

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.

5th. *And it is further resolved*, That the keepers of said library shall, one of them, attend, or shall cause some proper person for whose conduct they shall be responsible, to attend in said room, from the hour of eleven in the morning until three in the afternoon, of each day, Sundays excepted, during each session of Congress, for the purpose of delivering and receiving said books. And the keepers of said library shall receive for their services, including the safe-keeping of the room, furniture, books, and maps, delivering and receiving the books, and collecting forfeitures, — dollars annually; to be paid out of the fund annually appropriated for the contingent expenses of both Houses of Congress.

6th. *And it is further resolved*, That the keepers of said library shall, at the commencement of every session of Congress, exhibit a statement to each House, of the condition of said room, furniture, books, and maps, with information of the sum of forfeitures, if any, which they have collected; and of the necessary expenses for fuel, &c. in said room, during the period next preceding each statement, which then remains unsettled, that their accounts may be liquidated and approved by Congress; and the balance shall be paid out of the fund appropriated for the contingent expenses of both Houses of Congress.

7th. *And it is further resolved*, That the keepers of said library shall cause a printed copy of the third, fourth, and fifth of the foregoing resolutions to be pasted up in some conspicuous place in said room, which shall be there at all times for the information of the members.

And the committee further report, for the consideration of Congress, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, directed to make sale of the trunks in which the books lately purchased were imported; that he exhibit to both Houses of Congress an account of the proceeds, including a statement of the actual expenditures incurred under the act of the 24th of April, 1800, as well by the purchase of books and maps, and incidental expenses, as for the expenses of fitting up the room, procuring furniture, cases, &c., as mentioned in the second of the foregoing resolutions; and the residue of the five thousand dollars, appropriated by said act, shall be laid out by the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, for books and maps, or books alone, under the direction of a joint committee to be appointed for that purpose, to consist of — members from the Senate, and — members from the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That Congress, by law, annually appropriate the sum of — dollars to be laid out for books and maps, or books alone, by the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, under the direction of a joint committee to be appointed by them for that purpose.

7th CONGRESS.]

No. 150.

[1st SESSION.]

CITY OF WASHINGTON.

COMMUNICATED TO CONGRESS, JANUARY 11, 1802.

JANUARY 11, 1802.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I now communicate to you a memorial of the commissioners for the city of Washington, together with a letter of later date, which, with their memorial of January 28, 1801, will possess the Legislature fully of the state of the public interests, and of those of the city of Washington, confided to them. The moneys now due, and soon to become due, to the State of Maryland, on the loan guarantied by the United States, call for an early attention. The lots in the city, which are chargeable with the payment of these moneys, are deemed not only equal to the indemnification of the public, but to ensure a considerable surplus to the city, to be employed for its improvement, provided they are offered for sale only in sufficient numbers to meet the existing demand: but the act of 1796 requires that they shall be positively sold in such numbers as shall be necessary for the punctual payment of the loans; 9,000 dollars of interest are lately become due; 3,000 dollars quarter-yearly will continue to become due; and 50,000 dollars, an additional loan, are reimbursable on the 1st day of November next. These sums would require sales so far beyond the actual demand of the market, that it is apprehended that the whole property may be thereby sacrificed, the public security destroyed, and the residuary interest of the city entirely lost. Under these circumstances, I have thought it my duty, before I proceed to direct a rigorous execution of the law, to submit the subject to the consideration of the Legislature. Whether the public interest will be better secured in the end, and that of the city saved, by offering sales commensurate only to the demand at market, and advancing from the Treasury, in the first instance, what these may prove deficient, to be replaced by subsequent sales, rests for the determination of the Legislature; if indulgence for the funds can be admitted, they will probably form a resource of great and permanent value; and their embarrassments have been produced only by overstrained exertions to provide accommodations for the Government of the Union.

TH: JEFFERSON.

To the President of the United States: The memorial of the commissioners appointed by virtue of an act of Congress entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of Government of the United States," respectfully sheweth:

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, December 4, 1801.

That, on the 28th of January last, the commissioners addressed to the late President of the United States a representation, stating such facts respecting the business committed to their charge as appeared necessary for the information of the Government; which representation was by him transmitted to Congress, and by their order referred to a committee; but no measures having taken place in consequence thereof, either by the Executive or Legislature, your memorialists deem it expedient to recapitulate the most important facts then stated, and to add such other facts and observations as may tend to enable the President to judge of the measures proper to be pursued by him, and to aid the Legislature in their deliberations, should the subject be submitted to their consideration. The act of Congress authorizing the President to locate a district for the permanent seat of the Government of the United