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...OF REPRESENTATIVES.

...ue Sine of Jan. 15, 1835.

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NEW-ORLEANS, ...

...Louisiana.

...House of Represe...

Sir,

In obedience to the laws regulating this department, I have the honor to submit herewith an account of the receipts and disbursements of the public money, from the 1st day of January, 1833, to the 31st day of December 1834 inclusive, of the taxes for the year 1833 there remained due on account of the State of $13,712 46 cts, of which the sum of $6,952 38 cts, has since been received, and it is believed that the balance will shortly be paid into the Treasury—of the taxes in arrear for former years, the sum of $30,760 cts has been received, and the sum of $30,000 90 cts remain outstanding. Of the statement of the taxes in arrear, it is believed that the items numbered from Nos. 1, 70, 11, amounting to $20,369 92 cts, are wholly lost to the State, and it is desirable that the Legislature should by resolution authorize the accounts in relation to them to be finally closed.

The right of subscription by the State of 3000 shares of the stock of the Louisiana State Bank, was sold to said institution to constitute a fund for the purposes of the Agricultural Society of Louisiana." The directors of that B... have made a tender of said stock to the Stock... (not accepted before the 31st inst.) in proportion ... of their shares at the advance paid for the ... agricultural society, to wit 12 per cent—The ... owner of 1000 shares is therefore entitled to a ... share of said subscription to wit, 250 shares ... duty to call the attention of the Legis... but cannot say, that I deem it an ... worth the attention of the State to avail of said ... in as much as the amount of subscription will ... be required.

In the month of November last the convicts at hard labor were removed to the Penitentiary at Baton Rouge—The expense for the support of persons committed on criminal charges amounts annually to a large sum. I beg leave to suggest to the Legislature the propriety of imposing on the Parishes the burthen of supporting persons committed, for crimes within their limits respectively, whether preparatory to trial, or after conviction—and also the propriety of enacting, that persons who are condemned to imprisonment at hard labour for any term under one year, should be confined in the Parish Jails—if the term of punishment is under that period, the expense of transportation to the penitentiary is a heavy and apparently unnecessary burthen upon the State.

Some amendment appears necessary to the fourth section of the act relative to the Penitentiary, (Page 100, acts 1834,) as the law does not provide upon whose warrant the salaries, and expenses therein authorized should be paid—nor is any provision made for the current maintenance of the convicts.

The long pending claim of the State against the "Bank of Louisiana" has been finally established by judicial decision, and the amount recovered has been applied to pay the first series of bonds of the State. The next series of bonds, amounting to $100,000 becomes due in July 1839—On the supposition that the bank will continue the same dividend as it receives, and that no part of it, is diverted to other purposes there will yet remain a deficiency of $170,000—of the sinking fund to meet that payment.—This deficiency might be provided for, by the sale of one-half of the State-house square, on a credit of one, two three, and four years, the proceeds to be paid into the hands of the commissioners of the sinking fund to be applied to that purpose. This suggestion made at the present time, as a sale on such a credit would greatly swell the ... of the present year, if adopted, some other mode ... provide for the deficiency.

The provisions of the ... law for destroying the ... birds of the State which ... and preserving ... generally suggested ...

Under the ... Powers works, the ... amount of that ... the State ...

The annexed statements exhibit the precise fiscal condition of the State, and the probable receipts and expenditures for the present year. The general statement of the accounts of this department, exhibits the amount remaining in the treasury on the 7th December 1833, to be $502,254 82 cts, ... amount paid into the ... $500,867 15 cts, leaving a balance in the treasury on the 31st December 1834, of $1,387 67 cts.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. GARDERE, State Treasurer.

Statement of the probable receipts and expenditures of the State of Louisiana for the year 1835.

Ground Rent,	
Tax on the capital stock of [illegible]	13,000
Licenses,	113,000
Gaming Licenses,	1,000
Dividend on [illegible] Louisiana State Bank,	12000
Tax on Pedlars and Hawkers,	2,500
Commissions received from Registers of Wills,	2,000
Fines and Recognizances forfeited,	300
Sale of Books,	
	$331,045
Expenses of the Legislature,	$40,000
Salaries,	45,000
Contingent expenses of Government,	5,000
Schools and Colleges,	70,000
Charity Hospitals,	50,000
Male Orphan Asylum,	6,000
Female Orphan Asylum,	6,000
Commissions on collection of taxes,	18,000
Interest on Bonds,	30,000
Printing of Reports of Decisions of Supreme Court and [illegible]	1,500
Rewards,	1,000
Criminal Prosecutions,	40,000
Deductions on taxes, resulting from insolvency, death and removal,	12,000
Assessors,	5,000
Supreme Court,	2,500
Militia,	2,500
Legion of Louisiana,	2,500
Mantonnales of boundary,	5,000
Salaries to officers of Penitentiary,	12,000
Annual appropriation to internal improvement fund,	20,000
	$378,500

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On motion ordered that said report be printed in pamphlet form.

Mr. Penn offered the following resolution:

'Resolved that a joint committee of three members of the House and two members of the Senate be appointed to examine the account of the State treasurer according to the 4th section of the statute of the 24th March 1813; which was read for the first time.

On motion, the House having dispensed with their rules, took up said resolution and adopted the same.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Penn, Dixon and Lewis members of said committee on the part of the House.

The clerk was directed to inform the Senate thereof and request their concurrence in said resolution.

A message was received from the Senate by M. Davis their secretary, requesting the concurrence of the House in the following resolution:

'Resolved that the election of a major-general for the 1st. division of the Militia of the State of Louisiana, will take place on Monday next the 19th. at twelve o'clock.'

The House took up said resolution.

On motion ordered that the same be amended by inserting the words, 'Friday 16th instant', in lieu of the words 'on Monday next 19th.'

The clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the concurrence of the House in said resolution and request their concurrence in the amendment aforesaid.

The Speaker laid before the House the annual report of the brigadier general of the Louisiana State in which was as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana.

In compliance with the law, I have the honor to report to the Legislature the result of the inspection of the Militia, in the year 1834.

The annexed general order will show the time to which was delayed in making the general inspection, from the delay of the steam-boat ... coming from Cincinnati, unable to reach ... in time for the ... The period which ... was travelled was 1372 miles, and the time occupied ... three days less than two months; but this period was too short, it required the greatest exertions to avoid being too late at some of the stations.

Of the militia composing general ... brigade the 7th., only the 11th. regiment commanded by colonel Bills, appeared, the rest of the brigade seems to be disorganized.

In general Richardson's brigade, the 3d, each regiment was duly mustered, and although the numbers present were not great, yet it was evidently the best organized brigade in the State.

The 2nd. brigade commanded then by general Horton was inspected partly in August and partly in ... when I was from Concordia. The organization ... brigade was more advanced than most of the others, but was far from complete. Of the 23d. regiment I cannot speak not having been able to arrive at Thibodeauxville in time for the review.

The brigade under general Garrigues Plauche, is with the exception of one regiment in a disordered state. The regiment attended to is the 16th commanded by colonel Guy Bell, his zeal and skill have hitherto maintained it second to none in the State.

The militia in Avoyelles, Rapides, Natchitoches and Claiborne composing general Bossier's brigade (the 5th.) have lately come under the command of that officer. The 18th. regiment which was formerly under his orders, still retains its organization. The other corps of the brigade are so completely broken up by the neglect of his predecessors that it is with difficulty officers enough can be found to hold the necessary elections. There is no doubt however but his activity will now restore the brigade.

In Washita, Catahoula and Concordia, general Lewis, brigade, (the 6th) is situated. Its organisation is in perfect. Colonel Mayo's regiment, the 20th. must however be excepted from this censure, for at the review at Harrisonburg of the fine companies of the parish of Catahoula there were present two hundred and two men, many of whom had come more than a day's journey, tho' it was the most inclement day of the season.

The first brigade commanded by general Desmond, has not yet recovered from the effects of a former law, which inadvertently repealed the lines left as means of affording the attendance of the men at musters. Under the new law it is hoped its organisation will be restored. The only regiment which paraded was the 23d. in the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines.

The legion of Louisiana commanded by general Plauche was inspected last. The organization of the brigade is complete, from the nature of which it will be always ready.

It is evident from the inspection of the ... brigades of militia in this State, that the ... legion which is composed of ... Richardson's ... regiments ... service in the ...

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