

Absent—Messrs. Montgomery sick, Penn with leave.

Mr. McDaniel moved,

To lay the resolution on the table,

Which motion was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The blank in the third resolution was filled with the word "two."

Mr. Monroe offered the following amendment,

Whereas, it appears to this General Assembly that the people called Mormons have caused much excitement, speculation and comment in many of the public journals of this and other States of the Union, and whereas the pendency of trial for high crimes of some of these persons called Mormons has prevented and still prevents a thorough investigation of that subject, by the General Assembly of this State, and believing that much injustice has been done the people of this State, by exaggeration and misrepresentations of some the public journals,

Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Governor of this State, at as early a period as practicable, after the trial of the aforesaid Mormons, to procure a copy of all the evidence taken, and to be taken in the said trial, as well as the papers, documents and returns of all the officers, which are or may be in possession of the Executive relative to the Mormon difficulties, and shall cause the same to be published in pamphlet form to the number of copies, and cause the same to be distributed in the same manner as the Journals of the two houses of the General Assembly,

Which was rejected.

The ayes and nays being called, were as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Alford, Ashby, Byrd, Danforth, Hunter, Jones of Cooper, Monroe Noland and Rawlins—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Campbell, Conger, Darby, Deguire, Gentry, Gilliam, Glascock, Gorham, Grimsley, Hyatt, Jones of Pike, Maupin, McDaniel, McIlvain, Miller, Morin, Pratt, Scott, Sterigere, Turner, Thompson and Watts—22.

Mr. Hunter moved,

The resolution and report on the subject be indefinitely postponed,

Which was decided negatively as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Byrd, Hunter, Maupin, Monroe and Rawlins—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Alford, Ashby, Campbell, Conger, Darby, Deguire, Gentry, Gilliam, Glascock, Gorham, Grimsley, Hyatt, Jones of C., Jones of P., McDaniel, McIlvain, Miller, Morin, Noland, Pratt, Scott, Sterigere, Turner, Thompson and Watts—25.

Absent, Messrs. Montgomery, sick; Penn and Danforth, with leave.

Mr. Ashby submitted the following amendment,

That a joint committee of three on the part of the Senate, and on the part of the House of Representatives, be appointed to investigate the Mormon difficulties forthwith, and that they have power to send for persons and papers and to examine on oath, and that all papers and documents in the possession of the General Assembly on that subject be referred to said committee,

Which amendment was rejected as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Alford, Ashby, Monroe, and Noland—4.

NAYS—Messrs. Byrd, Campbell, Conger, Danforth, Deguire, Darby, Gentry, Gilliam, Grimsley, Glascock, Gorham, Hunter, Hyatt, Jones of Cooper, Jones of Pike, Maupin, McDaniel, McIlvain, Miller, Pratt, Rawlins, Scott, Sterigere, Turner, Thompson and Watts—27.

The question recurring upon the passage of the resolution as amended,

Was decided affirmatively as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Alford, Ashby, Campbell, Conger, Darby, Gentry, Gilliam, Glascock, Gorham, Grimsley, Hyatt, Jones of P., Jones of C., McDaniel, McIlvain, Miller, Morin, Noland, Pratt, Scott, Sterigere, Turner, Thompson and Watts—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Byrd, Danforth, Deguire, Hunter, Maupin, Monroe, and Rawlins—7.

Mr. Campbell offered the following as additional to the resolution of the House:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the three foregoing resolutions be referred to a joint committee of the two Houses, heretofore raised on the subject of the Mormon difficulties, with instructions to report a bill in conformity thereto, as soon as they can conveniently prepare the same,

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Turner moved,

To take up the resolution laid on the table relative to the time of sitting and adjournment,

Which was ordered, and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Monroe,

The committee of the whole was discharged from the further consideration of a memorial to Congress, on the subject of furnishing to purchasers of public lands, field notes thereof,

Which said memorial was read a third time,

Mr. Sterigere moved,

To amend the memorial by way of ryder,

Insert after the words "north and south," the words "east and west,"

Which was read a first time, and

No objections being made,

Was read a second time,

Considered engrossed and read a third time,

And with the memorial passed.

Mr. Miller moved,

To take up a bill providing for the payment of debts due by the Penitentiary to individuals,

Which was negatived.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1839.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Sterigere,

The Senate took up,

A bill supplementary to an act concerning dower,

Which had been laid on the table, and

Passed the same;

Ordered that the title of the bill be,

An act as aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Sterigere,

The Senate took up an engrossed bill from the House entitled,

An act declaring a part of the Merrimac river, and Fourche Courtois creek a public highway.