charge and instruct the greater number of scholars, than to limit the amount of their salary. The distribution of the fund among the parishes, is entirely arbitrary. The State ought to look to the protection and sustain those which the exertions and patronage of the inhabitants have rendered worthy of patronage. In those districts where, from any local causes, the schools have not been put on a proper footing, the State certainly can be no more than a supplemental aid, and its aid should be limited, so to the amount to be received for a whole year, it would be more prudent to provide some means to verify the number of scholars for which money should be drawn, and to prevent any abuse of the liberality of the State.

Although all the good has not been effected which the law contemplates, sufficient public credit has been obtained, to justify its continuance, and to authorize an extension of the liberality of the Legislature to this important cause. The number of youths educated yearly at our public schools is increasing; a deep interest is felt among a large majority of the people, in the education of their children. An ardent desire, to see the State, in three languages, and public schools, in such a manner as to be connected with the arts, trade and commerce, that they are taken from school at an early age, at which, in other countries, they are dependent on their families for the means of living; whilst here, by their industry, they earn more than sufficient for their support and the completion of their education. Many are the instances of whole families, reduced to want by the disasters of the late epidemic, supported in comparative ease by the exertions of a mother who has been brought up at our public schools. A result like this is a great object to the State, and should every motive to Legislators to continue in the good work they have begun.

It is believed that an improvement may be made in the present system, which will remedy what is supposed to be its defects, without increasing the appropriation on the part of the State. This plan has all read been submitted to the Legislature by the Executive, and the undersigned cordially concurs in the views taken by the Governor on the subject, in his several messages. It has been in successful operation in New York, and for simplicity and combination of means, perhaps, superior to all others. The appropriation made by law, that no portion of the appropriation should be expended in the purchase of the principal building, shall be payable, except on the certificate of the Police Jury and Judge of the Parish, on an equal and being raised and appropriated by the parish for the public schools. This appropriation ought to be made annually, by each parish, and ought to have a preference over all other appropriations. The amount would, of course, be raised and collected as other taxes are collected, and the same would be a direct investment in the judicious expenditure of the money, for more care will be taken in the management of that which is raised directly from the people of each parish. In those parishes for which the present appropriation is not sufficient, it will be doubted and those parishes (and of those it is to be hoped there will be none) who have no funds for the maintenance of their schools, will have no claim on the liberality of the State.

Under the operation of this system, in New York, upwards of five hundred thousand children were educated, at an expense of a million one hundred thousand dollars, which is not more than the State upwards of thirty thousand dollars to pay for the instruction of fifteen hundred children. The immense disproportion in the expense under the two systems, affords a striking proof of the hygienic advantage of that proposed—the results of which, in the extension of education to nearly all the children in the State, attest its practicability and usefulness.

By the institution of public schools we see a great practical good effected, and for the future every prospect of increasing benefit. In Louisiana there are great difficulties attending any system of public education, the expense and poverty of our population, the distance of the parishes from the seat of government, and the distance of the inhabitants of settlements from any central point, are obstacles which cannot be overcome, by any persevering and exclusive operation on the part of our citizens, attention on the part of the administrators and trustees, and a proper selection of teachers, whose guidance our children can with safety be entrusted. The cause of education, which is the noblest and most beneficial of any which can be extended to the children of our country, and the labor of those public servants, by whose wisdom the system has been established and supported, be crowned with success. Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE SAUNDERS, Secretary of State and Superintendent of the Public Education. F. B. SAUNDERS, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Parish of St. Charles. Resolution relative to the petition of Washington Tenen, for the relief of Joseph Camp, of the parish of Assumption.

Resolution relative to laws on Public Juris. "An Act to define the limits between the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson in that section of the Parish called 'Natchez'." Mr. Tenen, Chairman of the Committee of Enrolment, proposed as draft attached, the "resolution directing the Civil Engineer to make certain surveys." On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit the House of the same.

On motion of Mr. Sloan, the bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Louisiana and New Orleans School Company," which was passed on the 12th of February, and referred to a Committee of three.

A written message from the Governor, was brought by Mr. V. Derbigny, his private Secretary. ORDER OF THE DAY. THIRD READINGS. "An Act to incorporate the New Orleans Improvement Company," passed, and ordered that the Secretary inform the House of the same.

SECOND READINGS. "An Act for the relief of Joseph Camp, of the parish of Assumption." "An Act for the relief of the parish of East Baton Rouge." "An Act granting an additional compensation to the District Attorney of the 21 Judicial District, by the Parish of St. Landry, and the Secretary directed to prepare from the House of Representatives the documents in support of this bill.

"Resolution relative to the Land Office." Passed, and fixed as the special order of the day on Monday next. "An Act supplementary to an Act entitled an Act to divide the parish of St. Landry into election districts." "An Act relative to the administration of oaths in the Courts of Probates in and for the different parishes of the State, and for other purposes." Amended.

"An Act to authorize the inhabitants of the parish of Iberville, on the East side of said parish, to clean and drain a bayou, known by the name of bayou Breux." Amended. On motion of Mr. Thomas, the bill entitled "An Act relative to advertisements," was taken up, and on motion, made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. A. Pitt, their Clerk, informed the Senate that the Committee of Enrolment of the House had reported as duly enrolled, the "resolution relative to the light," and "An Act in relation to the compensation of assessors in certain parishes." The Senate concurred in the report of the Committee of Enrolment, and the House had appointed on behalf of the House, on the Committee required by the resolution.

The Senate then sat, with closed doors, as Executive business. On motion, the Senate adjourned until Monday next at 10 o'clock, A. M. MARSHALL'S SALES. BY virtue of a writ of *fa. fa.* to me directed by the Hon. Charles Gayarre, presiding judge of the city court of New Orleans, I shall expose for sale on Wednesday, 19th February next, at 12 o'clock, at Howlett's Coffee House, corner of St. Louis and Chartres streets, the following lots, to-wit: No. 19, situated on the left side of the Bayou road, measuring 30 feet in front, on the said street, by 150 feet in depth. Seized at the suit of J. B. Curmeau.

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