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☞ The office of the British Consulate removed from No. 29 Camp street to No. 28 Royal street.

A T BURNLEY & CO.
Have REMOVED from 92 Magazine street to 29 Camp street.
Jan. 6, 1845—tf

THE SPANISH CONSULATE
Has REMOVED from 92 Magazine street to 29 Camp street.

Office hours 9 A M to 2 P M.
Jan. 6, 1845—tf

W F VREDENBURGH & CO. Commission Merchants, Levee st. will make liberal cash advances on consignments of sugar, cotton, pork, &c. &c., to their friends in New York, or to M. Flint & Co., Boston. 16—1y

☞ ADVANCES—Liberal advances made on consignments of Cotton to our friends in Liverpool.
WOOD & SIMMONS, 29 Magazine
Savannah and Kingston, Jamaica.
d30

☞ The firm of D. TRICE & SHANNON has been dissolved this day. All persons indebted to said concern are requested to call the liabilities of the concern, and will carry on the business under his name at 29 Poydras street.
D. TRICE.
D. SHANNON.
New Orleans, 31st December, 1844. 31—1m

J. G. SHANNON,
Commission Merchant, General Agent and Broker,
continues to devote his attention to the sale of Sugar, Molasses, Cotton, Pork, &c. &c., at No. 29 Poydras street.

RDITTRE & CO.
Commission Merchants,
No. 28 Poydras street.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have this day dissolved the partnership heretofore existing between them under the name of W F VREDENBURGH & CO. All persons having claims against the late firm will present the same to W F VREDENBURGH, at the store of the late firm, No. 16 Levee.
W F VREDENBURGH,
J. M. FLINT.
New Orleans, January 1, 1845.

W. F. VREDENBURGH & CO.
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
No. 16 Levee.

IRKLAND, JOURNE & Co.
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
No. 1 Chamberlain's Range, Levee.

☞ The business heretofore conducted under the name of W. EBERSON & Co. will be continued at the firm of EBERSON, MORRIS & Co.
No. 1 Chamberlain's Range, Levee.

ROSEL
DRUGGIST AND APOTHECARY,
SIGN OF THE GOLDEN MORTAR,
Importer, Wholesale and Retail Dealer,
Has always on hand a large assortment of Drugs, Medicines, &c.
Removed from his old stand, Bienville corner of Adele and Tchoupitoulas streets, one square below the Levee Ferry. p20—1y

PEET & MORTON,
WHOLESALE DRY GOODS MERCHANTS,
No. 47 Chartres street, New Orleans. 291

GARTHWAITE PAYAN & Co.
Wholesale and Retail Clothing Store,
No. 4 Exchange Alley,
between Chartres and Old Levee streets.

MORTON & CO.
Wholesale Dry Goods Merchants,
No. 36 Magazine street.

☞ Plantation orders strictly attended to. 6—1y

WILLIAM DAVIDSON. JOHN PARKMAN
WILLIAM M. DAVIDSON & SON,
Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants,
No. 61 Canal street.
n30 New Orleans

SAMUEL TOBY,
Commission Merchant,
New York. 190

☞ The undersigned give notice to their customers and the public in general that orders left with them will be received at the store of G. B. MACATY, No. 50 Bienville street and at Mr F. DUCONGE'S, Drug store, No. 39 Chartres street.
B & L KOULIE & Co.
Contractors.
97

☞ The undersigned has the honor to inform the public that his Office is situated in Exchange Passage, between St Louis and Conti streets, and that he is prepared to execute all manner of Patent Work, under the direction of Messrs. of the late firm of Norris & Brand.
J. A. BRAND.

NORRIS & BROTHERS
DRY GOODS MERCHANTS,
No. 2 Magazine Street,
corner of Common street,
Four doors from the Levee, New Orleans.

H. DE GOER & RIFLARDI,
Importers of French, English & German Dry Goods,
No. 21 Magazine street,
DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES
AND
NEGRO WOOLENS AND COTTONS,
For sale by the Package or Piece,
H. De Goer, Rifflardi & Co. No. 21 Magazine street,
New Orleans.

SMITH BRYAN,
IMPORTER OF BRITISH DRY GOODS,
AND GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 20 CUSTOMHOUSE STREET,
New Orleans.

TANNERS' OIL—20 bbls in store and for sale by
j16 FOSDICK & BRO. 70 Camp

HOLLAND GIN—4 pipes superior article, for sale by
j16 FOSDICK & BRO. 70 Camp

CIDER—20 bbls Newark cider in store and for sale by
j16 FOSDICK & BRO. 70 Camp

GOSHEN BUTTER—50 firkins Goshen butter, just received, and for sale by
j16 FOSDICK & BRO. 70 Camp

FLOUR—10 barrels, best brand, for sale by
j16 JOHN A MERRITT. 70 Camp

PRINCIPE CIGARS—Genuine article, for sale by
j16 FOSDICK & BRO. 70 Camp

SUGARS—Havana yellow and white, for sale by
j14 M'CAFFERTY & Co. Levee

SOAP—200 boxes Winchester's No. 1, for sale by
j14 THOMSON & Co. Levee

TANNERS' OIL—in store and for sale by
j14 ALLEN & WOODRUFF. Camp

BOTTLES—10,000 empty claret bottles, for sale by
j14 ALLEN & WOODRUFF. Levee.

HAVANA COPPER—Fine genuine, for sale by
j14 RAYMOND CAMPBELL & Co. Levee.

HAVANA SUGAR—Brown and yellow, for sale by
j14 RAYMOND CAMPBELL & Co. Levee.

ESTADOS—A few cases superior, for sale by
j14 RAYMOND CAMPBELL & Co. Levee.

SMOKED BEEF—A superior article, for sale by
j14 R. CAMPBELL & Co. Levee.

QUININE—1000 ounces for sale by
j14 W F VREDENBURGH & Co. Levee

WHISKEY—100 barrels rectified whiskey, for sale by
j16—1m HARTWELL, RIDDER & CARMAN. 44 Poydras

PORK—8 half brls pig pork for sale by
j16 HARTWELL, RIDDER & CARMAN. 44 Poydras

FLOUR—250 brls superfine Ohio flour, for sale by
j16 HARTWELL, RIDDER & CARMAN. 44 Poydras

LINSEED OIL—26 brls for sale by
j16 HARTWELL, RIDDER & CARMAN. 44 Poydras

MACKEREL—10 brls No. 3 mackerel, in store and for sale by
j16 JOHN A MERRITT & Co. 53 Camp

LONDON PORTER AND STOUT—40 casks Barclay, Livingston & Co's porter and stout, in prime order and for sale by
j16 FOSDICK & BRO. 70 Camp

TEAS—200 lbls hyson, young hyson, imperial, gunpowder, and 50 pkgs black, for sale by
j16 FOSDICK & BRO. 70 Camp

PALE BREAKY WINE AND BRANDY—Landing from barque and boxes, for sale by
j15 REYNAUD & FALLON. 34 Tchoupitoulas

SOLE LEATHER—25 rolls sole leather, in store and for sale by
j15 REYNAUD & FALLON. 34 Tchoupitoulas

ALE—40 brls Philpotts's ale, for sale by
j15 HARTWELL, RIDDER & CARMAN. 44 Poydras

BLANKETS—1 pound Grasse blankets, entitled to the bounture, for sale by
j16 GEO GREEN & BRO. 81 Gravier

LARDINE—20 brls Newark lardine, remarkable cheap, now landing from ship Augusta and for sale by
j16 GEO GREEN & BRO. 81 Gravier

GUNNY BAGS of the first brand, cargo direct importation, for sale by
j16 GREEN & BRO. 81 Gravier

RIO COFFEE—About 4000 bags, the cargo of ship Gaston, from Rio de Janeiro, for sale by the importers,
j15 GEO GREEN & BRO. 81 Gravier

RIO COFFEE—10 casks to be landed from ship Cayo Hueso. Head of Canal, and for sale by the importers, for sale by
j15 G GREEN & BRO. 81 Gravier

OLIVE OIL—750 casks received direct from the manufacturers, for sale by
j15 G GREEN & BRO. 81 Gravier

JAVA COFFEE—300 bags Old Java, superior quality, in store, for sale by
j15 GEO GREEN & BRO. 81 Gravier

LINEN CAMBRIC BUSH—10 cases superior unbleached and printed cambric bush, in store and for sale by
j13 SMITH BRYAN. 20 Customhouse

LINEN TAPE—An invoice of superior Linen Tape, in assorted sizes in store and for sale by
j13 SMITH BRYAN. 20 Customhouse

THREAD—An assortment of Leeds Tailors' and Shoe Thread in store and for sale by
j13 SMITH BRYAN. 20 Customhouse

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J. MAGNE & WEISSE, PROPRIETORS.
NO. 81 CHARTRES STREET.

Official Journal of the State.

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STATE PRINTER.

The publishers of this paper were yesterday re-elected State Printers, by the Legislature. They return their sincere thanks to both Houses of the General Assembly for this renewed mark of their confidence.

CONGRESSIONAL.

IN the SENATE on the 6th, Mr. Farnegin from Tennessee, appeared in his seat, having been previously detained at home by indisposition.

Mr. Niles of Conn., gave notice of his intention to bring forward a resolution for the annexation of Texas.

A bill was reported to amend the act establishing a U. S. Court of Louisiana; another in relation to Government Steamers as Revenue Cutters.

Mr. Henderson offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to enquire into the expediency of erecting suitable barracks at Pass Christian, Miss., to accommodate officers and soldiers of the army stationed in that section of the country during the sickly season of the year.

The bill to increase the pay of certain officers in the Revenue service doing duty as officers of the Navy, was taken up, discussed for some time, and then postponed.

IN THE HOUSE, the consideration of the Annexation of Texas was resumed. Mr. Winthrop took the floor in opposition to the resolutions. He was followed by Mr. Douglass of Ill., in favor of Annexation. Mr. Clingman of North Carolina, succeeded, after which the Committee, Mr. Yancy of Ala., being entitled to the floor.

Mr. McKay, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means then reported the general appropriation bills for the next fiscal year, after which a resolution was adopted calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the cause of the great increase of expenditures for destitute American Seamen. The House adjourned.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—Bonsichi's opera of *John of Paris*, will be performed this evening at the French Teatre, to be proceeded by a pretty comedy in three acts entitled "The Husband in the Country."

AMERICAN THEATRE.—Mr. Booth will make his second appearance this evening, in the character of Sir Giles Overreach, in the beautiful play of "A New Way to Pay Old Debts!" The inimitable farce, of "My Neighbor's Wife," in which Mr. Kent will appear, is also announced.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The petite comedy entitled "Naval Engagements," in which Mrs. Vernon will personate the character of Mrs. Bontilex, and the amusing ballet drama of "Faustus," are the pieces selected for this evening.

Arthur Matthews, charged with stealing a box of drugs from the store of Mosby & Black, corner of Camp and Gravier streets, was yesterday examined before Recorder Baldwin, and fully committed for trial before the Criminal Court.

Nelson, a slave of Dr Mayo, editor and reporters were admitted to seats within the Hall.

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THE CONVENTION.

The labors of the Convention yesterday were exceedingly uninteresting. The roll having been called, the Rev. Mr. Scott, addressed the throne of Grace, and sought the blessings of Heaven upon the Convention and its deliberations.

Mr. Ennicon, resigned his office of Door-keeper, whereupon the Convention proceeded to ballot, for his successor, which resulted in the election of Mr. Redmondet.

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OFFICIAL REPORT
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, Jan. 14, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. The roll being called 87 members answered to their names.

A message from the Senate the concurrence of the House was requested to a resolution rescinding the resolution relative to the election of State Printer, and appointing Wednesday, 15th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M. for said election.

On motion of Mr. Stille, the oath of office was administered to Mr. Taylor of Orleans.

Mr. Waddy, with the general consent, rose for the purpose of explanation. He had submitted yesterday in his reply to Mr. P. that fraud had been committed at the general election in this state, but he contended that both parties had been guilty of these frauds. It was true that in the city of New Orleans the Democratic majority was totally swept away with all his opinions upon such matters. He had always maintained that the right of suffrage should be conferred upon persons identified in some respects with the interests of Louisiana. He had dreaded the foreign voters of New Orleans. He considered the ballot box as desecrated, when such rights were intrusted upon by persons picked up in purlieus and blind alleys. With respects to the vote of Plaquemine he knew nothing of it personally, as he was not present; but he disapproved of the manner in which it was taken. When he had seen respectable gentlemen had been set down to Pleasure vote was alleged that they had been deprived of their votes in New Orleans. Every man entitled to the right of suffrage, had undoubtedly the right to vote for any one, but he seriously disapproved of such things as had occurred, and which had been referred to. The question had been asked. In cases where the votes were not known, it was unnecessary to put questions, but where strangers from another parish presented themselves to vote, close and searching interrogatories should be propounded to them. He disapproved of the laxity with which the election had been conducted.

The Messages from the Senate were taken up. The House concurred in the resolution fixing the Election of State Printer at 10 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 15th.

Mr. Lavergne, in behalf of the Enrolling Committee, reported a duly enrolled an act to appropriate money for certain purposes.

Mr. Eustson presented a memorial from certain persons praying the repeal of Hardy W. Miller and others, from a certain judgment. Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Wadsworth introduced a petition for the establishment of a Deaf and Dumb Asylum. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Dangerfield submitted a memorial from M. Grainger, praying the Legislature to order his Code of Practice to be read in all Courts of Justice as Law. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Stille presented a resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives to use their best exertions to obtain an appropriation for certain improvements in the Kaye Island. Adopted.

Mr. Moore submitted a memorial from the co-proprietors of the Vermillionville Academy, praying for certain relief. Referred to the Committee on Public Education.

Mr. Gardere presented a petition from the President of the Exchange Company, praying the Legislature to remunerate the company for the lease of certain rooms in their building, for the use of the District Court. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mc Farland introduced a joint resolution instructing the Committee on Education to report a bill leasing for a number of years, all the sixteenth section of public lands, appropriated to the purposes of education.

Mr. Taylor submitted a petition from the citizens of Natchitoches, which was referred to a Special Committee of three.

Mr. Rabalais submitted a resolution from the Police Jury of Avoyelles, requesting the delegation to have certain improvements made in that parish. Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Taylor offered a resolution instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of altering the laws so as to accord to the respective parishes certain privileges respecting the collection of taxes from non residents.

Mr. Winchester thought the resolution more appropriate to belong to the Finance Committee. The motion prevailed, and the resolution was so referred.

Mr. Landry submitted a memorial from the Wardens of the Roman Catholic Church of Ascension, praying for certain laws with a view of extinguishing the debts of the Congregation. Referred to a special committee of five.

Mr. Ray, from the Judiciary Committee, reported an act to revise and reduce the law bill, which was made the special order of the day to-morrow.

Also the bill repealing the act relative to judicial advertisements in the Parish of Orleans, without amendments. It was made the special order of the day for to-morrow in preference to other matter.

Mr. Ray, from a select committee, reported an act creating the Parish of Jackson.

The following bills were introduced and notices of bills given:

Mr. Newport, a bill for the collection of Parish Taxes on non-residents.

Mr. Cruzat, a bill to amend the act to prevent gambling in New Orleans.

Mr. Moore, an act for the relief of Mr Dupuy & Co., of the Parish of Lafayette.

Mr. Fluker, an act for the sale of the furniture purchased for the use of the Convention at Jackson.

Mr. Stille, an act to change an election precinct in the Parish of Sabine.

Mr. Forstall, an act to establish election precincts in the Parish of De Soto.

Mr. Taylor, an act to make provisions for the trial of refused cases in the 10th Judicial District.

Mr. Van Winkle, an act for the relief of Gustave Delamar. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Gardere, a bill relative to the Assessors of the State Taxes for the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Fluker, an act for the relief of Wm. Langfitt and others.

Mr. Parham, an act to amend the mortition law, an act to amend act 2400 of the Civil Code.

ANNEXATION OF TEXAS.

The Speaker explained to the House that the unfinished business of yesterday had preference over the orders of the day, and consequently the resolutions relative to Annexation came up to-day. The Speaker stated his authority (Jefferson's Manual,) for deciding yesterday that the previous question having been negatived the resolutions were no longer before the House for the time being.

Mr. Campbell offered the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That it is their deliberate opinion that a majority of the people of Louisiana are in favor of the immediate annexation of Texas to the United States by any lawful and constitutional means: Provided, it be stipulated in the act of annexation that Texas shall enjoy all the rights and privileges now secured to that portion of Territory ceded by France to the United States under the name of Louisiana, and lying South of 36° 30' North Latitude.

Resolved that the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Louisiana, with a request that they be submitted to both Houses of Congress.

Mr. Campbell said in the spirit of compromise, I have offered the foregoing resolutions as a substitute for those before the House.

Mr. Speaker, we are now about to renew the subject of the annexation of Texas to the United States. In the final issue of the peaceful measures in question, Louisiana is more deeply interested than any other member of the confederacy. She has, we have been told, by gentlemen advocating the resolutions of the minority of the committee, great political and social advantages to anticipate from the Union with Texas—that the bond of union is the only tenure by which we may hold our slaves, and cultivate our fields. Should we decline, we are told that hordes of injured savages are forming on our border thirsting for revenge. That the disappointed Texan in league with Britain, and inspired by the hell spirit of northern fanaticism, will plot and consummate our ruin. To avert all these horrors—to remain in quiet possession of our homes—to win the approbation of disinterested patriots, and merit the blessings of posterity, we are called upon to supersede our lands, and refuse the agricultural productions of Louisiana some twenty five per cent. in value.

While these resolutions were under discussion yesterday, I urged the House to take no step leading to the annexation of Texas during the present session of Congress. It appeared to me, though a majority of the people were in favor of the measure, yet, in the absence of instructions, and with no pressing necessity for immediate action, such a course would be not only inexpedient but gratuitous.

The great mass of the people look to the annexation of Texas as the leading measure of Mr Polk's administration, and not the expiring effort of the present. In the mean time political excitement would have subsided, and the merits of the case would be viewed, not in prismatic colours, but in their true light and proper bearings.

But Mr Speaker, the opinion prevails so generally in this House that the people of Louisiana look to us to recommend the annexation of Texas to our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, that I am resolved to waive my own peculiar views, and in the spirit of compromise meet this subject promptly. On the occasion I shall give myself from all party considerations, and call on all, both whigs and democrats to meet me in the same spirit. To day at least, and especially on this momentous question, let us only remember we are Representatives of Louisiana.—Let us proceed deliberately, and in a practical way.—We must not vote away the land and revenues of our constituents without a valuable consideration, and that consideration must be specified in the bond. We will admit Texas into our Union—but the people of the north must permit her to repose with us in peace and safety under the shield of the Missouri compromise.

Mr Morgan wished to divide the question—taking first the resolution and then the proviso.

Mr Campbell said that without the proviso, the resolution was precisely the same as that presented yesterday. It was the proviso which contained the compromise offered to both sides of the House.

Mr. Fluker, to test the question, proposed to strike out the proviso.

Mr Parham thought this a mere quibble about words. Gentlemen were surely not opposed to the operation of the Missouri Compromise Act, in respect to the admission of Texas, divided into States, into the Union.

Mr Fluker believed that his constituents were almost unanimously in favor of Texas, without any trammels whatever—they wished for annexation unconditionally. His proposition was a proper way of getting at the main question.

Mr Cruzat thought the rejection of the proviso would look as if the House were opposed to the stipulations of the proviso. We cannot reject it without saying that we wish Texas annexed without our population. He would therefore support the proviso.

Mr Texada could not see a great difference between the resolutions introduced by Mr Campbell, and those emanating from the minority committee. The Missouri Compromise to which the proviso referred, was only binding upon the States. Any future annexation of Texas might claim admission as an Union either with or without the restriction of slavery. But if the proviso excluding her admission upon the terms of the compromise were adhered to, and the treaty of annexation sanctioned in that form, then the people of that portion of Texas situated North of Lat. 36° 30 would be for ever bound by it. He was of opinion that the proviso had been offered with a view to defeat the resolutions of the minority. As a Democrat and a Southerner, he believed in the principle of annexation, unconnected with any stipulations or conditions. He considered that the Territory of Texas had a right to come into the Union either as a slave holding or non slave holding State according to the will of her people. For these reasons he moved to reject the proviso.

Mr Campbell rose simply to correct the error of the member from Rapides. The proviso was intended to secure to Texas the privileges she enjoys, by recognizing the principle referred to, in the treaty of annexation. It did not stipulate for the prohibition of slavery North of Lat. 36 30°. That was not a matter for present consideration. He was of opinion that we should act practically on the subject, and not run into theories which were wholly impracticable. On the question of annexation we occupied defensive ground. It was time for us to expect propositions from the North. In his opinion that movement would not originate would be in your own. Let us act practically. He was willing to take the vote at once. He was tired of the subject.

Mr. Taylor hoped the House would pardon him if he occupied a few minutes. He had only appeared in his seat to-day, having been unavoidably detained. His immediate constituents were more deeply and vitally interested in the question before the House, than the people of any portion of the State. They were situated immediately in front of Texas; steamboats plied from their parishes to that republic; stage coaches passed over the frontier into Texas; the very rain which fertilized the soil of Natchitoches irrigated that of Texas. Indeed they were separated by a mere thread of watercourse, which at some seasons, could be almost traversed at a leap. If with these considerations pressing upon his mind, he ventured to give a silent vote, he would be reproached on his return home.

Greatly did it rejoice him to observe that the principle of annexation was sustained almost unanimously by the members on this floor, both Whig and Democratic. He cordially rejected the honorable sentiment of Mr. Campbell that on this question we were neither Whigs nor Democrats. It was too vast, too momentous a subject to let the petty spirit of faction disturb the tranquil counsels. Annexation would secure the safety of their lives, property and honor—of our lives and those of our wives and children. Our frontier was naturally weak and defenceless. With a foreign power in Texas, and a cloud of barbarians on our frontier, he would ask where would be our security? Such reflections were sufficient to induce every patriot to stand up manfully for annexation and unite in expressing the solemn will of the people.

With respect to the resolution and proviso, he thought that the latter tended to injure the object we had in view. What was that object? The annexation of Texas, and if the proviso prevailed, and it should so happen that the treaty did contain the restriction in question, it might serve as a pretext for our senators to vote against the treaty, and thus defeat the measure. There was yet another view of the matter. Many Southern Senators waived the limits of the compromise act—maintained, that in fact and in law nothing prevented Maryland, Virginia might to-morrow, if they pleased, abolish slavery within their respective limits. Why then, should we seek to embarrass the question Texas now extends to nearly the latitude of Boston.—Why place obstacles to the treaty, to tie the hands of our Senators? Why not give congress reasons could be given, he hoped the proviso would not be adopted.

With respect to public sentiment, it was in his section of the State, nearly unanimous. The very Clay and Frelinghuysen flag raised in his village prior to the election, bore the Lone Star conspicuous on its folds. Many democrats had also voted for Clay and Texas. They considered the question more certain of being properly disposed of by him than under Mr Polk. Mr. Taylor concluded by an earnest appeal to the House to pass the resolutions unanimously.

Mr Walch proposed to amend the resolutions by adding in lieu of the proviso the words "on the basis of Treaty of Cession of Louisiana of 1803." He considered that this would guarantee the right of Texas to hold slaves forever.

Mr Fluker moved to reject the amendment. The motion prevailed without a count.

The motion to strike out the proviso being renewed, Mr Burthe remarked that he would detain the House but a few minutes. When this all important question was referred to a select committee, he thought that a large majority of the House were in favor of Annexation, and that the Committee would agree without difficulty. But greatly to his surprise he discovered that among four members, two were in favor and two were opposed to Annexation. He joined the latter and the majority reported against the expediency of any legislative action on the subject. He had found Mr Campbell one of the members, that many were opposed altogether to Texas. He was not thus unconditionally committed. He would vote for annexation under proper stipulations. The minority were desirous of obtaining a subsidy, vote of the House, to enable them to go to Washington, and impress that it would affect the deliberations of Congress. But if instead of receiving a large majority, the resolutions obtained but a feeble vote, it would fall altogether. Under these circumstances he thought it better to decline acting upon the subject, and leave it to the proper authorities of Congress. He was opposed to resolutions of uncertain action of the House. He was not for annexation *under all circumstances*—not for annexation *guand même*, but on proper conditions. He would therefore sustain the proviso, but if that were rejected, he would vote against the resolutions.

The House refused to reject the proviso. Yeas 43, Nays 31.

Mr Marks then offered a substitute to the substitute, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives to use every effort to secure the annexation of Texas by all lawful and constitutional means.

The question was put on the substitute, Yeas 23, Nays 31.

Mr Cole next offered a series of resolutions requesting our Senators and Representatives to use their efforts to annex Texas, whenever it could be done honorably, when the amount of her National debt was ascertained; and requesting them to obtain the passage of a law for taking the sense of the people of the Union on the question.

Mr Parham moved to lay these resolutions on the table. The motion prevailed, yeas 42, nays 12.

The question being about to be taken on Mr Campbell's substitute,

Mr Fluker stated he would vote for it, not because he liked it as one of the resolutions of the minority, or as resolutions of instruction; but as he could not get what he wanted, he was willing to yield something and take the substitute.

Mr Gayarré concurred in the observations and would likewise vote for the substitute.

Mr Texada would vote against the substitute. It was useless and worthless. It confined the Senators to one particular mode of forming a treaty. He did not know what sort of a bill may have passed Congress.—The object of the proviso was to destroy the resolution. No one had sooner the discussion but must have seen that such was the object in view.

Mr Campbell said that the people of Louisiana wished for annexation, but wouldn't have Texas as a free State. He was proceeding in his remarks when the Speaker informed him that he must confine himself simply to an explanation of the vote.

The resolution was ADOPTED: yeas 38, nays 16.

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15th, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. The roll being called 86 members answered to their names.

On motion of Mr. Howell, the reading of the Journal was suspended until after the election of State Printer.

The Senate having met the House in Joint ballot, the General Assembly proceeded to the election of State Printer.

The roll being called 14 members of the Senate and 55 Representatives answered to their names.

Mr. Gayarré presented a letter from Jerome Bayon, Esqr., of the Courier, offering to do the State printing for $3000.

Mr. Garcia stated that the letter could only be taken into consideration and acted on by each House separately. It was, therefore, out of order.

Mr Downs moved that the Senate withdraw, to take the matter into consideration.

Mr Garcia said a simple motion to withdraw was in order.

Mr Downs said such was his object.

The Senate agreed to withdraw—yeas 35; nays 5.

Mr Stille said the Senate had violated the resolution for going into the election of State Printer, at 10 o'clock this morning, by withdrawing from the Hall. He therefore moved that the House should proceed forthwith to elect a State Printer.

The Speaker said the motion was out of order.

Mr Stille appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. decision of the Chair was sustained—yeas 32; nays 5.

Mr Gardere moved that the Clerk be directed to inform the Senate that the House was ready to meet that body for the election of State Printer, in conformity with the joint resolution.

Mr Bayne said we could proceed to no other business than this election. This was alone in order, and he seconded Mr Gardere.

Mr Gardere's motion prevailed.

Mr Howell moved a recess of ten minutes. The motion was lost.

Mr — moved to dispense with the rules that Mr Bayne's communication might be read. On this motion the yeas stood—yeas 30; nays 22.

The Senate having again met the House in joint ballot, the roll was called and it was found that 14 senators and 79 representatives were present.

Mr Winchester nominated Messrs Magne & Weisse of the Bee.

Mr Howell nominated Messrs Besancon & Ferguson of the Republican.

Mr Moore nominated Mr Bayon of the Courier.

Messrs Declouet and Stille were appointed tellers.

On counting the votes it appeared that Messrs Magne & Weisse had obtained 38 votes; Besancon, Ferguson & C., 24, and J Bayon 6 votes. Messrs Magne & Weisse having obtained the requisite majority, were declared duly elected state printers.

The House having withdrawn, the journal of the House was read.

Mr Newport presented a memorial from the warden of the East Baton Rouge jail, asking for relief. Referred to the committee on claims.

Mr Forstall introduced resolutions from the police jury of the parish of Caddo, instructing their delegation to ask for certain improvements in the navigation of Cross, Perry and De Soto Lakes. A part of the resolutions was referred to the committee on internal improvements, and a part to the committee on finance.

Mr Brownrigg presented a joint resolution authorizing the state engineer to employ the colored convicts on the road from Covington to Holmesville, the parish paying the necessary expenses.

Mr Texada presented a petition from his constituents which was referred to a select committee.

Mr Gardere presented a petition from Mr Louvet, claiming compensation for certain services. Referred to the committee on claims.

Likewise a memorial from the Citizens Bank, complaining of the tax imposed on money brokers. Referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

Mr Gardere, agreeably to notice, introduced an act relative to the assessors of the state taxes for New Orleans. Referred to the Orleans delegation.

Mr Cruzat introduced an act to amend the act to prevent gambling in the city of New Orleans. It authorizes the mayor to appoint the successor of ordinances for the suppression of gambling.

Likewise a bill supplementary to the several acts relative to the celebration of marriages.

Mr Young gave notice of an act for the relief of Louis Rieret, a sheriff of Orleans.

Mr Texada introduced an act to amend articles 2363 and 2364 of the civil code.

Mr Fox gave notice of an act for the establishment of a free school system in Louisiana.

Mr Le Blanc of Assumption, gave notice of an act relative to roads and levees in Assumption.

Mr Dupuy introduced an act to amend the act relative to public schools in New Orleans.

Mr Cole introduced a bill amending the act for preventing gamers obtaining spirituous and intoxicating liquors without the consent of their masters.

Mr Lavergne, from the enrolling committee, reported having submitted to the Governor for his approval, several bills and resolutions.

Order of the Day.

The House took up the act repealing the act relative to public advertisements in the parish of Orleans.

Mr Cruzat explained that the parish of Orleans now labored under a singular difficulty. The law of 1843 required that the public advertisements should be granted by contract, and that the contract should be given to the lowest bidder. The contract for the past year has expired, and for its renewal two offers had been made, both on the same terms. No public printer could therefore be selected, and the public advertisements must either not be printed, or if printed, the publisher would have a right to demand full compensation according to the rates of advertising. The bill before the House is intended to obviate this difficulty hereafter. It was better to