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MICHIGAN.

[REPRES]ENTATIVES.

[Mond]ay, Feb. 13, 1837.

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STEVENS T. MASON.

February 13th, 1837.

The "bill to provide for taking the census," with the amendments reported by the committee on the judiciary, as a substitute for said bill, heretofore laid on the table, was on motion of Mr. Kingsley, taken up for consideration and the amendments concurred in. Said bill was on motion, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The following message from the senate was received through their secretary:

[...] act to extend Jefferson Avenue to the intersection of the present Grosse Point road on Lake St. Clair," and after spending some time therein, the committee rose and reported the same to the house with sundry amendments, which were concurred in. Said bill was, on motion, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion, the house adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN SENATE.

Tuesday, Feb. 14th, 1837.

The senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll being called, there was absent Mr. Manning.

Mr. Comstock presented the remonstrance of Charles D. Smith and others of Marshall, against any addition being made to the limits of said village, referred to the committee on incorporations.

Mr. Hough from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom had been committed a bill entitled "a bill appointing commissioners to lay out a state road from Ypsilanti to Palmyra," reported the same back to the senate with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of the senate.

And the senate thereupon concurred in said amendment.

And the bill, on motion of Mr. Barry, was amended by altering sec. 3 so as to read as follows: "the state shall not be liable for any expenses or damages incurred by the laying out of said road."

And the bill, on motion of Mr. Hough, was committed to committee of the whole.

Mr. Ellis from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled "a joint resolution relative to the state library."

Mr. Raynale, from the committee on incorporations, to whom had been committed the bill originating in the senate, entitled "a bill to incorporate the Lenawee county mutual insurance company," reported the same back to the senate, with a [...] sed amendment to the title of said bill.

And the bill, on motion of Mr. Ellis, was committed [...]

the northern, middle and southern sections of the state.

Mr. Hough moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion did not prevail, the question being decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Hough, Ten Eyck—2.

Nays—Messrs. Barry, Britain, Clark, Comstock, Cooper, Davis, Ellis, McDonell, McKey, Moore, Raynale, Rumsey, Summers—13.

And the question recurring on committing to committee of the whole, and making the special order of the day for Thursday next, was decided in the affirmative.

The question on ordering to be engrossed the bill entitled, "a bill to amend the several acts concerning deeds and conveyances of land," coming up as the special order of the day, the bill was ordered to be engrossed by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Davis, Ellis, Hough, McDonell, Moore, Raynale, Rumsey, Ten Eyck—8.

Nays—Messrs. Barry, Britain, Clark, Comstock, Cooper, McKey, Summers—7.

The general orders of the day being in order, Mr. McDonell moved that the Senate now resolve itself into committee of the whole, on the bill entitled, "a bill to incorporate the Bank of the Commonwealth of Michigan;" Mr. Comstock moved to amend, by including in the same motion, the bill entitled, "a bill to incorporate the stockholders of the Bank of Niles;" Mr. Barry moved to amend said amendment, by including the bill entitled "a bill to incorporate the stockholders of the Bank of Saginaw."

On motion of Mr. Barry, the motion and amendments were laid on the table, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Barry, Britain, Clark, Comstock, Cooper, McKey, Raynale, Rumsey, Summers—9.

Nays—Messrs. Davis, Ellis, Hough, McDonell, Moore, Ten Eyck—6.

On motion of Mr. McDonell, the committee of [...]

the road leading from the Detroit River to Dearbornville," was taken up read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. McGaffey the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. McKinon in the chair, upon the bill "A bill to incorporate the village of Coldwater," and after spending some time therein the committee rose and through their chairman, reported the same to the house with sundry amendments which were concurred in. On motion of Mr. Finch said bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, the bills, "A bill to incorporate the Bloomfield road company," and "A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Pontiac turnpike company," were committed to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion the house adjourned.

Afternoon session.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

The joint resolution instructing our senators and representative in congress relative to the expenses incurred by the territory of Michigan, in maintaining the supremacy of the laws, with the amendments made thereto by the senate, was taken up and on motion the amendments were concurred in.

The joint resolution, requiring the several banks in this state to furnish the governor and legislature with a statement concerning said banks, with the amendment made thereto by the senate, was taken up and concurred in.

The bill from the senate, heretofore referred to the committee on the judiciary, and reported by said committee without amendment "A bill to amend an act entitled an act to fix the rates of toll for grinding," approved April 12th, 1827, was taken up, read the third time and passed.

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Yeas—Messrs. [...] Summers—5.

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LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, Feb. 13, 1837.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll being called, the following members were absent: Messrs. Burbank, Butler, Catlin, Cowen, Gilbert, Howe, Haskins, Lothrop, Mason, Phillips, Job Smith, Ward and Yerkes.

The chair presented the following statement and communication from the Cashier of the Bank of Washtenaw:

Statement of the affairs of the Bank of Washtenaw, February 10, 1837.

Notes of other solvent banks on hand,	$30,085	
Specie,	13,329	34
Bills discounted,	155,320	47
Funds in the hands of our agent at Lockport, N. Y., subject to sight drafts,	10,104	10
Funds in the city of New-York, subject to sight drafts,	9,715	34
Funds in the city of New-York to redeem our circulation, payable there,	30,400	
Funds in Buffalo, N. Y.,	4,358	19
Due from bank of Michigan,	1,630	08
Due " Ypsilanti,	637	13
Due	2,509	
Real estate,	8,173	
Exchange account,	5,357	31
Contingent expense account,	3,480	
Dividends paid,		
	$271,010	59
Capital stock paid in,	$100,000	
Profit and loss,	7,069	03
Discounts received,	5,319	41
Notes in circulation,	134,670	
Due to bank of River Raisin,	1,418	34
Due to Farmers and Mechanics' bank,	1,444	45
Due to bank of Monroe,	56	53
Suspense account,	78	
Individual deposites,	20,927	80
	$271,010	59

Bank of Washtenaw,
Ann Arbor, February 11, 1837.

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit herewith, a statement of the condition of this institution, with a request that the same may be laid before the Hon. the House of Representatives, together with this communication.

This statement contains all the information (as far as the bank is concerned,) which the bank commissioner was requested, by a resolution of the house of the 25th ult. to furnish.

The commissioner in his report made in compliance with the resolution referred to above, was pleased to say that "the bank of Washtenaw has made no report," thereby evidently conveying the idea, whether intended or not, that the institution, although in duty bound to do so, had neglected to make such report.

The language used by the commissioner on this occasion is well calculated, unexplained, to produce an unjust and consequently an unfavorable impression upon the legislature and the public at large, as regards the condition of this bank—to guard against which and to place the matter in its true light, is the particular object of this communication.

If the commissioner, in stating the fact that no report had been made to this bank, had stated another fact, that is, that it had not been called upon for a report, this communication would have been rendered unnecessary.

But inasmuch as he has not thought proper to make this explanation, it becomes my duty to do so. A [illegible] for a report from this bank, although his authority to require one is not [illegible], would have met with respectful attention, and as a matter of courtesy, cheerfully complied with.

[illegible] permission, very respectfully to add, that a copy of our semi-monthly statement was forwarded to his Excellency, the Governor, on the 5th January—and that the provision in the charter of this institution which makes it the duty of the president and cashier, whenever thereto required, to furnish to the legislature a statement of its condition, will at any and all times be cheerfully complied with.

I am sir, with great respect,
Your most obedient,
[illegible] COBB, Cashier.

To CHARLES W. WHIPPLE, Esq.
Speaker of the house of Representatives, Detroit.

The communication [illegible] was [illegible] with the statement accompanying the [illegible] referred to the committee on banks and [illegible].

[illegible] Nankin Road [illegible]," was taken up, read the 1st and 2d time, and committed to the committee [illegible].

The bill from the senate, "A bill to amend an act fixing the rate of toll for grinding," approved April 12th, 1837, was taken up, read twice, and committed to the committee on the judiciary.

The joint resolution from the senate relative to a light-house at or near the mouth of the Detroit river, was taken up and concurred in.

The bill from the senate, "A bill to furnish each organized county with a complete set of weights and measures," was taken up, read the 1st and 2d time and committed to the committee on ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Ely, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Cressey in the chair, on "A bill authorizing the building of certain dams therein named," and after spending some time therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman reported the same to the house, with sundry amendments. On motion of Mr. Alden, said bill and amendments were laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Executive, through his private secretary, Mr. Jackson:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have this day deposited in the *Michigan State Bank*, to the credit of the state, one hundred and three thousand dollars, received on a warrant drawn in my favor by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States."

STEVENS T. MASON.

February 13th, 1837.

The "bill to provide for taking the census," with the amendments reported by the committee on the judiciary, as a substitute for said bill, heretofore laid on the table, was on motion of *Mr. Kingsley*, taken up for consideration and the amendments concurred in. Said bill was on motion, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The following message from the senate was received through their secretary:

Mr. Speaker,—In pursuance of the rules of the senate, I herewith transmit to the house of representatives, "a joint resolution instructing our senators and representative in congress, relative to certain matters therein named," with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the house of representatives is respectfully requested. I also herewith return without amendment, the bill entitled "a bill to provide for a geological survey of the state."

The "bill amendatory to an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of township and county taxes," with the amendments, reported by the committee on the judiciary, as a substitute for said bill, laid on the table on the 11 instant, was on motion of *Mr. Kingsley*, taken up for consideration.

The question being upon concurring in the amendments made by the committee on the judiciary, Mr. Felch moved further to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause of said bill, and insert the following—Sec. 1. "That in all assessments for taxation of land actually used and occupied for farming purposes; all improvements of less value than $500, and building erected thereon under the value of $250, shall be exempt from the assessment list and from taxation.

Sec. 2. No land shall be assessed at a less sum than three dollars per acre," which motion was agreed to.

On motion of *Mr. Ward*, the following section was added, to stand as the 3d section.

Sec. 3. In assessing personal property, the assessor shall ascertain the amount of personal property in possession of the individual, including the debts due him, deducting from the whole amount, the debts owing by him.

Mr. Bingham moved to strike out all of said bill after the enacting clause, and on his motion the question was decided by yeas and nays in the negative, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bingham, Finch, Thayer, W[illegible]ner—4.

Nays—Messrs. Alden, Almy, Brown, B[illegible]lard, Burke, Cressey, Cornell, Colvin, Eldred, Fe[illegible], [illegible]rington, Felch, Fitz, Herrington, Howe, Kellogg, Kingsley, Lee, Mather, Martin, Manure, Metcalf[illegible], McKown, Petty, Ralph, Shattuck, Jas. Smith, Snellhouse, Wm. Ward, [illegible]—41.

On motion of Mr. Cressey, said bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Ballard asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Butler till Thursday next.

On motion, the house adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Witmer, from the select committee appointed this morning, to examine the credentials of Wm. F. Moseley, who claims a seat in this house, as the representative from the district composed of the counties of Saginaw, Genesee and Shiawassee, [illegible]

[illegible] act to extend Jefferson Avenue to the [illegible] of the present Grosse Point road on L[illegible] and after spending some time therein, [illegible] rose and reported the same to the hou[illegible] [illegible]ry amendments, which were concur[illegible] bill was, on motion, ordered to be engr[illegible] third reading.

On motion, the house adjourned u[illegible] to-morrow morning.

IN SENATE.

Tuesday, Feb. [illegible]

The senate met pursuant to adjourn[illegible]

The roll being called, there was abse[illegible] [illegible]ning.

Mr. Comstock presented the [illegible] Charles D. Smith and others of Mars[illegible] any addition being made to the limit[illegible] lage, referred to the committee on inco[illegible]

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Mr. [illegible] from the committee on [illegible] reported as correctly enrolled "a [illegible] relative to the state library."

Mr. Raynale, from the committee [illegible] tions, to whom had been committed the [illegible] ting in the senate, entitled "a bill to [illegible] Lenawee county mutual insurance [illegible] ported the same back to the senate, w[illegible] sed amendment to the title of said bill[illegible]

And the bill, on motion of Mr. El[illegible] mitted to committee of the whole.

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And the bill, on motion of Mr. Ho[illegible] mitted to the committee of the whole.

The bill from the house of represe[illegible] tled "a bill for the relief of Samuel A[illegible] others," was read a first and second [illegible] motion of Mr. Barry, committed to [illegible] on claims.

The resolution from the house of [illegible] relative to the adjournment of the leg[illegible] ing been read in the words following[illegible]

Resolved, That if the senate conc[illegible] ture adjourn the [illegible] day of March [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] moved to lay the re[illegible] table, which motion was decided in th[illegible] yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. [illegible]

Nays—Messrs. Barry, Britain, C[illegible] Davis, Ellis, Hough, M'Donell, McK[illegible] Rumsey, Ten Eyck—12.

Mr. Davis moved to amend the re[illegible] king out "10th" and inserting "13[illegible] [illegible] by striking out "10th," [illegible] striking out [illegible]

Mr. Davis moved to fill the blank w[illegible] "13," Mr. Ellis, with the "4th," the [illegible] of filling the blank with "13th" [illegible] fill was decided in the affirmative by [illegible] as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Barry, Britain, Clar[illegible] Cooper, Hough, M'Donell, Moore, R[illegible] sey—[illegible]

Nays—Messrs. Davis, Ellis, McK[illegible] Ten Eyck—5.

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Yeas—Messrs. Barry, Clark, Ellis [illegible]

Nays—Messrs. Britain, Cooper, [illegible] Hough, M'Donell, Moore, Rayn[illegible] Eyck—[illegible]

And [illegible] the resolution [illegible] [illegible] amended.

The bill from the house of rep[illegible] titled "a bill for the regulation of [illegible] and for the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]," was read a first and sec[illegible] [illegible] motion of Mr. [illegible] committee on [illegible]

Mr. M'Donell gave notice that he [illegible] he should ask leave to introduce a bil[illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] in the county of [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] [illegible] a bill [illegible]

LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The roll being called, one hundred members answered to their names, and the following members were absent: Messrs. Barnes, Butler, Chandler, Corwin, Culver, Curtis, Gilbert, Hoag, Hubbell, Hulbert, Mack, Phelps, Job Smith, Ward and Yerkes.

The chair presented the following statement and communication from the Cashier of the Bank of Washtenaw:

Statement of the affairs of the Bank of Washtenaw, February 10, 1837.

Notes of other solvent banks on hand,	$240	00
Specie,	133	90 31
Bills discounted,	5	321 41
Funds in the hands of our agent at Lockport, N. Y. subject to such drafts,	14	014
Funds in the city of New York, subject to sight drafts,	9	511 31
Funds in the city of New York to be constantly in circulation, payable there,		000
Funds in Buffalo, N. Y.	2	300
Due from bank of Michigan,	1	000
Due " " Ypsilanti,		32 13
Real estate,		32 00
Exchange account,		153
Contingent expense account,		53 31
Dividends paid,		3 00
	$52	1,010 50
Capital stock paid in,	$100	000
Profit and loss,		7,065 03
Discounts received,		5 321 41
Notes in circulation,	134	000
Due to bank of River Raisin,		1 148 31
Due to Farmers and Mechanics' bank,		1 119 15
Due to bank of Monroe,		56 53
Suspense account,		78
Individual deposites,	213	021 80
	$521	010 50

Bank of Washtenaw,
Ann Arbor, February 11, 1837.

Sir:—I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the condition of this institution, and a request that the same may be laid before the House of Representatives, together with this communication.

This statement contains all the information which so far as the bank is concerned, which the commissioner was requested, by a resolution of the house of the 25th ult. to furnish.

The commissioner in his report made in accordance with the resolution referred to, has seemingly refused to say that "the bank of Washtenaw has refused to report," thereby evidently conveying the idea, whether intended or not, that the bank, although in duty bound to do so, had refused to make such report.

The language used by the commissioner on this occasion is well calculated, unexplained, to produce an unjust and consequently an unfavorable impression upon the legislature and the public mind, as regards the condition of this bank—to prevent which and to place the matter in the true light, is the particular object of this communication.

If the commissioner, in stating the fact that no report had been made to this bank, had stated another fact, that is, that it had not been called upon for a report, this communication would have been rendered unnecessary.

But inasmuch as he has not thought proper to make the explanation, it becomes my duty to state that a request from him for a report from this bank, although in his authority to require one to be made, would have met with respectful attention, and as a matter of courtesy, cheerfully complied with.

I therefore most respectfully request that a copy of our semi-monthly statement of the 10th inst. to his excellency, the Governor, may be laid before the legislature, and that the president of the above institution, which makes it the duty of the president and cashier, whose residence is permanently fixed in the legislature, to make out of the above statement any and all items he shall deem necessary.

I am, with great respect,

Your most obedient servant,

To Charles W. Whittlesey, Esq.
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The communication being read, it was laid with the statement accompanying it on the table, and ordered to be printed.

LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, Feb. 13, 1837.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll being called, the following members were absent: Messrs. Barbank, Butler, Catlin, Covis, Gilbert, Howe, Hoshins, Lothrop, Martin, Philips, Job Smith, Ward and Yerkes.

The chair presented the following statement and communication from the Cashier of the Bank of Washtenaw:

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Notes of other solvent banks on hand,	$9,083	
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Bills discounted,	55 320	47
Funds in the hands of our agent at Lockport, N. Y. subject to sight drafts,	14,104	10
Funds in the city of New-York, subject to sight drafts,	9,715	34
Funds in the city of New-York to redeem our circulation, payable there,	50 400	
Funds in Buffalo, N. Y.,	1,358	92
Due from bank of Michigan,	1 650	08
Due " Ypsilanti,	637	63
Real estate,	2 501	
Exchange account,	8 173	
Contingent expense account,	6,357	31
Dividends paid,	3 480	
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But inasmuch as he has not thought proper to make the explanation, it becomes my duty to do so. [illegible] from him for a report from this bank, although his authority to require one is not recognized, would have met with respectful attention, and as a matter of courtesy, cheerfully complied with.

I beg permission, very respectfully to add, that a copy of our semi-monthly statement was forwarded to his Excellency, the Governor, on the 8th January—and that the provision in the charter of this institution which makes it the duty of the president and cashier, whenever thereto required, to furnish to the legislature a statement of its condition, will at any and all times be cheerfully complied with.

I am sir, with great respect,

Your most obe't serv't,

E. J. COBB, Cash'r.

To Charles W. Whipple, Esq.

Speaker of the house of Representatives, Detroit.

The communication having been read, it was

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I beg permission, very respectfully to add, that a copy of our semi-monthly statement was forwarded to his Excellency, the Governor, on the 8th January—and that the provision in the charter of this institution which makes it the duty of the president and cashier, whenever thereto required, to furnish to the legislature a statement of its condition, will at any and all times be cheerfully complied with.

I am sir, with great respect,

Your most obedt servt,

H. J. COBB, Cashr.

To Charles W. Wharton, Esq.

Speaker of the house of Representatives, Dover.

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