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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, January 4th, 1843.

The roll being called, 46 members answered to their names.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, the oath was administered to Truman Phelps, Esq., of Claiborne.

Mr. Ratliff presented a petition from sundry citizens of Orleans, contesting the election of the ten representatives from that parish, and moved its reception and reference to a special committee of five members.

Mr. Winchester objected to the reference to a special committee. The usual course was to refer to the standing committee, to be appointed by the Speaker at an early period of the session. He therefore moved that the reference be dispensed with, and the petition be laid on the table subject to call, to be referred to the standing committee.

Mr. Ratliff wished to state his reasons for maintaining his original proposition, but Mr. Winchester declined withdrawing his motion, and the vote being taken, the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Mr. Brashear objected to the reference of the members whose seats were contested. The Speaker inclined to the opinion that their votes were valid, but acknowledged that he had not examined great difficulty, and that his mind was not made up.

Mr Ratliff entered into an argument to show that under the rules of the House, the members from Orleans were not entitled to vote. He thought that as they were immediately interested in the question, they ought not to vote.

Mr. Brashear answered Mr. Ratliff forcibly and to the point. The 10th rule evidently alluded to a pecuniary interest. No such motive could possibly influence the members elect. Nassau, and they had a clear and positive right to vote on any question connected with their seats.

Mr. Ogden continued the debate. The board [illegible] his argument was the fact, that the members from Orleans were members of the house; they had taken the oath of office, and had an undoubted right to vote on all questions [illegible] from the house, and [illegible] the Speaker [illegible] the question of the admission of each member, [illegible] the Speaker [illegible] the question of the admission of each member, [illegible] the Speaker [illegible] the question of the admission of each member,