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BEGUN AND HELD,

AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,

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AND IN THE FORTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID STATES.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE SECOND SESSION of the Sixteenth Congress commenced this day at the City of Washington, conformably to the act, approved the thirteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress," and the Senate assembled.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1820.

PRESENT,

From the State of
New Hampshire,
The honorable { David L. Morrill,
 { John F. Parrott.
From the State of
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,
The honorable James Burrill, junior.
From the State of
Vermont,
The honorable Isaac Tichenor.
From the State of
New York,
The honorable { Rufus King,
 { Nathan Sanford.
From the State of
New Jersey,
The honorable { Mahlon Dickerson,
 { James J. Wilson.
From the State of
Pennsylvania,
The honorable { Jonathian Roberts,
 { Walter Lowrie.
From the State of
Delaware,
The honorable { Outerbridge Horsey,
 { Nicholas Van Dyke.

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From the State of

Maine,

The honorable { John Chandler,
John Holmes.

The honorable John Gaillard, President pro tempore, resumed the chair.

The honorable David Holmes, appointed a Senator by the Executive of the State of Mississippi, in place of the honorable Walter Leake; the honorable John Chandler, and the honorable John Holmes, appointed Senators, by the Legislature of the State of Maine, respectively produced their credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them, and they took their seats in the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Burrill,

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, by Mr. King, of Alabama,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them.

Ordered, That Mr. King, of Alabama, and Mr. Macon, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. King, of Alabama, submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole:

Resolved, That Mountjoy Bayly, doorkeeper and sergeant-at-arms to the Senate, be, and he hereby is, authorised to employ one assistant and two horses, for the purpose of performing such services as are usually required by the doorkeeper of the Senate; which expense shall be paid out of the contingent fund.

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Morrill,

Resolved, That two Chaplains of different denominations be ap-

by purchasers, and the sums due from purchasers and from receivers in each land district;" and the report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Trimble,

Ordered, That five hundred extra copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President also communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, directing him to "cause to be prepared, and laid before the Senate, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, a statement of the money which has been annually appropriated and paid, since the year seventeen hundred and seventy-five, for surveying the seacoast, bays, inlets, harbors, and shoals, and for erecting, and keeping in repair, light houses, beacons, and buoys, and for the purchase of ground for light houses, distinguishing the places where they have been erected, and the sums annually expended for keeping and supplying the same;" and the report was read.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1820.

Georgia
Delegation
arrives.

The honorable John Elliott, and also, the honorable Freeman Walker, from the State of Georgia, severally arrived, on the 17th instant, and attended this day.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama, reported the same without amendment, and it was considered as in committee of the whole, and no amendment having been proposed thereto, it was reported to the House; and,

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the motion submitted on the 16th instant, respecting the purchasers of public lands, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, submitted the following motions for consideration:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the relief of purchasers of the public lands, by dividing the sums now severally unpaid,

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, two tracts of land in the county of Point Coupee; and the bill was read.

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi, communicated an attested copy of the act of the legislature of the state of Mississippi, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Natchez Hospital," and requesting the consent of Congress thereto; and the act was read.

On motion, by Mr. Holmes, of Mississippi,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, for an inquiry into the application of the appropriations for public improvements in the city of Washington; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The bill for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1820.

The Honorable Elijah H. Mills, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Massachusetts, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honorable Prentiss Mellen, produced his credentials, which were read, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of the President and Direc-

tors of the Bank of the United States, praying certain amendments to the charter of said bank, and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. King, of Alabama, presented the memorial of Thomas Shields, purser in the Navy, praying compensation for certain naval stores and other property destroyed in December, 1814, by the explosion of a battery at the bay of St. Louis, which was ordered to be blown up by lieutenant T. A. C. Jones, of the Navy; and the memorial was read.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Walker, of Georgia, presented the petition of Morgan Brown, praying compensation for a horse killed whilst in the employment of the United States in the late war with the Creek Indians; and the petition was read.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Jacques Villere, of Louisiana, praying indemnity for a number of slaves taken from him by the British on their retreat from New Orleans in 1815; and the petition was read.

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Robert Purdy, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Williams, of Tennessee, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians, reported the same with amendments; which were read.

The bill granting to the governor of the state of Louisiana, for the time being, and his successors in office, two tracts of land in the county of Point Coupee, was read the second time; and,

On motion,