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MEMORIAL

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, of Edmund J. Forstall, in behalf of Messrs. Baring, Bros., & Co., of London, and other Holders of Bonds, issued in favor of Municipality No. Two, and the Charity Hospital.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly Convened:

The Memorial of the undersigned, acting in behalf of Messrs. Baring, Bros., & Co., of London, and other Holders of State Bonds, issued in favor of Municipality No. Two, respectfully represents:

That on the 18th January, 1847, the undersigned addressed the Honorable the General Assembly, complaining of the protest in London, of the coupons of interest, due on said Bonds 1st Nov., 1846, as per Document hereto annexed, marked (A.)

That shortly afterwards said protested coupons were paid by Municipality No. Two.

That to prevent a recurrence of such disgrace to the credit and honor of the State, an act was passed on the 4th May, 1847, entitled, "An Act to pro- "provide for the payment of the Debts of Municipalities of New Orleans."

That Section, 13 of said Act, reads thus: "That it shall be the duty of "the State Treasurer to enforce a strict compliance, on the part of said Muni- "cipalities, with the law of 18th March, 1839, and in case of failure on the part "of either of the Municipalities to meet regularly the interest on said bonds, "the Treasurer is hereby authorized, on the warrant of the Auditor of Public "Accounts, to pay the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise "appropriated, and to enforce the collection of the same by the most summary "process, and each of said Municipalities shall be released from the payment "of one per cent. per annum, for difference of interest required by the said Act "of the 18th of March, 1839, provided the said Municipality shall, from and after "the 1st day of January next, comply strictly with the provisions of said Act."

That the above section, notwithstanding the coupons of interest on said State Bonds continued and still continue to be protested for non-payment on their maturity, twice a year, to the great injury of the holders thereof, and of the credit of Louisiana, whose good faith is thus left at the mercy of a corporation.

That the undersigned, on the 2d August, 1850, addressed a letter to the State Treasurer, copy of which is hereto annexed with the Documents referred to thereln, marked (B.) and (C.), calling upon that officer for the execution of the above cited 13th section, of the act of 4th May, 1847.

That this letter having been preceded by an interview at the seat of government, the undersigned, on the 5th August, received a letter from the State Treasurer, dated Baton Rouge, 1st August, 1850, copy of which is hereto annexed, marked (D.), declining to act, "until the State has paid the amount for which she is under protest."

That the undersigned is now the holder of protested coupons of the State Bonds in favor of Municipality No. Two, to the amount of £5,441 9s.

That by an act making appropriations for the general expenses of the State, up to the 31st Dec., 1851, appropriation is made for interests on State Bonds issued in favor of Municipality No. Three, and amounting for that year to $1,512.

That in 1844, the State being dishonored, both at its public Treasury, and for interest on bonds issued in favor of corporations bound by law to redeem the same as maturing, an act was passed on the 25th March, 1844, "providing "for the adjustment and liquidation of the debts proper of the State, and for other "purposes."

That as per statement hereto annexed and marked (G.), the debt proper, or payable at the Public Treasury, (see Treasurer's Report for 1844,) amounted to $3,898,000.

That this debt is now reduced (see Auditor of Public Account's Report,) for 1850, to $988,000, in bonds maturing from 1857 to 1872, on which interest has been heretofore regularly paid by the Public Treasury.

That owing, no doubt, to then insuperable financial difficulties, the bonds of the State issued in favor of corporations, with the condition of reimbursing the capital and paying the running interest thereon, as maturing, remained unprovided for, and so continue to remain, with one single exception, as will be hereafter shown.

That the bonds so issued, in favor of the Bank and Municipal corporations, amounted, 1st January, 1844, (see Treasurer's Report of that year,) to $19,909,920, and are now reduced, (see Statement G.) to $9,261,533 36; the interest on which is paid as maturing, by the respective corporations, save by Municipality No. Two, as before said, and Municipality No. Three, for which appropriation is made by the State, as before shown.

That the State Bonds in favor of Municipality No. Three were issued by virtue of the same law, and on precisely the same conditions as those in favor Municipality No. Two—wherefore, the undersigned begs respectfully to claim from your Honorable Body the same measure of justice towards his principals.

And the undersigned begs furthermore to represent:

That he is the holder of forty-three coupons of interest of the Charity Hospital State Bonds, amounting to $1,075, which matured on the 1st inst.—that on said coupons being presented for payment, they were dishonored by the State Treasurer, on the ground, of "want of appropriation."

That on being so notified, and supposing it to be an error, the undersigned addressed a letter on the subject to the Auditor of Public Accounts, under date of 12th, and another to His Excellecy, the Governor, under date of 13th inst., copies of both of which are hereto annexed, marked (E.) and (F.), to which he received the answers hereto annexed, marked (J.) and (H.), stating that said coupons would be paid if again presented.

That notwithstanding such notification from the Auditor of Public Accounts, and from His Excellency, the Governor, said coupons on being again presented to the State Treasurer, were again dishonored on the same ground of [illegible] appropriation."

In conclusion, the undersigned begs most respectfully to refer your Honorable Assembly to the acts of Louisiana, up to 1843, and to call your attention to the following extract of a memorial he addressed to both Houses of the Legislature, on the 8th of January, 1847:

"The State at different times had loaned its bonds to the following corporations, to wit:

"To New Orleans and Nashville Railroad Co., - - -	$500,000
"To the Clinton and Port Hudson " " " - -	498,000
"To the Mexican Gulf " " " - -	100,000
	$1,098,000

"These corporations had bound themselves toward the State to meet the "running interests and to redeem the principals as they matured.

"The first of the above corporations having failed in 1840, the following "act was passed by the Legislature, and approved 28th March, same year, "to wit:

"'An Act to preserve the credit of the State.

"Section 1. Be it, &c., That the Governor of the State be, and he is "hereby authorized to borrow from any of the banks which are bound to loan "the State, so much money as may be necessary to meet the interest on any of "the State Bonds given for the benefit of the New Orleans and Nashville Rail- "road Co., which may fall due within the next twelve months; Provided, that "such loan be shown, to the satisfaction of the Governor, to be absolutely ne- "cessary to protect the credit and good faith of the State.'

"In 1841, to wit, on the 4th March, an act supplementary to the above, "was passed, making annual the appropriation of the previous year, and so to "continue until the payment and cancelling of the bonds omitted for the benefit "of the New Orleans and Nashville Raiload Company.

"In 1842, the two other corporations failed; and on the 26th March, same "year, an act was passed, entitled, 'An Act, to preserve the credit of the State,' "authorizing the State Treasurer to meet as they matured, the interests on the "bonds issued for the benefit of those corporations, and to redeem the princi- "pal at maturity.

"It was to this prompt and honorable course that Louisiana was indebted "for the exalted position she then occupied among the States of the Union, "and which enabled the Citizen's Bank, so late as 1840, to negotiate, in Am- "sterdam, at a premium of one per cent., $100,000 of the bonds issued by the "State to its order, and to effect a conditional sale of $960,000 more, at the "same premium, whilst at the same epoch, all other American Stocks in Eu- "rope were either unsaleable or considerably below par."

All which is respectfully submitted with a prayer for relief,

EDM. J. FORSTALL.

New Orleans, 31st January, 1852.

A.

MEMORIAL to the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, of Edm. J. Forstall, in behalf of Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., of London, and other Holders of Bonds issued in favor of Municipality No. Two.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly Convened:

The memorial of the undersigned, acting in behalf of Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., of London, and other holders of State Bonds, issued by this State in favor of Municipality No. Two, respectfully represents:

That said holders having great confidence in the faith of the State of Louisiana, became the purchasers of the bonds aforementioned, the tenor of which is as follows:

United States of America.
State of Louisiana.
5 pr. cent. Stock.

$480 £100 No. 1001 A. Francs ..... 2639 Guilders 1920

"Know all men by these presents, that the Governor of the State of Louisiana, "conformably with an act of the Legislature of said State, entitled, 'An Act, "authorizing the emission of the bonds of the State to the city of New Orleans,' "approved march 18, 1839, acknowledges to be indebted to Municipality No. "Two, of the city of New Orleans, in the sum of either four hundred and eighty "dollars, one hundred pounds sterling, two thousand five hundred and fifty francs "or twelve hundred guilders, to wit:

"Four hundred and eighty dollars, if the principal and interest are payable in "lawful money of the United States, at the office of the Treasurer of the State; "one hundred pounds sterling, if payable in London; two thousand five hundred "and fifty francs, if payable in Paris; and twelve hundred guilders, if payable "in Amsterdam: which sum, the Governor, in behalf of the State aforesaid, "does promise to pay to said Municipality No. Two, or its assigns, in the "years from the date thereof, and does to pay all interest of said principal "sums on the same, payable semi-annually, to wit: on the first day of "October and the first day of April of each and every year, upon the delivery "of the coupon warrants to the [illegible] of the [illegible] "said Municipality No. Two [illegible] and by these presents, [illegible] and solemnly [illegible] State of Louisiana, as against all others whom it may [illegible] re-exchange, damages, costs, charges and interests, [illegible] for want of payment of the said three hundred and [illegible] warrants.

Thus done and protested in New Orleans, in the presence of Charles LaBedoyère Kernion, Jr., and Edmund Florian Malus, witnesses.

[Signed.] LaBEDOYERE KERNION,
E. FLORIAN MALUS,
LN. HERMANN, Not. Pub.

A true copy of the original on file in my office.
New Orleans, this fourteenth day of January, A. D. 1847.
Approved.
[Signed.] LUCIEN HARMANN, Not. Pub.

B.

New Orleans, 2d August, 1850.

G. M. McWHORTER, Esq., *State Treasurer:*

Sir—I inclose herewith a copy of protest, entered by me, on the 9th ult., in behalf of the holders thereof, against the State of Louisiana, for failure of payment of coupons of interest due 1st May last, on certain bonds issued in favor of Municipality No. Two.

I also enclose copy of a memorial by me, in behalf of some holders to both Houses of the Legislature, on 15th January, 1847, complaining of failure of payment by Municipality No. Two, of the coupons of interest on said bonds due 1st November, 1846, in the city of London.

Although shortly after presenting this memorial, Municipality No. Two paid said coupons, the Legislature, no doubt to protect hereafter the faith of the State, passed an act entitled, "An Act, to provide for the payment of the "debts of the the Municipality No. Two," approved 4th May, 1847.

Section 13, "Provides that it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to "enforce a strict compliance on the part of the Municipalities with the law of "18th March, 1839, and in case of failure on the part of either of the Munici- "palities to meet regularly the interests on said bonds, the Treasurer is hereby "authorized, on the warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts, to pay the "same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to "enforce the collection of the same, by the most summary process, and each "of said Municipalities shall be released from the payment of one per cent. "per annum, for difference of interest required by the said act of the 18th of "March, 1839, provided the said Municipality shall, from and after the first day "of January next, comply strictly with the provisions of said act."

However, I may differ with you and the Auditor of Public Accounts, as to your interpretation of this section, which, in my humble opinion, is a special appropriation for the protection of the faith of the State. I trust you will see in it full authority to enforce the payment by Municipality No. Two, of the dishonored coupons of the State, in question, and that for this purpose, you will use the most summary process, as required by said section.

Permit me also to call your attention to the act creating these bonds, and entitled:

"An Act, authorizing emission of the bonds of the State to the city of New Orleans," approved 18th March, 1839.

Section 1 Provides—"The emission of State Bonds in favor of Munici- "pality No. Two, to the amount of $600,000, bearing five per cent interest, "payable semi-annually."

Sec. 2 Provides—"The delivery by the State Treasurer, in exchange for "an equal amount of the bonds of the Municipality, bearing an annual interest "of six per cent."

Sec. 3 Provides—"That previous to making any such exchanges of bonds "with either of said Municipalities, it shall be the duty of their Councils, re- "spectively, to authorize the issue of the bonds to be given to the State, and "also by ordinance, to establish each, a sinking fund which shall consist of an "annual deposit in either the Union Bank, the Citizen's Bank, or such other "banks, as the Legislature may, from time to time designate, of a portion of "the revenue arising from levee dues or wharfage, in each Municipality, and "sufficient at the time of maturity of the bonds, to extinguish them, &c."

Sec. 7 Provides—"The form of the bonds, place of payment of interest, "and of reimbursement of capital, &c."

Sec 9—"Makes it the duty of the Councils to transmit to the Legislature "on the second Monday of January of each year, a detailed statement of the "condition of the sinking fund established under this act, &c."

Municipality No. Two having suffered the coupons to be protested and so continue, would it not be advisable for the protection of both the State and the fundholders, that you should at once ascertain the condition of the sinking und, by demanding of the Municipality No. Two a detailed statement of the condition of the same? I have good reasons to believe that some of the funds have been used for payment of coupons, and were not replaced, and that for the last year, the usual amount required has not been deposited; should it be so, would it not be proper to take a mandamus on the Municipality No. Two, to show why so much of the revenue arising from the levee dues and wharfage as sufficient for that purpose, has not been paid into the sinking fund, as required by the 3d section of the act of 18th of March, 1839, or such other summary steps as may enable you to carry into effect the 13th section of the act of 4th May, 1847.

Respectfully, &c.,

[Signed.] EDM. J. FORSTALL.

[*To be Continued.*]

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Journal of the Senate.
First Session—Fourth Legislature.
Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 1852.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Honorable R. C. Marue, President pro tem in the Chair.

Twenty-six Senators present.

By a message from the House through their chief clerk, the Senate was informed of the concurrence of the House in the following entitled bill and resolution.

An act for the relief of James E. Tison, of the parish of Rapides.

Joint resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to have established a post office at New Road, Point Coupee.

The chief Clerk of the House also informed the Senate that the Speaker of the House had signed the following enrolled bills and resolution of the Senate.

An act to punish white persons for the offence of gambling or betting with free negroes, mulattoes or slaves.

An act to enable the lessee to retain certain expellable effects out of the property subject to the lessors privileges.

An act to exempt the members of the Police Jury of the parish of Plaquemines, St. Bernard and that portion of the parish of Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi river, from Jury duty.

Joint resolution with regard to the improvement of Lake Chicot and Grand Lake.

He also informed the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the amendments of the Senate, to

An act concerning Pledges.

And also informed the Senate of the passage of the following bills and resolution of the House, and asked the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

An act to take the sense of the people on the expediency of calling a Convention and to provide for the election of Delegates and the holding of the Convention.

An act to provide for deficiencies of appropriations in criminal prosecutions, up to 31st December, 1851.

An act to incorporate the town of Farmerville in the parish of Union.

An act to amend the 1139 article of the Code of Practice.

An act for the relief of the succession of Thomas H. Body, deceased, late Sheriff of the parish of St. Helena.

An act to authorize the appointment of an additional Notary Public in the parish of Calcasieu.

An act to amend the first section of an act entitled, an act giving Pollon James the exclusive right to establish Ferries and Toll Bridges, approved, 6th March, 1850.

An act to provide for the election of two State Tax Collectors in and for the parish of Jefferson.

An act to amend an act entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate the church of St. Michael, in the parish of St. James, approved, March 15th, 1837.

An act to fix the time for holding the sessions of the Police Jury in and for the parish of St. Tammany.

Joint resolution appointing a Joint Committee for the purpose of enquiring into the expediency of petitioning for further provision of slave prevalty in this State.

Mr. Gardere, from the Committee on enrollments, reported as duly enrolled, the following bills of the Senate:

An act to incorporate the town of Trenton, in the parish of Ouachita.

And a joint resolution relative to the amendments of the Constitution.

Mr. Phillips informed the Senate that the Honorable J. B. Plauche, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, had in consequence of professional engagements, resigned that for a few days.

Mr. Cole, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Brandsfield, of the parish of Washington, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims having taken the petition of William Brandsfield into consideration, respectfully report: That on the 23d of October, 1850, a slave named Allen, the property of Brandsfield, murdered one negro, with two wives of various dates of the petitioner of negro boys of various ages, and they had put poison in the meat of the negro who murdered Allen, as the chance arose, and developed by him, although he was at the time supposed by no one; and he alone was executed.

Your Committee would therefore recommend the allowance of the claim, one thousand seventy-three dollars and twenty-five cents, and would respectfully submit the following bill for your consideration, &c. It appears that Allen, at the age of fifteen years would never possibly have been discovered, if the slayer had not disclosed it. That petitioner is impoverished, from sickness and incapacity to labor, and has been and still is dependent on the charity of his friends for support, and that the loss of the slave was total, &c.

Mr. Cole, on behalf of the same committee, reported favorably on a bill from the House entitled, An act for the relief of Timothy Hyner, late Collector for the eighth Representative district of the city of New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Dimmick, the rules were suspended, the Senate took up on the above mentioned bills and resolutions on their second reading.

The same Senator on behalf of the same Committee, submitted to the Senate the following report:

The Committee of Claims of the Senate respectfully report on the memorial and act for the relief of Gustave Decres, of the city of New Orleans. That according to a judgment of the Supreme Court in 5th volume of Louisiana annual reports, page 383, in the case of the State vs. Magazan Gulf Rail Road Company, said Gustave Decres entered into a partnership with Columbus Mizes, Esq., liquidator of said Company, by which Decres was allowed on his pro rata share of the proceeds of said Company in $1759 95 and fifty-nine cents of interests on State Bonds, which, with the sum of $30 60 were delivered Decres on payment of the costs, leaving in favor of the State a balance of $16 75, which Decres paid in cash. These coupons of interest were payable on 1st November, 1844, and Decres received them on the 24 of July, 1850. The State Treasurer refused to pay these coupons, because there was no special appropriation to that effect. The memorial asks for an appropriation to pay the said coupons of interest, amounting to $1770, seven hundred and seventy, with interest thereon from the 24 July, 1850. The Committee report in favor of appropriating $1770 00 to pay said coupons of interest, but against granting any interest. The report in favor of the act with the following amendments—strike out after 1844 in the 5th line of section 1st the balance of the section and add after 1844, "on presentation thereof by said Decres to said Treasurer," and recommend the adoption of the act so amended.

(Signed) J. L. COLE, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, the rules were suspended, the Senate took up on its second reading the bill entitled

An act for the relief of Gustave Decres, of the city of New Orleans, as amended by the Committee on Claims, and on a further supension of the rules, it was read a third time and passed.

The same Senator on behalf of the same Committee, to which was referred a bill of the House, entitled,

An act to grant relief to persons having irregularly bought lands of the State of Louisiana.

Presented to the Senate the following report:

Report of Senate Committee of Claims, on

An act to grant relief to persons having irregularly bought lands of the State of Louisiana.

The Committee of Claims respectfully report that Richard Loache, Esq., late Register of the Land office, issued certificates of location and purchase to various persons, the number not known, of which no evidence exists on the Records of the office, and the land is only known when the holder presents his certificate in order to obtain a patent. It appears also from the report of the present Register, that in at least two cases he issued patents upon his own fraudulent certificates. In some cases certificates and even patents were issued for land not belonging to the State of Louisiana. The parties holding these certificates ignorantly paid their money to the Register instead of the Receiver, who despite having received the money, and there is no evidence in the office of his having to be received it, so that no order can be issued by the Register to refund it as provided by law in case where land is illegally sold. This act provides that upon the presentation of any certificate of entry issued by the late Register of the land office, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State to issue a patent to the holder or owner of such certificate for the land called for by the certificate, or if said holder or owner had paid no said land into the Treasury of the State according to law.

The Committee can see reason in favor of the act for the following reasons: The duties of Register and Receiver of the Land office are distinct. The person wishing to purchase gets a certificate from the Register which he carries to the Receiver. The Receiver is the only one entitled to receive the money, and he gives a receipt thereof to the purchaser, who carries it to the Register. It was the duty of those who wished to purchase lands, to make themselves acquainted with the offices to whom they were to make payment, if they failed to do so it is their own fault, and if the State should grant relief in this case it would be a precedent for granting relief in all cases where parties may not apply to the officer legally entitled to receive the money.

The Committee therefore report against this act and pray to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

(Signed) J. LAWRENCE COLE, Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Cole, on behalf of the same committee, reported favorably on a bill from the House entitled, An act for the relief of Timothy Hyner, late Collector for the eighth Representative district of the city of New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Dimmick, the rules were suspended, the Senate took up the above mentioned bill on its several readings and were severally passed.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, the Senate took up on its second reading the bill entitled

An act to change the place in which the sessions of the Supreme Court shall be held in the Western District of Louisiana.

Mr. Watkinson from the Special Committee on the Washington monument, reported to the Senate, the following enrolled bill.

An act to possess a block of stone for the Washington monument.

On motion, the rules were suspended, the Senate took up the above entitled bill, and after having undergone its several readings, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, the Senate to be up on its first reading, a bill from the House entitled,

An act to establish the seats of the people on the expediency of calling a Convention, and to provide for the election of delegates, and the holding of the Convention.

On motion of the same Senator, the bill was ordered to be printed and made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Messages from the House—First reading:

An act to extend the powers of Lafayette, to pay and to criminal offences committed within the corporation of the town of Vermil invilli.

And, an act to intervene the estates of Jones in the parish of Lafayette.

On motion of Mr. Cade, the rules were suspended and bills underwent their several readings, and were severally passed.

An act conferring upon Justices of the Peace, power to issue writs of injunction in certain cases.

On motion, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

An act for the relief of persons who have irregularly paid money to the late register, Richard Loache, for lands in the State Land Office.

Mr. Benjamin moved to reject the bill, on his motion the yeas and nays were called and resulted as follows:

Messrs. Baker, Benjamin, Berthe, Butler, Cade, Clark, Cole, Dimmick, Dupuy, Dunbar, LaCroix, Lemée, Mayo, Pierce, Preaux, Prossesy, Richardson of Ouachita, Sandidge and Tatman—19 voted in the affirmative.

Messrs. Griffin, McVea, Richardson of Washington, and Wickliffe—4 voted in the negative.

Consequently said motion prevailed, and the bill was rejected, and the Senate refused to concur.

An act to amend an act entitled, an act to incorporate the town of St. Martinsville, approved 6th March, 1843.

On motion of Mr. Dutheuet, the rules were suspended, the bill underwent its several readings and passed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

An act to refund to the parish of Point Coupee, certain expenses incurred by her.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the further consideration of the bill was postponed, and the same was made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Berthe, agreeably to previous notice, introduced the following bills, which were read, and on motion, the rules being dispensed with, were referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

An act to amend the act incorporating the city of Jefferson, approved March 9th, 1836.

And an act submerging the city of Jefferson to the rights of Borough of Free Port.

Mr. J. N. Carrigan, the Governor's private Secretary, delivered a written message from the Governor.

Mr. Wickliffe introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be, and he is hereby requested to inform the Senate what was the newest cent to the State of the late State Convention, which framed our present constitution, and that this information be placed before the Senate before Tuesday next.

The Senate took up on its second reading,

A joint resolution, relative to the Levee Inspectors of the parish of Lafourche Interior.

On motion of Mr. Cole, the above resolution was laid on the table, subject to the call of the Senate.

The Senate then took up on its second reading, a bill from the House entitled,

An act to cede to the government of the United States jurisdiction to and over a certain piece or portion of land situated in the parish of Plaquemines, in the State of Louisiana.

Whereas, the government of the United States, on the 6th day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, purchase of G. M. Bowdrick of the parish of Plaquemines, in the State of Louisiana, a certain piece or portion of land situated in said parish, for the purpose of erecting a Light House thereon.

And whereas, by a joint resolution of the Congress of the United States, passed September 11, 1841, it is required that before the purchase money stipulated to be given by the United States government to said Bowdrick, for said piece of land, can be paid, jurisdiction over said land must be ceded by the State of Louisiana to the government of the United States for the purpose of erecting a Light House thereon.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened—

Section 1. That jurisdiction shall be, and is hereby ceded and given to the government of the United States, to and over all that certain piece or portion of land, situated in the said parish of Plaquemines, in the State of Louisiana, containing two acres, being the upper point by the division of the South Pass and South-west Pass, at the mouth of the Mississippi river, and forms part of the tract of land described as follows: Lot or fractional numbers, in township twenty-one (west of the Mississippi river) of range thirty-two, in the district of land subject to sale at New Orleans, containing thirty-nine acres and four one-hundredths of an acre, purchased from the government of the United States, as per patent No. 3077, dated the 25th October, 1844, and which said piece or portion of land was on the 5th day of November, 1851, purchased of said G. M. Bowdrick, by the government of the United States, for the purpose of erecting a Light House thereon.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, &c., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Mr. Benjamin offered the following amendments to the bill:

Provided always, that the jurisdiction thus given to the United States, over the lands herein mentioned, shall cease, and be forever relieved to the State of Louisiana, should the government of the United States, at any time, abandon the same, or any part thereof, passage at any time, to obstruct navigation in the channels, front yards, or other places over which the jurisdiction of the States may have been surrendered to the United States, or to interfere by any manner with the maintenance of the navy, as recognized by the laws of this State.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin to lay the previous question on the above amendments, the yeas and nays were called and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Benjamin, Berthe, Butler, Cade, Clark, Cole, Dimmick, Dupuy, Dunbar, LaCroix, Lemée, Mayo, Pierce, Preaux, Prossesy, Richardson of Ouachita, Sandidge and Tatman—19 voted in the affirmative.

Nays—