

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1850.

Mr. Bright presented four petitions of citizens of Indiana, praying the establishment of a mail route from Otterredage to Scipio, in that State; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bright presented the memorial of Seth M. Leavenworth, praying compensation for damages sustained in consequence of an alleged violation, on the part of the Postmaster General, of his contract for carrying the mail; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Seward presented a memorial of the Life-saving Benevolent Association of New York, praying that an appropriation may be made to enable them to complete their apparatus for rescuing the crews and passengers of wrecked and stranded vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of Edward Lynch, praying that an improvement invented by him, called a condenser and evaporator, may be attached to the boilers of the United States steamer Jefferson; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Corwin presented a memorial of the mayor and common council of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying the erection of a marine hospital at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Felch presented a petition of citizens of Minnesota Territory, praying a grant of land for the purpose of constructing a magnetic telegraph in that territory; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Seward,

Ordered, That the petition of citizens of Maine, praying that a government vessel may be employed to convey delegates from the United States to the Peace Convention at Frankfort, in Germany, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Upham presented two petitions of citizens of Vermont, praying that no State may hereafter be admitted into the Union whose constitution does not prohibit slavery within its limits.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Hale presented two petitions of citizens of New Hampshire, two petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, two petitions of citizens of Ohio, a petition of citizens of New Jersey, a petition of citizens of Maine, a petition of citizens of Connecticut, and a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying that no State may hereafter be admitted into the Union whose constitution does not prohibit slavery within its limits.

Ordered, That the said petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Dodge, of Iowa, presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that no State may hereafter be admitted into the Union whose constitution does not prohibit slavery within its limits; a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that slavery may be prohibited by law in the territories of the United States; a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that slavery and the slave trade may be abolished in the District of Columbia, or the seat of government removed therefrom; and a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that the right of trial by jury may be allowed by law to fugitive slaves.

Ordered, That the said petitions lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, accompanied

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Mr. Sebastian submitted documents in relation to the claim of Isaac Graves, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, to a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of William Holmes, Henry C. White, and others, citizens of the United States, praying the adoption of measures for encouraging the emigration of the African race from the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Chase presented a petition of C. W. Klotz, D. B. Wyandt, and other citizens of the United States, praying that the public domain may be granted in limited quantities to actual settlers not possessed of other lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Chase presented two memorials of citizens of Ohio, praying that slavery may be abolished in the District of Columbia, and prohibited by law in the territories of the United States, that no more slaveholding States be admitted into the Union, that the right of trial by jury may be allowed by law to fugitive slaves, and the domestic slave trade abolished; a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that slavery may be prohibited by law in the territories of the United States; a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that slavery may be abolished in the District of Columbia, or the seat of government removed therefrom; and a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying that the right of trial by jury may be allowed by law to fugitive slaves.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petitions lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Interior, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, exhibiting the expenses of the administration of justice in the District of Columbia for a period of ten years; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Walker, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Douglas, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 148) to make further appropriations for public buildings in the Territories of Minnesota and Oregon, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton, the 4th instant, in relation to the amounts collected for duties in the ports of California within the period therein specified; and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Benton submitted a document relating to certain claims of the State of California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Cass, the 5th instant, directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate with a copy of Lieutenant Simpson's report of a military reconnoissance; which was modified, amended, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved. That the Secretary of the Department of War furnish the

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any infringement of the Missouri compromise.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of the legal voters of Marlborough, Massachusetts, praying Congress to preserve inviolate the Missouri compromise.

Ordered, That the said petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Weller presented the memorial of Douglass Ottinger, a captain in the revenue service, praying compensation for his invention for saving life and property from shipwrecked vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Seward presented a memorial of citizens of Orleans county, New York, praying the construction of a ship canal around the falls of Niagara; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Seward presented the petition of H. N. Holt and his family, and resolutions passed at a meeting of the people of Sing-Sing, New York, held the 27th February, 1854, opposed to the repeal of the Missouri compromise.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Seward presented a petition of citizens of Conewango, New York, praying the repeal of all laws sanctioning slavery; and a petition of citizens of Tonawanda, New York, praying that the bill to organize the Territory of Nebraska may not be passed in any shape that will impair the Missouri compromise.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Iowa, presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the establishment of a mail route from Marengo to Toledo, and on the north side of the Iowa river, from Marengo to Marietta; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Jones, of Iowa, presented a memorial of citizens of Iowa, praying that a grant of land may be made to aid in the construction of the Iowa Central airline railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Slidell presented the memorial of Sarah D. Brigham, praying permission to locate land within the Bastrop grant; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Dodge, of Iowa, presented the proceedings of a meeting of the Freemans Association, held at Ossian, Iowa, opposed to the extension of slavery into Nebraska; and a petition of citizens of Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of any bill, which will permit slavery in Nebraska, or otherwise infringe the Missouri compromise.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Fish presented the petition of Jane Becannon, widow of Phillip Becannon, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Fish presented a petition of the chancellor and faculty of the University of New York, praying a grant of a township of land to each chartered college or university in the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Fish presented documents relative to the claim of Ornan Randall to pay and bounty land for services in the last war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Morris, chief clerk :

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H. R. 109. An act to prohibit the "coolie trade" by American citizens in American vessels.

H. R. 113. An act concerning the closing of the office of surveyor general at St. Louis, and for other purposes.

H. R. 217. An act to provide for furnishing prisoners of the United States army in the revolted States with clothing and other necessary supplies.

H. R. 219. An act amending the provisions of the second section of the act of January 20, 1857, enforcing the attendance of witnesses before committees of either house of Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, (H. R. 25,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Browning reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution (H. R. 25) for the sale of the ruins of the Washington Infirmary.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition of citizens of Kossuth, Iowa, praying the abolition of slavery throughout the country, and that all the inhabitants of the United States, bond and free, may be called upon to aid in the support of the government.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Trumbull presented three petitions of citizens of Monroe county, Illinois, praying the total abolition of slavery throughout the country, and for compensation to loyal masters or owners.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Trumbull presented the memorial of C. S. Sanford, a citizen of New York, praying protection for those who, in good faith, have dealt with Messrs. Cummings and Tucker, agents of the War Department, now disowned and unrecognized by the Secretary of War; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

On motion by Mr. Fessenden,

Ordered, That the petition of Frederick E. Sickles, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Harlan presented a memorial of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying a repeal or suspension of the act of December 27, 1854, prohibiting the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Harlan presented a petition of citizens of Florence, Nebraska, praying the location of a national armory at Rock Island, Illinois.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Harlan presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the location of a national armory at Rock Island, Illinois.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

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

Mr. Clark presented the petition of John R. Joy, praying an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Harlan presented the petition of Captain B. McMahon, praying compensation for services as instructor and riding master to the first Missouri cavalry, by appointment of General John C. Frémont; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Harlan presented two petitions of citizens of Iowa, praying the total abolition of slavery throughout the country.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, and a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the total abolition of slavery throughout the country.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Browning reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 286) making an appropriation to illuminate the public buildings.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Etheridge, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the resolution of the Senate (S. 37) for the collection of war statistics.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H. R. 286,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Carlile presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying Congress, for the sake of the soldiers and citizens, to prevent the construction of wooden buildings for hospitals in the centre of the city, and that the location of such buildings may be selected with regard to the health of the city; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Wilkinson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to defray the expenses of holding a council and making a treaty with the Chippewa Indians in northern Minnesota, with a view to the purchase of a part of their lands in that State, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Wilkinson submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed:

Whereas Lazarus W. Powell, a senator from the State of Kentucky, after eleven States had published their ordinances of secession, by which to sever themselves from the government of the United

California, praying a reduction of the tax on the production of wine to three per cent. ad valorem; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Conness that the memorial be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, incorporating therein a provision prohibiting slavery in all the States and Territories; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition of citizens of Clayton county, Iowa, praying the adoption of measures for the immediate abolition of slavery in the so-called border States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harding asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 23) granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military road from Eugene City to the southern or eastern boundary of said State; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Harding asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 24) granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military road from the Dalles of Columbia river to a point at or near the mouth of Owyee river; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Harding asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in a bill (S. 25) to authorize the President to negotiate a treaty with the Klamath, Modoc, and other Indian tribes in southeastern Oregon; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 7) to increase the bounty for volunteers and the pay of the army, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 18) to amend an act entitled "An act for enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1863, reported it with amendments.

Mr. McDougall was, on his motion, excused from further service as a member of the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Doolittle,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Sumner, the 17th instant, proposing an additional rule of the Senate requiring senators, before entering upon the duties of their office, to take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the act of July 2, 1862; and

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Saulsbury,

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury that the resolution and the proposed amendment be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. McDougall that the resolution lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Doolittle that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the motion of Mr. Saulsbury,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 15
Nays..... 26

Mr. Foot thereupon took the chair.

Ordered, That the Secretary wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that, in the absence of the Vice-President, the Senate has chosen the Honorable Solomon Foot President of the Senate pro tempore, and that he make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in obedience to law, a statement of expenditures from the appropriations for contingencies of that department, its offices and bureaus during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1862, and June 30, 1863; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Grimes presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the abolition of slavery, and an amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting its existence forever hereafter in any portion of the country; which was referred to the Select Committee on Slavery and Freedmen.

Mr. Sumner presented the petition of Job B. Stockton, praying that at the close of the present war the regular standing army of the United States may consist of two hundred thousand colored troops, to be officered by white men; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of volunteers who enlisted for the term of nine months in the United States service, praying a bounty of twenty-five dollars; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying that all the soldiers of our army may be placed on the same footing in respect to bounty, pay, and pension, without regard to difference of color; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of women of Ohio, praying the adoption of measures to ameliorate the condition of persons who have been freed from slavery during the present war; which was referred to the Select Committee on Slavery and Freedmen.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition of Josiah Quincy and other citizens of Massachusetts, praying an amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery or involuntary servitude within all the States and Territories, except as a punishment for crime.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McPherson, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the Senate (S. 36) to amend an act entitled "An act for enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1863.

Mr. Ramsey presented the memorial of Carlisle Doble, praying compensation for services rendered and expenses incurred in carrying the mail on route No. 14006, between Taylor's Falls, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition of soldiers who enlisted prior to the 3d of May, 1861, and served the term of two years, and of soldiers who enlisted in old regiments for the unexpired term thereof and served accordingly, and of soldiers who enlisted for two and three years, but have been discharged on account of disabilities incurred in the service, praying a bounty of one hundred dollars; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia.

Mr. Morgan presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the