

ment in the Mississippi Territory," it is in the first section thereof enacted, "That so much of the ordinance of Congress of the 13th July, 1787, and of the act of Congress of the 7th August, 1789, providing for the Government of the Territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio, as relates to the organization of a General Assembly therein, and prescribes the powers thereof, shall forthwith operate and be in force in the Mississippi Territory."

From which said ordinance and acts, your committee are of opinion, and do report, that the Mississippi Territory is entitled to elect a Delegate to Congress, with the right to debate, but not to vote.

Your committee further report, that from an examination of the credentials of Narsworthy Hunter, it is the opinion of your committee that the said Narsworthy Hunter is duly elected by the General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory a Delegate to the seventh Congress of the United States.

7th CONGRESS.]

No. 148.

[1st SESSION.

PRINTING FOR CONGRESS.

COMMUNICATED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 18, 1801.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, measures can be devised to expedite the printing requisite for this House, made the following report:

1. That it would tend, in a great degree, to facilitate the business of the House, if the several heads of Departments were respectively authorized and enjoined to cause to be printed, under their immediate inspection, all such documents, reports, and statements, as are directed by law to be annually laid before the House.

2. That it is expedient to appoint a printer to this House, who may be responsible to it for the faithful and prompt execution of all business which may be confided to him by order of the House.

7th CONGRESS.]

No. 149.

[1st SESSION.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

COMMUNICATED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 21, 1801.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the joint committee appointed to take into consideration the statement made by the Secretary of the Senate, respecting books and maps purchased pursuant to a late act of Congress, and to make report respecting the future arrangement of the same, made the following report:

That, in their opinion, the following resolutions contain the proper regulations upon the subject committed to them; they therefore present them for consideration.

1st. *Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the books and maps purchased by directions of the act of Congress passed the 24th day of April, 1800, be placed in the Capitol, in the room which was occupied by the House of Representatives during the last session of the sixth Congress; and that the books shall be numbered, labelled, and set up in portable cases with handles to them, for the purpose of easy removal, with wire-netting doors, and locks. And that the books or libraries which have heretofore been kept separately, by each House, shall be removed and set up with those lately purchased, and be numbered and labelled with them; making one library of the whole.

2d. *And it is further resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate, and the clerk of the House of Representatives for the time being, be, and they are hereby, authorized to take charge of the room, books, and maps aforesaid; and they are hereby authorized and directed to make suitable arrangements in said room for the library and maps; to procure proper furniture for the room; to procure the cases; number and label the books, and set them up in their cases; to procure for their own use, and the use of both Houses of Congress, printed catalogues of all the books, with the labelled number of each, and of the maps; to place on each book some proper mark or marks, to designate it as belonging to the Congressional library; to procure printed blank receipts for members to sign them when they take books from the room; and to arrange and hang up the maps: all to be done under the inspection and direction of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being.

3d. *And it is further resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, shall be responsible for the safe-keeping of the room, furniture, books, and maps aforesaid; and shall not permit any map to be taken out of said room by any person, nor any book, except by members of the Senate and House of Representatives for the time being; and no member shall be permitted to take any book out of said room until he shall sign a receipt for the same, the form of which follows, viz:

Received this _____ day of _____ of the keepers of the Congressional library (here the book and its number are to be described,) which I promise to return within _____ days from this date, or forfeit the sum of _____ dollars, to be paid to said keepers, or either of them, or to their successors, or either of them. Witness my hand.

4th. *And it is further resolved,* That no member shall have at any one time more than three books out of said library; and a folio volume shall be returned within _____ days; a quarto within _____ days; and an octavo within _____ days after the date of the receipt, respectively; and in case of such return, the receipt shall be cancelled; but in case of forfeiture, the keepers shall immediately collect the penalty.