

Ruled out of order, certificate having been issued under the resolution.

Mr. Day, from the Houston county delegation, to whom was referred H. F. No. 417, report the same back without amendment or recommendation.

Mr. Rolette, from the committee to whom was referred H. F. No. 109, reported the same back without amendment or recommendation.

Mr. Skinner from the select Committee to whom was referred H. F. No. 395, reported the same back with amendments.

Mr. Adams from the Committee on Engrossed bills, reported as being correctly engrossed,

No. 288, a bill to amend an Act to appropriate money for certain purposes, approved March 20, 1858.

No. 284, a bill to provide for the publication of the general statutes of the State.

No. 289, a bill to amend an Act entitled An Act to provide for the election of United States Senators, approved Dec. 18, 1857.

Mr. Murphy from the Committee to whom was referred H. F. No. 290, reported the same back with amendments.

The following executive communication was taken up and read.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
ST. PAUL, Aug. 3, 1858. }

William Holcombe, President of the Senate:

SIR: I return to the Senate without my approval, S. F. No. 257, an Act authorizing the Supervisors of any organized county to borrow money for the purpose of erecting of County Buildings," for the following reasons, to wit:

First, Many of the counties containing a population of two thousand souls, the limit fixed in the act referred to, have not as yet decided upon a permanent location of the county seat, consequently, the public buildings might be erected at some point which would not accord with the wants or wishes of the people who constitute the bulk of the population.

Second, In my judgment, it is not in accordance with sound public policy, to permit all the organized counties in the State, which have a population of two thousand and more, to embarrass themselves with a heavy debt, irrespective of the circumstances in which they are placed and of their ability to meet the interest upon their bonds. The safe principle in legislation is, to discourage the tendency to incur debt on the part of the new and comparatively poor counties, rather than to offer them inducements in advance, to assume obligations which must inevitably be detrimental to their prosperity and retard their settlement. It is in the power of the Legislature to provide for such cases as they may arise, as will justify a resort to extraordinary means, to enable one or more counties, similarly situated, to erect such buildings as the public convenience may require for the transaction of their local business. The taxation in the State is already onerous, and no additions should be made to it which are not absolutely necessary.

Respectfully,

H. H. SIBLEY.

H. F. No. 333, a bill for an Act for a homestead exemption, was read.

F. H. No. 416, a bill to incorporate the town of Moritzious was read a first and second time under suspension of the rules.