

LAWS

RELATING TO THE

Agricultural and Mechanical College

OF TEXAS,

AND THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF SAID COLLEGE

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THE
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
OF TEXAS.

Laws, Etc.

ACTS OF CONGRESS.

AN ACT donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts.

1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be granted to the several States, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, an amount of public land, to be apportioned to each State, a quantity equal to thirty thousand acres for each Senator and Representative in Congress to which the States are respectively entitled by the apportionment under the census of eighteen hundred and sixty: *Provided,* That no mineral lands shall be selected or purchased under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the land aforesaid, after being surveyed, shall be apportioned to the several States in sections or subdivisions of sections, not less than one-quarter of a section; and whenever there are public lands in a State subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the quantity to which said State shall be entitled shall be selected from such lands within the limits of such State, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to issue to each of the States in which there is not the quantity of public lands subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, to which said State may be entitled under the provisions of this act, land scrip to the amount in acre for the deficiency of its distributive share; said scrip to be sold by said States and the proceeds applied to the uses and purposes prescribed in this act, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever: *Provided,* That in no case shall any State to which land scrip may thus be issued be allowed to locate the same within the limits of any other State, or of any Territory of the United States, but their assignees may thus locate said land scrip upon any of the unappropriated lands of the United States subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents, or less, per acre: *And provided further,* That not more than one million acres shall be located by such assignees in any one of the States: *And provided further,* That no such location shall be made before one year from the passage of this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all the expenses of management

superintendence and taxes from date of selection of said lands, previous to their sales, and all expenses incurred in the management and disbursement of the moneys which may be received therefrom, shall be paid by the States to which they may belong, out of the treasury of said States, so that the entire proceeds of the sale of said lands shall be applied without any diminution whatever to the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all moneys derived from the sale of the lands aforesaid, by the States to which the lands are apportioned, and from the sales of land scrip hereinbefore provided for, shall be invested in stocks of the United States, or of the States, or some other safe stocks, yielding not less than five per centum upon the par value of said stocks; and that the moneys so invested shall constitute a perpetual fund, the capital of which shall remain forever undiminished (except so far as may be provided in section fifth of this act), and the interest of which shall be inviolably appropriated by each State which may take and claim the benefit of this act, to the endowment, support and maintenance of at least one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the Legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the grant of land and land scrip hereby authorized, shall be made on the following conditions, to which, as well as to the provisions hereinbefore contained, the previous assent of the several States shall be signified by legislative acts:

First. If any portion of the fund invested, as provided by the foregoing section, or any portion of the interest thereon, shall, by any action or contingency, be diminished or lost, it shall be replaced by the State to which it belongs, so that the capital of the fund shall remain forever undiminished; and the annual interest shall be regularly applied without diminution to the purposes mentioned in the fourth section of this act, except that a sum not exceeding ten per centum upon the amount received by any State under the provisions of this act, may be expended for the purchase of lands for sites or experimental farms, whenever authorized by the respective Legislatures of said States.

Second. No portion of said fund, nor the interest thereon, shall be applied directly or indirectly, under any pretence whatever, to the purchase, erection, preservation, or repair of any building or buildings.

Third. Any State which may take and claim the benefit of the provisions of this act, shall provide, within five years, at least not less than one college, as described in the fourth section of this act, or the grant to such State shall cease; and said State shall be bound to pay the United States the amount received of any lands previously sold, and that the title to purchasers under the State shall be valid.

Fourth. An annual report shall be made regarding the progress of each college, recording any improvements and experiments made, with their costs and results, and such other matters, including State industrial and economical statistics, as may be supposed useful, one copy of which shall be transmitted by mail free, by each, to all the other colleges which may be endowed under the provisions of this act, and also one copy to the Secretary of the Interior.

Fifth. When lands shall be selected from those which have been raised to double the minimum price, in consequence of railroad grants, they shall be

computed to the States at the maximum price, and the number of acres proportionately diminished.

Sixth. No State, while in a condition of rebellion or insurrection against the government of the United States, shall be entitled to the benefit of this act.

Seventh. No State shall be entitled to the benefits of this act unless it shall express its acceptance thereof by its legislature within two years from the date of its approval by the President.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That land scrip issued under the provisions of this act shall not be subject to location until after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the land officers shall receive the same fees for locating land scrip issued under the provisions of this act as is now allowed for the location of military bounty land warrants under existing laws: *Provided,* Their maximum compensation shall not be thereby increased.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the Governors of the several States to which scrip shall be issued under this act shall be required to report annually to Congress all sales made of such scrip until the whole shall be disposed of, the amount received for the same, and what appropriation has been made of the proceeds.

Approved July 2, 1862.

AN ACT to amend the fifth section of an act entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," approved July two, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, so as to extend the time within which the provisions of said act shall be accepted and such colleges established.

1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time in which the several States may comply with the provisions of the act of July two, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," is hereby extended so that the acceptance of the benefits of the said act may be expressed within three years from the passage of this act, and the colleges required by the said act may be provided within five years from the date of the filing of such acceptance with the Commissioner of the General Land Office: *Provided,* That when any Territory shall become a State and be admitted into the Union, such new State shall be entitled to the benefits of the said act of July two, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, by expressing the acceptance therein required within three years from the date of its admission into the Union, and providing the college or colleges within five years after such acceptance, as prescribed in this act: *Provided further,* That any State which has heretofore expressed its acceptance of the act herein referred to shall have the period of five years within which to provide at least one college, as described in the fourth section of said act, after the time for providing said college, according to the act of July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall have expired.

Approved July 23, 1866.

ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS.

INT RESOLUTION, to accept the provisions of the act of Congress of the United States, approved July 2, 1862, entitled "An act to donate public land to the several States and Territories which may provide Colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the State of Texas does hereby accept the provisions of the above recited act, and the laws mandatory thereto, with the duties and conditions imposed by and embraced said act.

And the Governor is hereby authorized to receive the land scrip provided to be issued by said act, and to sell the same; and he may do all further acts which may be necessary to secure the interest of the State of Texas in respect to said laws, or any other laws, which may be passed by Congress upon the subject.

Approved November 1, 1866.

NOTE.—The State received 180,000 acres of land scrip, being 30,000 acres each for two Senators and four Representatives in Congress. The scrip was sold in 1871, at 87 cents per acre, and the proceeds invested in the seven per cent. gold frontier defense bonds, issued under the Act of August 5, 1870. The amount realized from the sale of the scrip was \$156,000, and the bonds purchased amounted to \$174,000. The act under which the bonds were issued is here inserted.

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AN ACT providing for the issuance and sale of the bonds of the State for the purpose of meeting the appropriations made for maintaining ranging companies on the frontier.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars of the bonds of the State of Texas, bearing interest at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum, the interest payable semi-annually in gold, on the first day of September and on the first day of March of each year, at such place or places as may be designated by the Governor, with interest coupons attached, are hereby authorized and directed to be issued and sold, at such times and price as will best serve the interest of the State, for the purpose of paying the expense of ranging companies on the frontier.

SEC. 2. That said bonds shall be issued under the direction of the Governor, and shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the State after twenty (20) years, and payable forty (40) years from date.

SEC. 3. That the Governor shall direct the style and denomination of said bonds.

SEC. 4. That there shall be levied each year, with other taxes of the State, an amount sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as it becomes due, and a sinking fund of two (2) per cent. to pay the principal of said bonds at maturity. The taxes for this purpose shall be assessed on all property and occupations under the general laws of the State. The proper officers of the State shall cause the interest on said bonds to be paid semi-annually and promptly, as the same becomes due and payable.

SEC. 5. That the Governor of the State is hereby made the agent of the State to sell, dispose of, and hypothecate said bonds to the best advantage, and is authorized to employ such agent or agents as he may deem necessary for the sale and disposition of said bonds; and the per centage allowed such agent or agents shall not exceed one (1) per cent.

SEC. 6. That the Governor shall, as soon as said bonds are sold or hy-

pothecated, turn over the proceeds to the State Treasurer; and such money shall be subject to the payment of all claims arising under the appropriations heretofore mentioned, and no other purposes.

SEC. 7. That the State Treasurer is hereby required to invest the sinking fund, as fast as it accrues, in United States interest bearing bonds, or in the bonds issued by the authority of this act, and to re-invest the interest accumulating from such bonds in the same manner, and convert it into a sinking fund; and when the sinking fund has reached the amount of the principal, to sell such United States bonds as may remain on hand for the payment thereof.

SEC. 8. That the Governor shall order the printing of the bonds, and the sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of engraving and printing said bonds; and the plates used in printing said bonds shall be deposited within the vaults of the State Treasury.

SEC. 9. That this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved August 5, 1870.

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, by an act passed July 2, 1862, donated one hundred and eighty thousand acres of land to each State for the purpose of building an agricultural and mechanical college, allowing five years for the completion of said college, and amended said act July 23, 1866, extending the time for such completion to July 23, 1871; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the importance of the establishment of said agricultural and mechanical college, and of securing to our State the land donated by the above cited act; therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That there be hereby established within this State an institution of learning, under the name and style of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, to be located at such place and in such manner as herein provided.

SEC. 2. The Governor shall within ten days after the passage of this act appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be, within thirty days after their appointment, to select a suitable place for the location of said agricultural and mechanical college; and the place so selected shall be the permanent location of said college. Said place shall contain at least twelve hundred and eighty acres of good land, which shall be owned by the college, fenced and used under the direction of the board of administrators; and the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much of the same as may be necessary, is hereby set apart and appropriated out of the school fund for the building of said college.

SEC. 3. So soon as the location of said agricultural and mechanical college shall have been determined upon, it shall be the duty of the commissioners to proceed to the construction of the necessary buildings, and for that purpose shall procure the services of a competent architect, who shall superintend the work. Such plan and design for the buildings shall be adopted as shall be consistent with the addition of wings or other structures thereafter, without marring the architectural beauty and fitness of the whole. There shall be constructed suitable buildings for the accommodation of the professors and their families. The contract for the building of said college shall

require the performance of the work under ample security for its fitness and faithfulness, as well as completion by the 23d day of July, 1871.

SEC. 4. The expenditures for the construction of buildings, or for other purposes, shall be made under the order of the commissioners hereinbefore named; and when money is required for the payment for the same, it shall be drawn upon the warrant of said commissioners upon the State Treasurer; who shall pay the same out of the school fund of the State.

SEC. 5. The control, management, and supervision of said college, and the care and preservation of its property, shall be subject to the laws governing what is known as "An Act to establish the University of Texas," passed February 11, 1858, until otherwise directed by law.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1871.

AN ACT amendatory of an act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas," approved April 17, 1871.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That the fourth section of an act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas," approved April 17, 1871, be so amended as hereafter to read as follows, to-wit: "Section 4. The expenditures for the construction of buildings, or for other purposes, shall be made under the order of the commissioners hereinbefore named, and when money is required for the payment of the same it shall be drawn upon the warrant of said commissioners upon the Comptroller, who shall issue his warrant on the State Treasurer, who shall pay the same out of the school fund of the State."

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved May 30, 1871.

AN ACT to make an appropriation to complete the buildings of the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That the sum of forty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of completing the buildings of the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

SEC. 2. The requisition of the commissioners of the college shall be sufficient authority to authorize the Comptroller to draw his warrants on the Treasurer for the amount of the appropriation made by first section of this act.

SEC. 3. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2, 1874.

AN ACT making an appropriation to complete the buildings and enclosures of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money not otherwise appropriated in the State Treasury, for the

purpose of completing the necessary buildings and enclosures for the use of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

SEC. 2. That the requisition of the commissioners of said college, accompanied with the vouchers for which it is made, shall be sufficient to authorize the Comptroller to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the same.

SEC. 3. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 8th, 1875.

AN ACT regulating the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and six directors, one director to be chosen from each congressional district, who shall be elected by joint ballot of both branches of the Legislature, shall be and the same are hereby constituted a board of directors to superintend, manage, and control the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

SEC. 2. The directors shall be elected every two years, and should any vacancy occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill the same by appointment, which shall continue until the next election.

SEC. 3. The board of directors shall appoint the president and professors of the college, and such other officers as they may think proper to put the college into successful operation, and shall make such by-laws, rules, and regulations for its government as they may deem meet and proper for that purpose, and shall regulate the course of study, rates of tuition, manner of performing labor, and the kind of labor to be performed by the students, together with the course of discipline necessary to enforce the faithful discharge of the duties of all officers, professors, and students, and shall have same printed and circulated for the benefit of the people of the State and officers and students of the college.

SEC. 4. The Governor shall be ex-officio president of the board, and shall cause the same to convene whenever he shall deem it expedient to do so for the transaction of business, and a majority shall be sufficient for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and Secretary of the Senate shall forward a certificate to each director within ten days after such election is held, notifying him of his election, and should any director, after being elected and notified, fail for sixty days to notify the Governor of his acceptance, his election shall be void, and his place filled again as in other cases.

SEC. 6. The board of directors shall elect a secretary of the board, whose duty it shall be to keep in a well bound book all the proceedings had by this board, and he shall be allowed by said board such compensation as they may allow: *Provided,* That same does not exceed five hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 7. The six directors shall be allowed the sum of five dollars per day for each day they attend the meeting of directors: *Provided,* No director shall receive for such service more than one hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 8. The interest on the amount of one hundred and seventy-four thousand dollars, in seven per cent. gold interest bearing frontier bonds of Texas, now in the State Treasury, to the credit of the college, being set apart for that purpose, shall be drawn by the board of directors on vouchers audited by the board or approved by the Governor and attested by the Secretary, and on filing such vouchers the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the

State Treasury for the same, from time to time, as the same may be needed to pay the directors, officers, and professors of the college.

SEC. 9. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9th, 1875.

NOTE.—Next in chronological order comes the provisions of the Constitution of 1876. I insert, not only those directly referring to the subject, but those which it may be convenient to consult, having relation thereto.

A. J. P.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS.

ARTICLE III.—LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT—REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.

SEC. 48. The Legislature shall not have the right to levy taxes or impose burdens upon the people, except to raise revenue sufficient for the economical administration of the government, in which may be included the following purposes:—

The payment of all interest upon the bonded debt of the State;

The erection and repairs of public buildings;

The benefit of the sinking fund, which shall not be more than two per centum of the public debt; and for the payment of the present floating debt of the State, including matured bonds for the payment of which the sinking fund is inadequate;

The support of public schools, in which shall be included colleges and universities established by the State; and the maintenance and support of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas;

The payment of the cost of assessing and collecting the revenue; and the payment of all officers, agents and employees of the State government, and all incidental expenses connected therewith;

The support of the Blind Asylum, the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and the Insane Asylum, the State Cemetery, and the public grounds of the State;

The enforcement of quarantine regulations on the coast of Texas;

The protection of the frontier.

ARTICLE VII.—EDUCATION—THE PUBLIC FREE SCHOOLS.

SECTION 1. A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools.

SEC. 2. All funds, lands and other property heretofore set apart and appropriated for the support of public schools; all the alternate sections of land reserved by the State out of grants heretofore made or that may hereafter be made to railroads, or other corporations, of any nature whatsoever; one-half of the public domain of the State; and all sums of money that may come to the State from the sale of any portion of the same, shall constitute a perpetual public school fund.

SEC. 3. There shall be set apart annually not more than one-fourth of the general revenue of the State, and a poll tax of one dollar on all male inhabitants in this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, for the benefit of the public free schools.

SEC. 4. The lands herein set apart to the public free school fund shall be sold under such regulations, at such times, and on such terms as may be prescribed by law; and the Legislature shall not have power to grant any relief to the purchasers thereof. The Comptroller shall invest the proceeds of such

sales, and of those heretofore made, as may be directed by the Board of Education herein provided for, in the bonds of this State, if the same can be obtained, otherwise in United States bonds; and the United States bonds now belonging to said fund shall likewise be invested in State bonds, if the same can be obtained on terms advantageous to the school fund.

SEC. 5. The principal of all bonds and other funds, and the principal arising from the sale of the lands hereinbefore set apart to said school fund, shall be the permanent school fund; and all the interest derivable therefrom and the taxes herein authorized and levied shall be the available school fund, which shall be applied annually to the support of the public free schools. And no law shall ever be enacted appropriating any part of the permanent or available school fund to any other purpose whatever; nor shall the same or any part thereof ever be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school; and the available school fund herein provided shall be distributed to the several counties according to their scholastic population, and applied in manner as may be provided by law.

SEC. 6. All lands heretofore or hereafter granted to the several counties of this State for education, or schools, are of right the property of said counties respectively to which they were granted, and title thereto is vested in said counties, and no adverse possession or limitation shall ever be available against the title of any county. Each county may sell or dispose of its lands in whole or in part, in manner to be provided by the Commissioners' Court of the county. Actual settlers residing on said lands shall be protected in the prior right of purchasing the same to the extent of their settlement, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, at the price fixed by said court, which price shall not include the value of existing improvements made thereon by such settlers. Said lands and the proceeds thereof, when sold, shall be held by said counties alone as a trust for the benefit of public schools therein; said proceeds to be invested in bonds of the State of Texas, or of the United States, and only the interest thereon to be used and expended annually.

SEC. 7. Separate schools shall be provided for the white and colored children, and impartial provision shall be made for both.

SEC. 8. The Governor, Comptroller, and Secretary of State, shall constitute a Board of Education, who shall distribute said funds to the several counties, and perform such other duties concerning public schools as may be prescribed by law.

ASYLUMS.

SEC. 9. All lands heretofore granted for the benefit of the Lunatic, Blind, Deaf and Dumb, and Orphan asylums, together with such donations as may have been or may hereafter be made to either of them, respectively, as indicated in the several grants, are hereby set apart to provide a permanent fund for the support, maintenance, and improvement of said asylums. And the Legislature may provide for the sale of the lands and the investment of the proceeds in manner as provided for the sale and investment of school lands, in section four of this article.

UNIVERSITY.

SEC. 10. The Legislature shall, as soon as practicable, establish, organize and provide for the maintenance, support and direction of a university of the first class, to be located by a vote of the people of this State, and styled "The University of Texas," for the promotion of literature, and the arts and sciences, including an agricultural and mechanical department.

SEC. 11. In order to enable the Legislature to perform the duties set forth in the foregoing section, it is hereby declared that all lands and other property heretofore set apart and appropriated for the establishment and

maintenance of "The University of Texas," together with all the proceeds of sales of the same heretofore made or hereafter to be made, and all grants, donations and appropriations that may hereafter be made by the State of Texas, or from any other source, shall constitute and become a permanent university fund. And the same as realized and received into the treasury of the State (together with such sum belonging to the fund as may now be in the treasury) shall be invested in bonds of the State of Texas, if the same can be obtained; if not, then in United States bonds; and the interest accruing thereon shall be subject to appropriation by the Legislature to accomplish the purpose declared in the foregoing section: *Provided*, That the one-tenth of the alternate sections of the lands granted to railroads, reserved by the State, which were set apart and appropriated to the establishment of "The University of Texas," by an act of the Legislature, of February 11, 1858, entitled "An act to establish 'The University of Texas,'" shall not be included in or constitute a part of the permanent university fund.

SEC. 12. The land herein set apart to the university fund shall be sold under such regulations, at such times, and on such terms, as may be provided by law; and the Legislature shall provide for the prompt collection, at maturity, of all debts due on account of university lands, heretofore sold, or that may hereafter be sold, and shall in neither event have the power to grant relief to the purchasers.

SEC. 13. The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, established by an act of the Legislature, passed April 17, 1871, located in the county of Brazos, is hereby made and constituted a branch of the University of Texas, for instruction in agriculture, the mechanic arts, and the natural sciences connected therewith. And the Legislature shall, at its next session, make an appropriation, not to exceed forty thousand dollars, for the construction and completion of the buildings and improvements, and for providing the furniture necessary to put said college in immediate and successful operation.

SEC. 14. The Legislature shall also, when deemed practicable, establish and provide for the maintenance of a college or branch university for the instruction of the colored youths of the State, to be located by a vote of the people: *Provided*, that no tax shall be levied, and no money appropriated out of the general revenue, either for this purpose or for the establishment and erection of the buildings of the University of Texas.

SEC. 15. In addition to the lands heretofore granted to the University of Texas, there is hereby set apart and appropriated, for the endowment, maintenance and support of said university and its branches, one million acres of the unappropriated public domain of the State, to be designated and surveyed as may be provided by law; and said lands shall be sold under the same regulations and the proceeds invested in the same manner as is provided for the sale and investment of the permanent university fund; and the Legislature shall not have power to grant any relief to the purchasers of said lands.

ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS.

AN ACT making an appropriation of forty thousand dollars to complete and finish the State Agricultural and Mechanical College.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas*, That the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not

otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing and completing the buildings and improvements, and for providing the furniture necessary to put the State Agricultural and Mechanical College in immediate and successful operation.

SEC. 2. The completion of the college building being an emergency requiring the speedy operation of this act, and an imperative public necessity existing, that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved June 24, 1876.

AN ACT to provide for the payment of the bonds of the State of Texas, that will become due and are retireable in the years 1876 and 1877, and to make adequate provisions for the floating indebtedness of the State, and to supply deficiencies in the revenue by the sale of the bonds of the State, and to make an appropriation to carry into effect the provisions of the same.

WHEREAS, Portions of the bonded debt of the State of Texas will become due in the years 1876 and 1877, and it is a case of imperative necessity and emergency that the same shall be provided for and paid at maturity, and at the same time that adequate provisions should be made for the floating indebtedness of the State; therefore, four-fifths of each House concurring by yeas and nays in the suspension of the rules requiring this act to be read on three several days therein, and two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring by yeas and nays in enacting that this act shall take effect from its passage, all of which is duly entered upon the journals:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

SEC. 2. That the Governor of the State is hereby authorized to have engraved the bonds of the State of Texas, of the denomination of one thousand dollars each, to the amount of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000), and also to have prepared, either in manuscript or from engraved plates, bonds of such denomination as the interest of the State and the parties purchasing may require, to the extent of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, to be known as registered bonds.

SEC. 3. That said bonds shall be payable thirty years from the first day of July, A. D. 1876, to bearer, in gold coin of the United States, and shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually in gold coin of the United States, to-wit, on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year, and have coupons attached for each installment of interest which may become due, except the registered bonds herein provided for, which may be prepared without coupons. The principal and interest of the eight hundred one thousand dollar coupon bonds shall be payable in the city of New York, through such agent or agents as the Governor of the State may select; but no agent shall receive more than one-fourth of one per cent. for paying said bonds or interest under this act; but the principal and interest of the registered bonds shall be payable in the city of Austin, at the office of the State Treasurer.

SEC. 4. That said bonds shall be signed by the Governor and Treasurer of the State of Texas, and countersigned and registered by the Comptroller, with the seal of the State thereto affixed.

SEC. 5. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall sell the bonds provided for in this act, at such times and places, and in such amounts, as the Governor may direct: *Provided,* The same shall not be sold for less than one hundred cents on the dollar: and shall cause the net proceeds arising from such sales to be deposited in the State Treasury.

SEC. 6. And it shall be the duty of the Governor to report to the Legislature the amount of bonds sold, to whom sold, the amount realized therefrom, the name of the agent or agents through whom sold, and the commission, if any, allowed the agent or agents on such sales.

SEC. 7. That the proceeds arising from the sales of bonds sold under the provisions of this act, shall be applied exclusively to the following purposes, using the money first realized to the payment of the debts now due, and so on to the other debts according to the respective dates at which they severally mature and are retireable, excepting that the two hundred and seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$279,000), maturing July 1, 1876, are to be first provided for: * * * * * *Eighth.* For the payment of "interest due the Agricultural and Mechanical College fund," to February 1, 1876, forty-five thousand two hundred and eighty dollars (\$45,280).

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Approved July 6, 1876.

AN ACT supplementary to an act entitled "An Act making an appropriation of forty thousand dollars to complete and finish the State Agricultural and Mechanical College," approved June 24, 1876.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That the amount of forty thousand dollars, appropriated by the above named act, to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby placed subject to the control of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant or warrants on the Treasurer against said appropriation, on the order of the board, signed by the presiding officer thereof.

SEC. 2. Whereas, the buildings of the Agricultural and Mechanical College are in an unfinished condition, and it being necessary to have said buildings completed by the first of October next, therefore an emergency exists that this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and the same is hereby declared to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved July 28, 1876.

AN ACT supplemental to and amendatory of an act entitled "An Act regulating the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas," approved March 9, 1875.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That each of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, except the Governor of the State, shall be allowed the sum of five dollars per day for each day they may have attended, or shall hereafter attend, the meetings of the directors; and that they be allowed five dollars for each and every twenty-five miles traveled from their place of residence to the place of meeting: *Provided,* That when meetings of the board occur during sessions of the Legislature, the Lieutenant-Governor and Speaker shall not receive mileage and per diem.

SEC. 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. There having been two meetings of said Board of Directors, and said directors having expended their own private means in their attendance on the said meetings, an emergency and imperative necessity exists for the passage of this act, and that the same take effect from and after its passage.

Approved August 9, 1876.

AN ACT to establish an Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for the benefit of the colored youths, and to make appropriation therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That there shall be established in this State, at such point and in the manner provided for in this act, an Agricultural and Mechanical College for the benefit of the colored youths of this State.

SEC. 2. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a commission, consisting of three competent persons, who shall select a suitable place for the location of said Agricultural and Mechanical College, and make report thereof to the Governor as hereinafter provided for: *Provided,* That the site so selected shall contain not less than five hundred acres of land suitable for agricultural purposes. The said commissioners shall have authority to receive donations of land and money to aid in the erection and maintenance of said Agricultural and Mechanical College. When said college shall have been located, it shall be known as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas established for colored youths, and shall be under the supervision and control of the board of the Agricultural and Mechanical College as established by an act of the Legislature passed April 17, 1871.

SEC. 3. The Governor shall appoint a competent architect, who shall submit a plan and specifications of suitable buildings for said college, of capacity for the accommodation of at least one hundred students, to be approved by the Governor.

SEC. 4. The said commissioners shall proceed to make selection of said location, and report the same to the Governor at as early a day as practicable.

SEC. 5. Upon the approval of the plans and specifications for said buildings by the Governor, the said commissioners shall proceed to advertise for ninety days, in two or more newspapers published in this State, for sealed proposals for the erection of said buildings, giving full particulars of the terms and conditions of such contracts, and the time and place when and where the bids therefor shall be opened and contracts awarded.

SEC. 6. Contractors for the erection of said buildings shall be required to enter into bond, with good and sufficient security, payable to the Governor and his successors in office, to be approved by the Governor, in a sum equal to double the amount of his or their bid or bids, conditioned that such contractor or contractors will execute the work or furnish the material contracted for in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of such contract.

SEC. 7. The said commissioners and architect together shall constitute a Board of Directors, or Building Committee, and shall have full management and control of the direction and execution of said contracts for the erection of said buildings, and shall make report of the progress of the same to the Governor at least once in each six months till the same is completed and received by the Governor.

SEC. 8. The sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as shall be deemed necessary, to locate, erect, furnish, and operate said college in accordance with the plans, specifications, and estimates as shall be approved by the Governor, for the completion of the same, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 9. The said commissioners shall be allowed each the sum of five dollars per day, and mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile, for each day actually engaged and each mile actually traveled in the selection or locating of said college, to be verified by their sworn statement respectively, and approved by the Governor, which sworn statement so approved shall be a sufficient voucher upon which the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer for such amount, and that for services to be by them rendered as

a Board of Directors or Building Committee, such compensation as the Governor in his discretion shall allow: *Provided*, That the Governor shall have and exercise his discretionary power to dissolve the said committee when in his judgment the same shall be necessary.

SEC. 10. That the class of citizens for whose benefit this act is to effect specially shall enjoy the same at as early a day as practicable, a public necessity and emergency exists that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved August 14, 1876.

AN ACT to authorize the State Board of Education to collect and invest the interest due on the bonds belonging to the Agricultural and Mechanical College in six per cent. State bonds.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas*, That the State Board of Education is hereby authorized to collect the interest that will be due at the end of the present fiscal year on the bonds belonging to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and invest the same in six per cent. State bonds, except twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000).

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to collect the semi-annual interest on the bonds contemplated in this act, as the same may become due, as well as the interest that may become due on the bonds already belonging to the Agricultural and Mechanical College fund, and place the same in the Treasury of the State to the credit of said college fund.

SEC. 3. Whereas, it is important for the prompt collection and investment of the interest due on the said bonds, creates an emergency, this act shall go into effect from its passage.

Approved August 21, 1876.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FIRST MEETING.

BRYAN, TEXAS, *June 1*, 1875.

Present:—

RICHARD COKE, Governor.
R. B. HUBBARD, Lieutenant-Governor.
GUY M. BRYAN, Speaker of the House.
B. H. DAVIS.
C. S. WEST.

Quorum present.

After full investigation and discussion, it was determined by the Board to be impracticable to effect a full and complete organization of the College at this meeting; but it was resolved to take all needful steps to put it into operation at as early a day as possible.

In pursuance of this purpose, a committee, consisting of Governor COKE and C. S. WEST, was appointed to prepare and present for the approval of the Board a report to be submitted to the next Legislature of the State, recommending more specific legislation upon the powers and duties of the Directors, and in regard to the number, character, and method of appointing beneficiary scholars to be admitted from the different parts of the State; also recommending an additional appropriation of money, wherewith to put the College in operation.

It was further resolved at this meeting, that the Faculty should consist of a President and five Professors, to be elected at the next regular meeting of the Board; and the special committee, consisting of Governor COKE and C. S. WEST, to which B. H. DAVIS was added, was authorized to define and regulate the course of instruction to be taught in each professorship, and to decide upon the salaries to be paid to the separate members of the Faculty.

The Board at this meeting further authorized the President to correspond with Ex-President JEFFERSON DAVIS, and to tender him the presidency of the College.

After a session of two days the Board adjourned.

SECOND MEETING.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, *July 15, 1876.*

Present:—

RICHARD COKE, Governor.
 R. B. HUBBARD, Lieutenant-Governor.
 T. R. BONNER, Speaker of the House.
 B. H. DAVIS.
 C. S. WEST.

Quorum present.

The minutes of the Board at its meeting in Bryan, in June, 1875, were read and approved.

REPORT.

To the Board of Directors for the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to prepare and submit a report to be submitted to the next Legislature, recommending more specific legislation in reference to the powers and duties of this Board, and to the character, number, and method of appointing beneficiary scholars to be admitted on the part of the State, free of tuition; and further, for recommending an additional appropriation of money to put the College in operation; and further, to define the course of instruction to be taught and pursued by each Professor, and to advertise for applications to fill each chair, beg leave to submit the following:—

The committee did not prepare the report as they were appointed to do, for the reason that the Legislature was superseded by the Constitutional Convention, and the appropriation required was provided for by the new Constitution.

The committee, in pursuance of the duties which devolved upon them individually, have agreed upon a Faculty, to consist of a President and five Professors, as follows:—

1. President, and Professor of Moral and Mental Philosophy.
2. Professor of Pure Mathematics.
3. Professor of Ancient Languages, Belles Lettres, History, and English Literature.
4. Professor of Modern Languages, etc.
5. Professor of Chemistry, Practical Agriculture, Natural Sciences, etc
6. Professor of Applied Mathematics, Civil Engineering, and Military Tactics.

Your committee further recommend, that the salary of the President be fixed at three thousand dollars, and the salaries of each other Professor be fixed at twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, with residences furnished them.

The report, on motion, was adopted.

The President of the Board, Governor COKE, then announced, that, having corresponded with Ex-President JEFFERSON DAVIS in regard to his acceptance of the presidency of the College, he had respectfully declined, and proceeded to declare nominations for that and other offices in order.

The office of Secretary was first in order, when WILLIAM FALCONER, of Bryan, was elected for one year, at a salary of five hundred dollars.

The Secretary was then directed to read over the list of applicants for the presidency, and after full and respectful consideration of their separate claims, the Board proceeded to vote by ballot, and on the second ballot THOMAS S. GATHRIGHT, receiving the majority of votes, was declared elected.

The same course was pursued with all the applicants for positions, when ALEXANDER HOGG was elected to the chair of Pure Mathematics.

JOHN T. HAND was elected to the chair of Ancient Languages, History, Belles Lettres, and English Literature.

W. A. BANKS was chosen to the chair of Modern Languages, etc.

R. P. W. MORRIS was chosen to the chair of Applied Mathematics and Military Tactics.

C. P. B. MARTIN was chosen to the chair of Chemistry, Practical Agriculture, and Natural Sciences.

The Board next proceeded to ballot for a Steward, when H. P. BEE was declared elected.

The Board then decided to establish an office to be called the Superintendent of the Farm, and H. P. BEE was chosen, with a salary of five hundred dollars a year.

It was then proposed to elect a College Physician, and Dr. DE PORT SMYTH was chosen, with the medical fees paid by the students as his compensation.

The Secretary was then directed to correspond with the various persons who had been appointed to the different positions, and inform them of their election.

July 19, 1876.

Quorum present.

Various matters of business pertaining to the College were discussed, and a committee, composed of B. H. DAVIS and C. S. WEST, was appointed to call together such of the Professors as were known to be present in Austin, and with their assistance to prepare a pamphlet for circulation, setting forth a general outline of the course of studies, manner of being conducted, expenses, etc.

July 23, 1876.

Quorum present.

The committee appointed to prepare a pamphlet made a report, which being read was adopted, and an edition of 5000 copies was ordered to be printed by contract, and C. S. WEST was appointed to make contract, etc.

Approximate estimates were then made of the cost of building residences for the Professors.

It was finally determined that they should be built of brick, and at a cost not to exceed \$3000.

Approximate estimates were then made of cost of furnishing Steward's

hall, Professors' rooms, dormitories, etc.; also the cost of a suitable apparatus. B. H. DAVIS being the only member of the Board residing at Bryan, the power was delegated to him to take all such matters under his supervision and consideration.

The matter of beneficiary scholars was then considered, and it was determined that each Senator should appoint three from his senatorial district, each Congressman should appoint one, and the two United States Senators one each from the State at large.

The time for opening the institution for the reception of students was next considered, and the first Monday in October determined upon.

It was

Resolved, That the salaries of the President and Professors begin on the first of September following.

July 24, 1876.

Quorum present.

It was determined that on the fourth day of October the College should be formally opened by an address from the Governor, and the members of the Board were requested to be present.

The Secretary was directed to get a suitable book in which to record the proceedings of the Board.

Board adjourned July 25, 1876.

THIRD MEETING.

BRYAN, TEXAS, *October 4, 1876.*

Present:—

RICHARD COKE, Governor.
 R. B. HUBRARD, Lieutenant-Governor.
 CHAS. DE MORSE.
 C. S. WEST.
 B. H. DAVIS.

Quorum present.

Matters of a general character pertaining to the opening and management of the College were discussed.

October 5, 6, 7, 1876.

Resolutions were passed and business transacted as follows:—

Resolved, That the Board select J. S. FOWLKES, of Brazos County, who shall act for one year, as their Fiscal Agent, and shall receive as compensation for his services an annual salary of two hundred dollars; whose duty it shall be to draw in bulk from the treasury of the State the amounts of money appropriated by the Board for the purpose contemplated by law, and that all such appropriations shall be made on a resolution of the Board, duly entered

on their minutes; and a copy of such resolution making such appropriation, certified by the Secretary of the Board, and approved by the Governor as President of the Board, is hereby declared to be the form in which all appropriations shall be drawn, and that it shall be sufficient authority to the Comptroller to draw his warrants on the Treasurer for the amount of the appropriation contemplated by this Board.

It was further

Resolved, That the Fiscal Agent shall keep in a book full accounts of all moneys received and disbursed by him; and whenever an appropriation is exhausted, he is required to file a full account for the inspection of the Board, and when approved shall be filed by the Secretary with the Comptroller of the State; and he shall be further required to make a quarterly statement to the Governor as President of the Board, of the state of his account, amount of money on hand, and amount disbursed and for what purposes. He shall also exhibit, for inspection at any regular or called meeting of the Board, his account, when desired by the Board.

It was further

Resolved, That the Fiscal Agent shall be required to give a bond, with two or more securities, payable to and approved by the Governor, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of his duties, which bond shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board.

It was further

Resolved, That all funds set apart by any law, and placed subject to the order of this Board, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purposes intended, and the same can be drawn from time to time and in such amounts as may be necessary; the said money to be drawn by the Fiscal Agent, on his requisition, which requisition must be approved by the Governor.

It was further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board be required to furnish the Governor, the Comptroller, and the Fiscal Agent, a certified copy of the foregoing.

It was further

Resolved, That the President and Professors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College shall constitute a Board, under and by authority of the Board of Directors, to establish such rules and regulations for the government of the College as in their judgment may be thought proper.

- It was further

Resolved, That one of the College Faculty shall be appointed to act as Treasurer, who shall receive all moneys derived from tuition and for board, and other incidental fees as may have been or shall be assessed and prescribed by the Directors of the institution.

It was further

Resolved, That said Treasurer shall at the beginning of each month pay over to the Steward of the College all such moneys as may be due him for board, and shall immediately pay over, on receipt thereof, to the Fiscal Agent of the College, all moneys received on account of tuition fees, and take his receipt therefor.

It was further

Resolved, That all moneys received as contingent fees, on account of wash-

ing, fuel, lights, and other expenses, shall be disbursed by the Treasurer of the Faculty, upon vouchers approved by the President of the College.

It was further

Resolved, That out of all moneys paid over to the Fiscal Agent by the Treasurer of the Faculty, as hereinbefore prescribed, shall be paid all contingent expenses of the College not otherwise provided for, on vouchers approved by the President of the Faculty and the member of the Board of Directors residing in Bryan.

It was further

Resolved, That Professor MORRIS is hereby appointed Treasurer of the Faculty, under the terms of the above resolution.

It was further

Resolved, That the general rule of requiring all students to be resident in the College, is hereby relaxed to the extent of permitting students actually residing with either parent or guardian, and living within five miles of the institution, to become members, but they shall be present at such an hour each morning as shall be necessary for the purposes of recitation, and shall be dismissed in time to reach their homes before night; provided, that in all other respects except residing within the College said students shall be subject to all other rules and regulations provided by the Faculty for other students, and be subject to such other reasonable regulations as the Faculty may prescribe.

It was further

Resolved, That the salaries of the President and Professors are annual, and that one-twelfth ($\frac{1}{12}$) thereof shall be paid at the end of each month, on an account certified by the Secretary of the Board of Directors and approved by the Governor.

It was further

Resolved, That two hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Surgeon, to be expended for appropriate medicines to be kept in the College, with such fixtures and furniture as may be necessary.

It was further

Resolved, That in event of the office of Secretary of the Board becoming vacant, by death, resignation, removal, absence, or otherwise, the Governor shall have authority to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the Board.

It was further

Resolved, That the resident Director of the Board, at Bryan, be requested, with the assistance of the President of the College, to contract for the publication and distribution, in pamphlet form, of the addresses delivered by the Governor and President on the inauguration of the College, not to exceed one thousand copies.

It was further

Resolved, That in fixing fifteen (15) years as the minimum age of students in the Agricultural and Mechanical College, it is not intended to deny to the Faculty of the College the privilege of making exceptions to the rule when it may occur to them wise to exercise their discretion.

It was further

Resolved, That students may omit the study of any branch of the regular course, with the consent of the Faculty.

It was further

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Steward of the College and the Superintendent of the Farm to take entire charge and control of the boarding and lodging of the students and employees of the College and farm. He shall also be charged with the taking care of the implements of husbandry and the stock and wagons belonging to the College. The direction and mode of cultivating the experimental farm shall be under the control of the Professor of Agriculture, for the purpose of illustrating the science of chemistry as applied to agriculture, and for this purpose only. The Superintendent of the Farm shall receive instruction from the Professor of Agriculture as to the disposition of the hands and stock and use of said wagons and implements of husbandry; and the Steward shall have control of at least two teams and wagons at all times when needed to haul supplies and fuel for the College, and all other teams when not engaged in experimenting on the farm.

It was further

Resolved, That the experimental farm shall not exceed thirty acres, and that manual labor by the students shall only be voluntary, except so far as the Faculty may determine it necessary to a proper understanding of the principles of science, and shall in no event interfere with the regular course of scientific study.

It was further

Resolved, That an orchard of the various fruit trees adapted to this climate shall be put out on the grounds as early as practicable, and that the Professor of Agriculture, with the concurrence of the Faculty, shall have charge of planting out the orchard, and all ornamental and shade trees, and of the adornment of the College grounds; and for this purpose one thousand dollars is appropriated, to be disbursed on vouchers approved by the President of the College and the member of the Board of Directors residing in Bryan.

It was further

Resolved, That a pair of mules, and a wagon and harness, and necessary feed for the teams, and such agricultural implements as may be needed, shall be purchased, at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars, to be paid on vouchers approved by the President of the College and the member of the Board residing in Bryan.

It was further

Resolved, That the contracts and accounts hereinafter mentioned, made under the supervision of B. H. DAVIS, the member of the Board resident at Bryan, for the erection of Professors' residences, stable, etc., and for furnishing the College, be and the same are hereby approved and ratified by the Board; and the Fiscal Agent is authorized and required to draw the necessary funds, and pay the amounts due on each of said contracts, upon the full completion of the same, which shall be paid upon vouchers approved by the member of the Board resident at Bryan.

Contract made with KERR & LOVE, on the seventh day of September, 1876, for buildings and stable, aggregating	\$15,968 00
Contract made with G. T. BART, for stoves, cooking utensils, crockery, etc., aggregating	2,514 76
Contract made with GEORGE McFIGH, for building brick oven..	410 00
Contract made with C. L. RANFER, for furniture and furnishing College, aggregating	2,466 60
Contract made with G. L. GARTH, for fencing material.....	1,830 00
Contract made for building fence and painting same, aggregating,	770 00
Contract made for mattresses	800 00

Contract made for mules, wagons, and ambulance, aggregating,	825 00
Contract made for repairing house at the College	213 00
Account of G. W. HOWELL, for stationery.....	5 75
Account of G. L. GARTH, for lumber.....	172 35
Account of FRANK CLARKE, for astral oil, buckets, tubs, etc., aggregating	76 05
Account of MINTURN, for services in taking care of College building	420 00
Contract made with G. W. HUNTER, for table linen, sheets, etc., aggregating	45 00
Account of G. T. BART, for lamps, shades, hardware, etc., aggregating	65 70
Account of G. T. BART, for hardware, agricultural implements, etc., aggregating	82 36

It was further

Resolved, That the first and second stories of the building adjoining the Steward's hall shall be set apart and used by the Steward as a residence for himself and family, and that the third and fourth stories of said building shall be used as dormitories for the students.

It was further

Resolved, That the annual commencement exercises of the College shall commence on Monday before the last Saturday in June of each year.

It was further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors shall meet annually at Bryan on the first day of the commencement exercises of the College, and at Austin on third Monday in January of each year, for the transaction of business.

It was further

Resolved, That B. H. DAVIS be authorized by the Board to take charge of and direct any matters of business which may not have been provided for at this meeting of the Board, or that may arise in regard to the College between this and the next meeting of the Board. This authority is full, and his acts shall be valid.

It was further

Resolved, That the vouchers of President GATHRIGHT showing the disbursement of two hundred dollars on the credit of the College, from J. S. FOWLKES & Co., have been examined and approved by the Board; and the Fiscal Agent is hereby authorized and required to pay said sum of two hundred dollars to J. S. FOWLKES & Co., taking their receipt for the same as a voucher.

It was further

Resolved, That the Fiscal Agent is authorized and required to pay for such text-books, stationery, and material for clothing, as may be required by the College, upon vouchers approved by the President of the College, and that the amounts so paid shall be refunded to the Fiscal Agent out of the funds received by the President arising from the sale of books and clothing to the students.

FOURTH MEETING.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, *January 8, 1877.*

Present:—

R. B. HUBBARD, Governor.
 WELLS THOMPSON, Lieutenant-Governor.
 A. J. PEELER.
 CHAS. DE MORSE.
 B. H. DAVIS.

Quorum present.

Governor R. B. HUBBARD read a communication addressed to him by President GATHRIGHT, setting forth the condition of the College, and making suggestions regarding the welfare of the institution.

A communication from J. S. FOWLKES, the Fiscal Agent, with tabular statement of the finances of the College, was then read.

The first subject brought before the Board for its consideration was the office of Superintendent of Farm.

When it was

Resolved, That the office be abolished, and all farming operations be placed under the direction of the Professor of Agriculture, to be under the superintendence of the President of the College, and the salary of the Superintendent be no longer allowed.

The question of the price of board at the Steward's hall was then taken up, when it was thought to be to the interest of the institution that the price be reduced.

It was, therefore,

Resolved, That after the commencement of the next session of the College, the charge for board should not exceed twelve dollars per month.

A substitute for the foregoing, to the effect that the board be fixed at ten dollars per month, from this date, for each cadet, was lost.

January 9, 1877.

Quorum present.

In revising the acts and appropriations made by the Board at the October meeting,

It was

Resolved, That the appropriation of one thousand dollars made for the purchase and planting of fruit, ornamental, and shade trees, be reduced to two hundred and fifty dollars.

It was further

Resolved, That owing to the lateness of the season, all further work on the farm for this year be dispensed with, and that the two mules intended to be bought for farm purposes be not purchased.

It was further

Resolved, That the mules, wagon, ambulance, and harness, now on hand, be sold by the President.

It was further

Resolved, That the exceptional system of admitting students free be discontinued, except so far as applied to students already accepted; that in lieu thereof, and of the tuition fee of fifty dollars now required of a portion of the students, an annual matriculation fee of twenty dollars be required hereafter from each student, payable on entrance, and this rule shall apply to students now in the College, after the termination of the present scholastic year; and that the system of appointing scholars by districts or by Members of Congress be abolished.

January 10, 1877.

Quorum present.

It was

Resolved, That President GATHRIGHT is authorized and directed to purchase sufficient reliable and durable fire-escapes, to be attached to each end of the main building, and to act immediately; and that the resident Director at Bryan approve the necessary account for cost and transportation, to be paid by the Fiscal Agent at Bryan; and that the President also purchase the BABCOCK Fire Extinguisher, one for the hall of each floor.

The following preamble and resolution was also adopted:—

WHEREAS, It has become absolutely necessary to retrench expenditures in consequence of the insufficiency of the appropriation subject to our control, and it is apparent that we can dispense with the services of Superintendent of the Farm and Secretary of the Board of Directors; it is, therefore,

Resolved, That these two offices be abolished; and that the services of Superintendent of the Farm be rendered by the Professor of Agriculture, subject to the control of the President; and that the duties of Secretary be rendered by JOHN T. HAND until otherwise ordered by action of the Board of Directors; these extra services to be performed without additional compensation to either officer.

January 11, 1877.

Quorum present.

It was

Resolved, That the President of the College be authorized to advertise the institution in public journals in the several sections of the State, by special contract with each journal; the aggregate of all the expenditures for this purpose not to exceed two hundred dollars per annum.

It was further

Resolved, That the services of the Architect be dispensed with, except for the final acceptance and examination of the work now going on, for which he shall not be paid more than two hundred dollars.

FIFTH MEETING.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE, }
 COLLEGE STATION, June 25, 1877. }

Present:—

R. B. HUBBARD, Governor.
 WELLS THOMPSON, Lieutenant-Governor.
 CHAS. DE MORSE.
 B. H. DAVIS.
 A. J. PEELER.
 T. M. SCOTT.

Quorum present.

It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer furnish the Secretary with a suitable record book, and that he be required to transcribe the proceedings of this Board.

Board adjourned to hear the address of Bishop GARRETT, in the College chapel.

June 26, 1877.

Quorum present.

Proceedings of last meeting read and approved.

President GATHRIGHT was requested to read his annual report.

Report received and ordered filed for use of the Board.

Reports of the different Professors were read and ordered filed.

Report of the Steward was read and ordered filed.

Abstract of Treasurer's report was read and ordered filed.

Report of Surgeon was read and ordered filed.

The Chair announced the following committees, to-wit:—

Committee on Treasurer's Report—A. J. PEELER and CHARLES DE MORSE.

Committee on Steward's and Professor MARTIN'S Reports—WELLS THOMPSON and T. M. SCOTT.

Surgeon's report was referred to committee on Steward's report.

Other reports were referred to Governor HUBBARD and B. H. DAVIS.

J. S. FOWLKES, Fiscal Agent, submitted his report, with tabular statement.

Referred to A. J. PEELER and CHAS. DE MORSE.

A committee, consisting of Lieutenant-Governor WELLS THOMPSON and CHAS. DE MORSE, was appointed to report to the Board, in writing, upon the propriety of sectionalizing portions of the College lands, with a view to foster and promote the interests of the College.

On motion, Governor R. R. HUBBARD was added to the committee.

On motion, adjourned to hear address in College chapel, by A. J. PEELER.

June 26, 1877.

Quorum present.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

It was

Resolved, That all differences between Professors as to relative duties and powers shall be promptly decided by the President, and that his decision shall be final, unless reversed by action of the Directory; and that the President, as central head of the Faculty, shall be held responsible to the Directory for the correct working of the internal administration of the institution in its several departments, and as an entirety; giving direction in all cases of ambiguity and doubt as to the branches to be taught, and the several duties to be performed by the Professors and others connected with the College.

It was further

Resolved, That the President, and the Professors through him or in person, be required to make a report instanter concerning the condition and management of the Steward's hall.

It was further

Resolved, That the President shall have power and is hereby required to assume control over the Steward's department of this institution, to prescribe the bill of fare and its mode of preparation, and its issue to the students in the mess room when well and on duty, and its issue and delivery to them when sick and in charge of the Surgeon.

It was further

Resolved, That the food to the sick shall be issued under the advice of the Surgeon.

It was further

Resolved, That under any extraordinary exigency which may arise requiring it, the President is authorized to appropriate from the contingent fund such extra amounts to the sick necessary for their rations.

It was further

Resolved, That in case the Steward of the College shall neglect or refuse to carry out any of the regulations adopted by this Board, or any officer of the College in pursuance of authority given by this Board, concerning the feeding of the students when well or sick, the President of the College shall at once report the facts to the President of the Board, who shall call a meeting of the Board for the purpose of taking action in relation thereto.

It was further

Resolved, That in all cases when complaints shall be made to the President of the Board against any Professor of this College, of a character affecting his fitness for his position, the President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors to take action in relation thereto.

Board adjourned to 8 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

June 27, 1877.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Quorum present.

It was

Resolved, That in future the following schedule of expenses and payments for students be made, to-wit:—

October 1st	\$64 33 $\frac{1}{3}$
December 1st	44 33 $\frac{1}{3}$
February 1st.....	44 33 $\frac{1}{3}$
April 1st	44 33 $\frac{1}{3}$

A petition was read from H. D. PARSONS, asking a lease of three acres of the College land near the site of the present post office building.

The petition was referred to B. H. DAVIS, with plenary power; provided, the sale of all intoxicating and malt liquors be forever prohibited. Lease to be on west side railroad.

On motion of A. J. PEELER, the action of President GATHRIGHT in case of Cadet Crisp was ratified.

It was further

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Board from its first session to the present be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the members, accompanied by the act of Congress making the grant, and the several acts of the State Convention and the Legislature with reference to the College; and that A. J. PEELER be authorized to contract for one hundred copies, and superintend the publication, and approve the accounts, to be paid out of the contingent fund.

It was further

Resolved, That the thanks of the Directory are tendered to the Houston and Texas Central and to the International and Great Northern Railroad Companies, for courtesies during this examination, and for gratuitous services and proffers of service to the officers of the institution upon sundry occasions; and that the Secretary of the Board be directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the president of both companies.

The Board requested for publication a copy of the address delivered by A. J. PEELER in the College chapel on the twenty-sixth instant; and Mr. PEELER was requested to contract for and superintend the printing of one thousand copies, to be paid out of the contingent fund.

A petition was read from GEORGE M. FIGH, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

On motion, adjourned to hear the address of Governor R. B. HUBBARD, before the "Stephen F. Austin Literary Society," to be delivered in the College chapel.

June 27, 1877: 4 o'clock p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Quorum present.

The following resolution was introduced: —

Resolved, That the control of the College grounds and their improvements be entrusted to the Professor of Agriculture, subject to the general control of the President of the College. The wagon and mules unsold are placed at the control of the said Professor, and he will be expected to cultivate as much of the land as practicable, to adorn and preserve the grounds, preventing washes, setting out trees, etc.; and he will be authorized to employ the services of one laborer, who shall be hired by the President, and boarded, on the best terms; and the cost of the board and the wages of the said laborer shall be paid by the Fiscal Agent out of the contingent fund of the

College in his possession: provided, that said laborer shall in no instance be employed in other than in work upon the College grounds for public purposes.

On motion, action on foregoing resolution was postponed until next meeting of the Board.

It was further

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the College be directed to turn over to the Fiscal Agent of the College at Bryan all moneys received from students for matriculation, and that a separate account be kept thereof, and that said fund be disbursed on account of orders approved by the President of the College and Director B. H. DAVIS at Bryan, and that a report of receipts and disbursements be made to the President and to each member of the Board at the end of each month.

It was further

Resolved, That should a student have the necessary uniform at the time of his entry into the College, he shall not be required to deposit any money for the purchase of another uniform.

It was further

Resolved, That the labor of the scholastic year of the College having been completed, the President of this Board is required to approve the accounts of the Professors for the months of July, August, and September, with the understanding that under the assignment of the President of the College so many of the Professors will always be present as may be necessary for the interests of the College and the protection of the property; and the Secretary will furnish the President of this Board and the Comptroller with a certified copy of this resolution.

It was further

Resolved, That the President of this Board appoint three members thereof as a committee to examine into and report at the next meeting upon the expediency of the assumption by the Board of the entire control of the mess hall and all matters pertaining to the feeding of the students; and in such case, upon the propriety of placing the management in the hands of the President, who shall make the necessary purchases, and employ competent cooks and other servants.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the President appointed the following committee, to-wit: A. J. PEELER, Lieut. - Gov. WELLS THOMPSON, and CHAS. DE MORSE.

It was further

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the three courses of study which may be prescribed by the Faculty be continued as the basis of teaching in the College, and the studies necessary to the accomplishment of such be set forth independently of each, and grouped into divisions or departments for ready reference and understanding, and styled as follows:—

1. Department of Pure Mathematics.
2. Department of Applied Mathematics.
3. Department of Natural Sciences and Practical Agriculture.
4. Department of Modern Languages, embracing particularly the English Language.
5. Department of Ancient Languages.
6. Department of Moral Philosophy, embracing Political and Social and Higher English Literature.

It was further

Resolved, That the Faculty be authorized to fix the extent and range of each of these departments; and to say what amount of each shall be necessary to graduate in each of the courses, so as to entitle the student in the several departments to a degree in that particular department; and that in all respects each department shall be considered as of equal dignity and degree; and the diplomas issued to the students of the several departments shall entitle the graduates of each to like distinction, consideration, and benefits: provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the general course of study heretofore adopted, entitling the student to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

T. M. SCOTT submitted the following report, to-wit:—

To His Excellency the President of the Board of Directors:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the Professors of Agriculture and Mathematics and of the Surgeon and the Steward, having had the same under careful consideration, beg leave to make the following report:—

That whereas the recommendations and suggestions of each of them contemplate the expenditure of money, and there being no funds available in the control of the Board, further action be deferred (only in so far as herein-after made) until the next meeting of the Board.

Your committee recommend that the grounds, trees, etc., inside the enclosure, be placed in the care of the Professor of Agriculture.

That the Professor of Chemistry be authorized to purchase the mathematical instruments asked for by Professor MORRIS, out of the contingent fund, so soon as the money can be spared.

That the changes in the lecture room asked for by Professor HOGG be made so soon as funds from the contingent fund can be spared.

That General BEE have the privilege of cultivating land outside of the inclosure.

All the foregoing under the general supervision of the President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

(Signed)

R. B. HUBBARD, Governor.

WELLS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Governor.

B. H. DAVIS.

CHAS. DE MORSE.

T. M. SCOTT.

A. J. PEELER.

(Signed) J. T. HAND, *Acting Secretary*.

SIXTH MEETING.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, *November 15, 1877.*

Present:—

R. B. HUBBARD, Governor.
 WELLS THOMPSON, Lieutenant-Governor.
 CHAS. DE MORSE.
 T. M. SCOTT.
 B. H. DAVIS.
 A. J. PEELER.

Quorum present.

Upon request, A. J. PEELER consented to act as Secretary of the Board at its present meeting, without compensation.

It was

Resolved, That inasmuch as the large number of students now in attendance on the College requires an additional instructor, His Excellency the Governor is requested and authorized to apply to the President of the United States for the assignment of an army officer to the College, as provided by act of Congress.

T. S. GATHRIGHT, President of the College, being present, by request made a verbal report upon condition and wants of the College.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

November 16, 1877.

Quorum present.

After discussing and considering various matters pertaining to the management of the College, the Board adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

November 17, 1877.

Present:—

R. B. HUBBARD, Governor.
 WELLS THOMPSON, Lieutenant-Governor.
 B. H. DAVIS.
 A. J. PEELER.
 T. M. SCOTT.
 CHAS. DE MORSE.
 E. B. PICKETT.

Quorum present.

The commission, consisting of Messrs. J. H. RAYMOND, ASHBEL SMITH, and J. D. GIDDINGS, met and conferred with this Board on the subject of the organization of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youths.

It was

Resolved, That this Board, at its next regular meeting in January, do elect

a President of said Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youths, to receive an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars, and have quarters furnished; and that said College be organized and put into operation at the earliest practical moment thereafter.

It was further

Resolved, That in order to meet the necessities of the College, this Board do proceed to the election of two Adjunct Professors, to receive an annual salary of nine hundred dollars each, to be paid out of the fund to the credit of the College in the treasury of the State, as the other Professors of the College are now paid.

A. J. PEELER was instructed to purchase a seal for the use of this Board, at a cost not to exceed ten dollars.

Resolved, That the hereinafter named officers of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College receive and be paid, out of the fund in the treasury of the State to the credit of said College, the following annual salaries, to-wit:—

Surgeon	\$2000
Steward	2000
Janitor	300
First Assistant Janitor	250
Second Assistant Janitor	250
College Architect	600

Said salaries to begin on the first day of October, 1877, and to be paid at the end of each month.

It was further

Resolved, That if any of the above named officers have received any moneys or advances out of the College contingent fund, they shall refund all sums so received to the said College contingent fund, it being the true intent and meaning hereof that said contingent fund shall be reimbursed for moneys expended for the support and maintenance of said officers.

It was further

Resolved, That in settling with the Steward of the College for the board of students, there shall be deducted from such board the amount to be paid to the Steward in the way of salary, and the same shall constitute a part of the College contingent fund.

Meeting adjourned to Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

November 19, 1877.

Quorum present.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Same members present as on Saturday.

Upon ballot, Messrs. JAS. E. BINKLEY and LOUIS L. McINNIS were elected Adjunct Professors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

It was

Resolved, That out of the first available funds which can be used for any purpose, there be used five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in the construction of sufficient fire-escapes from the main College building and the Steward's hall, to be erected under the direction of Director B. H. DAVIS, to be paid out of the contingent fund.

It was further

Resolved, That Director B. H. DAVIS be authorized and directed to estab-

lish a hospital for students of the College, either by having a room in the College fitted up for this purpose or a new building erected; that said Director also have two additional cisterns built, and sufficient sinks for the accommodation of the students.

It was further

Resolved, That to meet a temporary but immediate want, the Steward of the College be required to plainly fix up two vacant rooms in the President's building, now occupied by the Steward, in the third story, as lodging rooms, and to feed visitors to the College, at a cost for accommodation not exceeding one dollar per day.

It was further

Resolved, That Director B. H. DAVIS be and he is hereby authorized and directed, if he can find a suitable lessee, to lease not more than ten acres of the land belonging to the College on the west side of the railroad, near the station, for the purpose of erecting a house of entertainment thereon for the lodging and feeding of parents and others who may visit the college. Said lease not to extend beyond a term of ten years, and to be forfeited if the lessee permits any intoxicating or malt liquors of any kind to be kept or sold on the premises. Said Director is also authorized to insert in said lease any other terms or conditions which in his opinion may promote the interests of the College.

It was further

Resolved, That as soon as the same can be done out of the available fund, Director B. H. DAVIS be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have an additional building erected on the College grounds, similar to the wooden building recently put up for the accommodation of students.

The following resolution was introduced, but not adopted:—

Resolved, That the purchasing power of currency having advanced, so that a nominal reduction of the salaries of the Professors of the College equivalent to the advance of currency will not change the value of the compensation originally intended, therefore, after February 1, 1878, the salaries of the five Professors shall be at the rate of \$2000 per annum.

It was further

Resolved, That the Professor of Agriculture, with the advice and assistance of the President, be directed to employ labor, and without delay put one acre of the grounds already broken in wheat, and the remainder in such other products as he deems advisable; and with the assistance of one laborer, to use the mules already at his service, and with further assistance, by contract, to proceed to break twenty additional acres, at present unbroken, and prepare it for cultivation in the Spring, so that scholars desiring it may have practical instruction in Agriculture during 1878 and thereafter, and may participate in the work, if they so desire, either by occasional employment of their time, or by regular allotments of small tracts to be cultivated during certain hours of the day, and the product of which, after deducting cost of seed and value of time of animal employed in culture, shall be theirs, to be disposed of for their benefit and applied to their support at College.

It was further

Resolved, That the Professor of Agriculture shall at all times have one laborer at his disposal to cultivate crops of forage for feeding the mules, and to beautify and improve the grounds; and that wheat or any other product not necessary to feed the work stock be sold, and proceeds placed to credit of labor fund; and said Professor shall keep an account current, showing all

expenditures for seed, labor, and horse feed, and the value of the products, whether sold or consumed, and shall indicate how much of the cost of the labor goes to the permanent improvement of the College grounds: provided, that said Professor shall incur no indebtedness without the approval of the resident Director of the College.

It was further

Resolved, That the Professor of Agriculture shall, after proper notice allowing competition, proceed to purchase one hundred choice evergreen trees and shrubs, and one hundred trees, to beautify and shade the grounds in front and rear of main building, availing himself of any opportunity to procure the trees without cost, and having all carefully set out without delay; and that he shall also have removed from the forest choice young native trees, and shall group them in such places between the front of the main College building and the Steward's house, to the front line of fence, as in his judgment will tend to the permanent improvement of the grounds of a great public institution, intended to form the habits and tastes of the young men of Texas.

On motion, Board adjourned *sine die*.

(Signed) R. B. HUBBARD, Governor.
 WELLS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Governor.
 B. H. DAVIS.
 T. M. SCOTT.
 E. B. PICKETT.
 A. J. PEELER.
 CHAS. DE MORSE.

{Signed) A. J. PEELER, *Acting Secretary*.

SEVENTH MEETING.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, *January 21, 1878.*

Present:—

R. B. HUBBARD, Governor.
 WELLS THOMPSON, Lieutenant-Governor.
 T. R. BONNER, Speaker of the House.
 CHAS. DE MORSE.
 E. B. PICKETT.
 A. J. PEELER.
 T. M. SCOTT.
 F. S. STOCKDALE.

Quorum present.

Upon request, T. M. SCOTT consented to act as Secretary of the Board at the present meeting, without compensation.

His Excellency, the President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12 m., and directed the Secretary to read minutes of last meeting.

President GATHRIGHT made verbal report of condition of affairs pertaining to the College.

The commissioners appointed to locate and provide suitable buildings for the State Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youths appeared before the Board, and asked to make final report, and turn the affairs of the College over to the Board of Directors.

ASHBEL SMITH having read the report, on motion of CHAS. DE MORSE the report was received and ordered filed.

The President of the Board presented applications and credentials of applicants for Principal of the College for Colored Youths; one from Professor F. W. MINOR, of Mississippi; one from R. W. TRIMBLE, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; one from Reverend J. A. KIMBLE, of Larrissa, Texas; and one from J. R. S. DAVIS, of Hempstead, Texas; all of which were read and the merits of each discussed for some time, and for further deliberation, at 3 p. m. adjourned until 9 a. m. Tuesday.

January 22, 1878.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Same members present as on yesterday.

Mr. WALLACE, applicant for position of Superintendent of College Farm, made statement of his ability to manage same.

Business of selecting a Principal of College for Colored Youths taken up.

On motion, the Board proceeded to ballot for Principal of said College; and after two ballots failing to make a selection, the matter was further discussed and another ballot taken; but failing to make a choice, on motion of T. R. BONNER, balloting was postponed until to-morrow.

It was

Resolved, That the President of the Board appoint a committee of three, who shall be empowered, for and in behalf of the Directors, to regulate the course of study, rates of tuition, the manner of performing labor, and the kind of labor to be performed by the students, together with the course of discipline necessary to enforce the faithful discharge of the duties of all officers, professors, and students, for the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youths; and all rules and regulations prescribed in pursuance hereof shall be printed and remain in force until altered by the Board.

His Excellency appointed, as said committee, F. S. STOCKDALE, A. J. PEELER, and E. B. PICKETT.

It was further

Resolved, That our delegation in Congress be memorialized to make application to proper authority to have an officer of the army detailed, and ordered to report to President GATHRIGHT, as instructor of tactics at the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youths.

F. S. STOCKDALE was appointed to prepare memorial.

It was further

Resolved, That the President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College be appointed an agent to make the purchase of furniture, etc., not to exceed one thousand dollars, to fit up ready for occupancy the College for Colored

Youths; said sum to come out of appropriation made by act of Legislature, August 14, 1876; and that he be allowed his actual traveling and other necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of said duties.

Motion to reconsider postponement of selecting Principal of College for Colored Youths carried.

On motion, President GATHRIGHT was unanimously elected President of the College for Colored Youths.

It was further

Resolved, That the President of the College for Colored Youths, being also President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College in Brazos County, shall receive no additional salary, but that all his actual and necessary expenses in traveling, etc., in connection with his duties as President of said College for Colored Youths, shall be paid.

On motion of E. B. PICKETT, President GATHRIGHT was directed to put in operation the College for Colored Youths, by the employment of instructors, superintendent, etc., at as early a day as practicable.

It was further

Resolved, That the grounds, building, outlying lands, and everything pertaining to the College for Colored Youths, be placed under the control of the President of the College.

It was further

Resolved, That all the duties assigned to the local Director at Bryan, at the last meeting of this Board, be performed jointly by the local Director and the President of the College, or either of them.

President GATHRIGHT was requested to act with F. S. STOCKDALE in application for detail of army officer for College for Colored Youths.

It was further

Resolved, That where the Treasurer, on the first day of the month, pays the board of any cadet for the month in advance, as directed by the Board of Directors, and upon any subsequent day of that month the said cadet leaves College and is absent during the remaining part of the month, because he is sick, or for any reason recognized as valid by the President of the College, the Steward shall be required to refund to the cadet, or his legal representative, such a part of the money advanced by the Treasurer on the first day of the said month as the time of the cadet's absence may be of the month; and that all questions of that kind now open between students or their parents and the College must be settled by the principle embodied in this resolution, that a student pay no board when he is necessarily absent from the College.

On motion, an account for two hundred dollars, presented by J. LARMOUR, late Architect of College, was ordered approved by the Secretary of this Board.

The account was so approved by the Secretary, and delivered to A. J. PEELER, to be handed to said LARMOUR.

It was further

Resolved, That after the expiration of the present session of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, students shall pay the entire expenses of the first term of four and a half months in advance, and shall matriculate and be received for no less time; and in the event of any student desiring to

withdraw before the expiration of the term, he must offer to the President of the College such reasons as may commend themselves to that officer, and in no case shall any student withdraw from the College and obtain an honorable discharge without such consent. Should a student leave College, without the consent of the President, before the expiration of the term, he shall forfeit to the College all sums paid on entrance.

It was further

Resolved, That when students are discharged on Surgeon's certificate of ill-health, or for any reason, and with the consent of the President, all unexpended money to his credit in the College, except the matriculation and Surgeon's fees, shall be returned.

It was further

Resolved, That payments shall be on the first day of each term of four and a half months of the session, in advance; and all decisions of the President in relation thereto, and to discharges, as in other cases, can be appealed to the Board of Directors.

It was further

Resolved, That the purchasing power of currency having advanced so that a nominal reduction of the salaries of the Professors of the College equivalent to the advance of currency will not change the compensation originally intended, and fully equivalent comparatively to the compensation allowed to the executive and judicial officers of the State, therefore, after the first of July of the present year the salaries of the five Professors shall be at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum.

It was further

Resolved, That, commencing with the October term, there shall be added to the charge for incidentals, at each semi-annual term, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents, being three dollars per annum, which additional sum of three dollars for each student shall inure to the general benefit of the College fund, to be disposed of by the direction of this Board.

Board adjourned until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

January 23, 1878.

Board convened pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m.

Quorum present.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:—

WHEREAS, At the request of this Board, Captain OLMSTEAD, of the United States Army, has been detailed by the Secretary of War as an instructor in military tactics in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and has reported to the President of said College for duty; and

WHEREAS, Professor MORRIS, the commandant of cadets at said College, desires to be relieved of his duties as such commandant, to the end that the College may avail itself of the services of Captain OLMSTEAD in said position, and enable Professor MORRIS to devote most of his time to the chair of Applied Mathematics; therefore,

Resolved, That whilst acknowledging our indebtedness to Professor MORRIS for the valuable services rendered by him in organizing and bringing to a state of high efficiency the military features of the College, we feel that, in view of the necessities of the College, it is but right to grant his request, and direct the President of the College to relieve Professor MORRIS as commandant, and devolve this duty upon Captain OLMSTEAD, and that it be so ordered.

It was further .

Resolved That the President of the College have constructed suitable bath rooms, to enable the cadets to take such baths as may be necessary; the cost of bath rooms and tubs not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars.

It was further

Resolved, That this Board will, at its next meeting, elect a Professor of English Language and Literature, whose duties will commence at the October term, of which notice shall be given through the public press.

A communication from G. A. HILL in reference to supplying gas to the College building was read.

It was further

Resolved, That on the fifteenth day of August next, the office of Steward of the Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be abolished, and the President of the College shall move into the building built for a President's house, and now occupied as a Steward's hall, and occupy the same; and all matters pertaining to the purchase of supplies and the board of students shall be under his direction and control.

It was further

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be and they are hereby most cordially extended to General BEE for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he has conducted the Steward's department of the College, and this Board only makes the change mentioned in the preceding resolution to meet the pressing necessities of the College, growing out of a want of room and a want of funds.

It was further

Resolved, That the Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS, of Mississippi, be requested to attend the commencement exercises of the institution on the twenty-sixth of June proximo, and deliver the annual address; and that the President of this Board transmit a copy of this resolution, attested by the Secretary, soliciting his acceptance and attendance.

It was further

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause a copy of the proceedings of this Board to be made out and furnished the President of the College, and that he give the necessary information to those interested therein.

It was further

Resolved, That the President of the College have a picture of the College and grounds taken, not to exceed a cost of forty-five dollars.

(Signed) R. B. HUBBARD, Governor, *President Board*.

WELLS THOMPSON, Lieutenant - Governor.

CHAS. DE MORSE.

E. B. PICKETT.

F. S. STOCKDALE.

A. J. PEELER.

T. M. SCOTT.

T. M. SCOTT, *Acting Secretary*.

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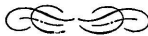
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE,

OF TEXAS,

Bryan, Brazos County.



1876-77.



BRYAN:

APPEAL AND POST BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1876.



TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS.

The Board of Directors would announce that in discharge of the duties imposed upon them by law, they have made such arrangements that the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, located at Bryan, will be duly opened for the reception of students on the first Monday in October, 1876.

By reference to the annexed pages, all persons desiring to avail themselves of the advantages offered by this institution, can learn the age of students required for admission, terms of admission, the preparation, the expense and the course of study to be pursued.

The task of laying down rules for the government of the institution, was no light one, and the Board deem it proper to state that they are fully conscious of the fact that time and experience will suggest many changes and modifications in these regulations. All changes that will be found to add to its efficiency as a teacher of the youth of the State, will be promptly adopted.

Provision has been made for the admission of a considerable number of State Students, who will be received free of tuition, on the terms prescribed herein.

When the fullness and completeness of the course of instruction is considered and a comparison instituted between this and like institutions of learning in this and other States,

it will be found that the actual and necessary expenses attending a collegiate course, are very greatly less in this than in other institutions, and should its future success justify it, the rates will be reduced still further, so that the rising youth of all the industrial classes of our State can have the means placed within their reach of securing that complete and higher education which now by reason of its cost can only be afforded by the more wealthy classes in the community.

This is the first earnest practical step that our state has yet taken to afford, through an institution of its own, to the industrial classes of limited means the opportunity for obtaining a collegiate education. If instead of sending their sons abroad our people of all classes will with a becoming State pride encourage it and give it a cordial support, in a very few years its humanizing and beneficial influence upon the youth of our state will be widely felt.

It is to be hoped that by its opening day in October next, all the nominations for State Students will be made, and that in addition, many parents and guardians will avail themselves of its exceedingly liberal terms. If success shall attend its efforts for the first years of its existence, the Board feel confident that the way will be so far opened that in the future, poverty will no longer bar the way of the poorest youth in the land who is capable of receiving a thorough education, and whose breast is fired with an honorable ambition to obtain it.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

HIS EXCELLENCY, RICHARD COKE, GOVERNOR
OF TEXAS—ex-officio—PRESIDENT.

HON. R. B. HUBBARD, LIEUT.-GOVERNOR—ex-
officio—MEMBER.

HON. T. R. BONNER, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE—
ex-officio—MEMBER.

FIRST DISTRICT.—HON. E. B. PICKETT, Liberty.

SECOND “ HON. CHARLES DeMORSE,
Clarksville,

THIRD “

FOURTH “ HON. B. H. DAVIS, Bryan.

FIFTH “ HON. C. S. WEST, Austin.

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Objects of the College.

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“Its leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislature of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the *liberal* and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.”—Act of Congress, 1862, Sec. 4.

“Whereas, we recognize the importance of said Agricultural and Mechanical College, and of securing to our State the land donated by the above cited act: Therefore,

Section I. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas,* That there be hereby established within this State an institution of learning under the name and style of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, to be located at such place and in such manner as herein provided.”—Act approved April 17th, 1871.

In accordance with the two acts above quoted, and under which this College was organized, it holds as its leading object to afford the most thorough instruction which its means will allow in the branches of learning pertaining to the *industrial* arts, or necessary to “the *liberal* and *practical* education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.” Its objects and purposes will be best understood by a general survey or brief synopsis of its course of instruction:

There shall be

FOUR COURSES.

- I. A course in Agriculture.
- II. A course in Mechanics and Engineering.
- III. A course in Languages and Literature.
- IV. A course in Military Tactics.

Departments Of Instruction,

Requisite to secure proficiency and completion of above courses :

1. Mathematical Science—Pure and Applied, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy.

2. English Language and Literature—A thorough and extended course in Grammar, Rhetoric, Criticism, Essay-writing, and study of the English Classics.

3. Analytical Chemistry—Chemistry applied to the Arts; Laboratory Practice with re-agents, blow-pipe, and spectroscope. A full course to fit Students to become Chemists, Druggists and Pharmacutists.

4. Natural History—Botany, Zoology, Geology and Physical Geography.

5. History and Social Science—General and Special History, Political Economy, Rural and Constitutional Law.

6. Mental and Moral Philosophy and Logic.

7. Modern and Ancient Languages—French, German, Spanish, Latin and Greek.

8. Drawing—Architectural Drawing, Free-Hand, Projection, etc.

Freedom and Choice of Courses.

This Institution being intended for young men who may claim to know something of their own wants, powers and tastes, great freedom in choice of courses is allowed; subject, however, to such necessary conditions as the proficiency of the student himself, progress of the classes, or the convenience in teaching require.

It is necessarily required: *First*, that students shall be thoroughly prepared to enter and keep pace with the classes in the studies chosen; and, *second*, that they shall take these studies in the terms in which they are taught.

It is expected that each student shall have *three* distinct studies, affording three class exercises each day. But on special application to the Faculty he may be allowed less or more, to meet the exigencies of his course.

No changes can be made in studies after the beginning of a term, without permission of the Faculty.

It is recognized that students will often need advice in the selection of studies and in the arrangement of a proper course. To meet this need the Board have carefully arranged four courses of study. The first denominated the "Course for all students," beginning with the elements, is so arranged as to furnish to students a good training for the active business concerns of life, or for the *special* and *higher* courses of study given afterward. In this course instruction is given in the ancient and modern languages, and it is recommended that here is the proper time and point in a student's course, for him to decide as to what his future higher course shall be, and to begin the preparation for it.

Of course each student seeking admission will be examined by the Committee of Examination, and his class location will always be determined by his proficiency in the studies pertaining to the *higher course* which he may desire to select.



COURSE OF STUDY FOR ALL STUDENTS.

FOR THREE YEARS.

CLASS FIFTH.

MATHEMATICS.	*First Term.—Higher Arithmetic reviewed. Second Term.—Elementary Algebra; Geometry objectively considered.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE.	*First Term. — English Grammar; Composition; Reading. Second Term.—Descriptive Geography; History of the United States; Rhetorical Reading.
PHYSICS,	†First Term.—Peck's Ganot's Elementary Physics.
NATURAL HISTORY,	Second Term.—Physical Geography; Elements of Botany.
DRAWING,	*First Term. — Penmanship; Plain Drawing. Second Term.—Penmanship; Plain Drawing.
LATIN LANGUAGE,	*First Term.—Latin Lessons. Second Term.—Cæsar's Gallic War, with Exercises and Grammar.
MODERN LANGUAGES,	*First and Second Term.—French, German and Spanish, (Grammar and Composition.
MILITARY,	*First and Second Term.—Drill.

*Five recitations per week.

†Three recitations per week.

‡Two recitations per week.

CLASS FOURTH.

MATHEMATICS,	*First Term.—Geometrical Concepts the Point, the Line, and Plane Surfaces; Involution, Logarithms, and use of Tables.
	Second Term.—Plane Trigonometry;
ENGLISH LANGUAGE,	†First Term.—Composition; Reading Prose and Poetry; History.
	Second Term.—The same subjects continued; Analysis of Words and Sentences.
CHEMISTRY,	*First Term.—Inorganic; Chemical Symbols; Elements of Geology.
AGRICULTURE,	Second Term.—Elements of Practical Agriculture; Uses of Agricultural Implements.
GEODESY,	Second Term.—Compass and Chain Surveying.
DRAWING,	†First Term.—Drafting Instruments and Operations.
	Second Term.—Topographical Drawing.
MILITARY,	*First and Second Terms.—Drill.
LATIN LANGUAGE,	*First Term.—Latin Selections, with Exercises and Grammar.
	Second Term.—The same continued; Virgil begun.
MODERN LANGUAGE,	(Continued)—Translation and Composition.
GREEK LANGUAGE,	*First Term.—Greek Lessons; Greek Grammar.
	Second Term.—The same continued; two Books of the Anabasis.

THIRD CLASS.

MATHEMATICS	*First Term.—Geometry of Solids, bounded by right lines; Spherical Surfaces; Spherical Projections; Spherical Trigonometry.
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*Five recitations per week.

†Three recitations per week.

‡Two recitations per week.

	Second Term.—Geometry of Invention; Applications of Algebra to Geometrical Solutions.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE,	†First Term.—Study of English as a Language—Origin and History; Exercises in Original Composition and Declamation; Rhetoric.
	Second Term.—General History; Composition and Declamation continued.
CHEMISTRY,	*First Term.—Lectures and Recitations.
	Second Term.—Lectures and Recitations in Organic Chemistry, as applied to Industrial Pursuits.
NATURAL HISTORY,	‡First Term.—Zoology; Habits of Animals; Human and Comparative Anatomy; Physiology and Hygiene.
	Second Term.—Physiology of Plants and Animals as illustrated in their Growth, Nutrition and Respiration.
AGRICULTURE,	First Term.—Lectures and Excursions.
	Second Term.—Lectures and Excursions.
GEODESY,	†First Term.—Farm Surveying; Practice, Plane Table Surveying; Theory and Practice; Use of Field Instruments.
	Second Term.—Theory and Practice; Trigonometrical and Topographical Surveying and Leveling.
TOPOGRAPHICAL DRAWING—	Maps of Farms.

*Five recitations per week.

†Three recitations per week.

‡Two recitations per week.

||Six recitations per week.

LATIN LANGUAGE,	*First Term.—Virgil ; Prosody ; Latin Exercises. Second Term.—Cicero's Select Oration ; Prose ; Composition.
MODERN LANGUAGE,	(Continued)—Translations from Classics and Composition.
GREEK LANGUAGE,	*First Term.—Selections with Grammar and Exercises. Second Term.—The same continued ; Prose Composition.
MILITARY,	*First and Second Terms.—Drill.

NOTE.—Modern Languages may be substituted for Latin and Greek.

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Special and Higher Departments.

I. COURSE IN AGRICULTURE.

The aim of this course is to educate scientific agriculturists. The frequency with which this aim is misunderstood by the community at large demands that it shall be carefully explained. Many, looking upon agriculture as consisting merely in the manual work of plowing, planting, cultivating and harvesting, and in the care of stock, ridicule the idea of teaching these arts in a college. The practical farmer, who has spent his life in farm labors, laughs at the notion of sending his son to learn these from a set of scientific professors. But all this implies a great misunderstanding of the real objects of agricultural science. It is to teach how to plow, as well as the reason for plowing at all ; to teach the composition and nature of soils, the philosophy of plowing, of manures, and the adaptation of different soils to different crops and cultures. It is to teach the proper mode of feeding stock and the composition, action, and value of the several kinds of food. In short, it is the aim of the true Agricultural College to enable the farmer to understand thoroughly and profoundly all that

*Five recitations per week.

men can know about soil and seed, plants and animals, and the influences of light, heat, and moisture on his fields, his crops, and his stock; so that he may both understand the reason of the processes he uses and may intelligently work for the improvement of those processes. Hence the institution unites as far as possible, theory and practice; theory explaining practice, and practice illustrating and enforcing theory.

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CLASS SECOND.

MATHEMATICS,

First Term.—Analytical Geometry; Bilinear and Polar Coordinates; the Conics, their properties; higher plane curves.

Second Term.—Differential and Integral Calculus; General Principles and Notation; Derivatives and Integrals of Simple Functions.

PHYSICS,

First Term.—Heat, Sound, Light, Electricity and Magnetism.

ASTRONOMY,

Second Term.—Descriptive, Spherical; Application to Practical Problems in determining the rising and setting of the sun; length of days; use of Portable Instruments in determining Geographical Positions.

CHEMISTRY,

First Term.—Special Chemistry, (Agricultural); Experiment.

Second Term.—Chemistry and Physiology; Structure and Physiology of Plants, Water, Atmosphere, and soils in their relations to Vegetable Productions; Improvement of the Soil by Chemical and Mechanical Means; Domestic Animals; the Chemical Relations of their Food; Digestion, Respiration, Assimilations and Ex-

	cretions; Milk, Butter, Cheese, Flesh, and Wool as Agricultural Products.
AGRICULTURE,	<p>First and Second Terms.—1. Its Principles; its Development and Present Condition as an Art; its Connection with the several Branches of Science; the Economic Requisites of Vegetable Growth, including Soils and the Theory of Manures</p> <p>2. Its Processes; Tillage, Plowing; the Physical Manipulations of the Land; Implements and Machinery; Drainage, Irrigation, etc.; the Practice of Manures; Farm-buildings, their Construction and Arrangement.</p> <p>3. Its Products; the Cereals, their Cultivation, their Management, and Uses; Root Crops and Legumes; Grasses, and Care of Pasture-lands; Rotation of Crops, and the use of artificial Fertilizers.</p>
DRAWING,	First and Second Terms.—Designs for Farm Machinery; Plans for Farm-houses; Contour Maps.
METEOROLOGY,	First Term.—The Science of Meteorology, and the Method of Keeping a Meteorological Register.
GEODESY,	Second Term.—Farm Surveying, Survey of Common Roads; of Water-courses for Irrigation and Drainage.
BOOK-KEEPING,	First and Second Term.—With special reference to Farm Accounts.
EXCURSIONS,	First and Second Terms.—Agricultural, Botanical, Geological; Engineering.
LANGUAGE,	First and Second Terms.—Latin, French, or German.

MILITARY, First and Second Terms.—Tactics (Upton).

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CLASS FIRST.

MATHEMATICS, First and Second Terms.—Construction of Higher Equations; Comparison of Methods of the Calculus; History and Philosophy of Mathematics.

MECHANICS, First Term.—Mechanics of Solids; of Fluids; Practical Problems.
Second Term.—Friction; Strength of Materials; Practical Hydraulics; Practical Pneumatics.

NATURAL HISTORY, First Term.—Mineralogy; Lithology; Descriptive Geology; Technical Geology; Zoology; History of Domestic Animals; the Care, Breeding, and Raising of Domestic Animals, their Diseases and Treatment; Entomology; Insects useful and injurious to Vegetables.

AGRICULTURE, Second Term.—The Staple Crops of United States; their Varieties, Cultivation, Management, and Preparation for Market; Orchard Culture, Raising of Fruits and Vines.

CHEMISTRY, First and Second Terms.—Experimental; Laboratory Practice, Analysis, Qualitative both with the Blow-pipe and in the Humid way; Quantitative by both the Gravimetric and Volumetric Methods.

DRAWING, First and Second Terms.—Free-hand, Sketching, Landscape.

EXCURSIONS,	First and Second Terms.—Agricultural, Botanical, Geological; Engineering.
LANGUAGE,	First and Second Terms.—Latin, French, or German.
MILITARY,	First and Second Terms.—Tactics.

NOTE.—Number of recitations per week are according to various circumstances.

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II. COURSE IN CIVIL AND MINING ENGINEERING.

The Course of Study in Civil and Mining Engineering, set forth in the following programme or tabular arrangement of studies, is new, comprehensive and definite. It should be stated here that civil engineering is understood to include mechanical engineering, as well as road engineering, hydraulic engineering, bridge engineering, etc. By reference to the tabular statement it will be seen that the wants of the student of mechanical engineering have been anticipated and as well provided for as could possibly be done. The studies of the first *three* years (or Course for all Students) have for their object the establishment of a broad and substantial basis of disciplinary culture, literary, scientific, and artistic. The studies of the fourth and fifth years are essentially practical and technical. The studies of the course are designed to secure to all who have duly complied with the various requirements—in other words, to its *graduates*—a professional preparation at once thorough and practical, for the various specialties of engineering practice.

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CLASS SECOND.

MATHEMATICS,	First and Second Terms.—Same as Course in Agriculture.
PHYSICS,	First Term.—Same as in the Course in Agriculture.

ASTRONOMY,	Second Term.—Same as in the Course in Agriculture.
DRAWING,	First and Second Terms.—Bridge Drawing. Second Term.—Sketches of Tools, of the Component Parts of Machines, and of Bridges and other structures.
GEODESY.	First Term.—Hydrographical, Topographical, and Town Surveying; Theory and Practice. Second Term.—Line Surveying; Common Roads; Railroads; Canals; Tunnels; Staking out for Constructions.
LANGUAGE,	First and Second Terms.—French, Reading and Translation of Scientific Works; Latin; German.
MILITARY,	First and Second Terms.—Tactics (Upton).

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CLASS FIRST.

MATHEMATICS,	First and Second Terms.—Same as in Course in Agriculture.
METALLURGY,	Second Term.—General Metallurgy; Iron Metallurgy; Mining.
MECHANICS,	First Term.—Rational: of Solids; of Fluids; Practical Problems. Second Term.—Physical: of Solids; of Fluids; Friction; Strength of Materials; Practical Hydraulics; Practical Pneumatics.
MACHINES,	First and Second Terms.—General Theory of Machines; Descriptive of Prime Movers; Theory of Prime Movers; Steam-engines; Air-engines; Electro-magnetic engines;

	Hydraulic Motors; Wind Motors; Construction and Location of Machines; Designs for and Reviews of special Machines.
CHEMISTRY,	First Term.—Qualitative Analysis, both with the Blow-pipe and in the Humid way, including the Testing of Ores and Mineral Waters.
MINING,	First and Second Terms.—Lectures on Mining; the Different Methods of Working Mines; Mining Machinery; History and Statistics of Mining generally.
ROAD ENGINEERING,	First and Second Terms.—Common Roads; Railroads; Canals; Tunnels.
TOPOGRAPHICAL DRAWING,	} First and Second Terms.—Plans, Profiles, and Sections of Railroad Surveys.
LANGUAGE,	First and Second Terms.—French (course continued); Latin; German.
MILITARY,	First and Second Terms.—Tactics.

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III. COURSE IN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE.

Proficiency in the Three Years' Course will be required for admission into this department.' The object of this course is to furnish a sound and liberal education for the general duties of life, and especially to prepare young men for those business pursuits which require a large measure of literary and scientific knowledge and training. It is designed to meet the wants of those who wish to fit themselves for the labors of the press, as editors or publishers, or as teaches in the higher institutions, or for the transaction of public business.

Students in the Agricultural and Mechanical Courses often desire to educate themselves as teachers, writers, and

professors in their special departments, and require a knowledge of the ancient as well as modern languages to give them full command of all the instruments and facilities required for the highest proficiency in their studies and proposed work. The College seeks through this course in the different classes to provide for this important part of its mission—the furnishing of teachers and business-men of scientific and liberal culture. Thorough training in the English language and literature is sought to be given by regular and systematic instruction in grammar and composition, and by the study of the English Classics. No certificate of proficiency in any department will be granted unless the special excellence is accompanied by a creditable knowledge of the English language.

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CLASS SECOND,

MATHEMATICS,	First and Second Terms.—Same as in the Courses of Engineering and Agriculture.
PHYSICS,	First Term.—Same as in the Courses of Engineering and of Agriculture.
ASTRONOMY,	Second Term.—Same as in the Courses of Engineering and of Agriculture.
ANCIENT LANGUAGES,	First Term.—Latin: translation; Prosody; Prose Composition. Second Term.—Latin. First Term.—Greek: translation; Prosody; Prose Composition. Second Term.—Greek: translation; Prose Composition.
MODERN LANGUAGES,	First and Second Terms.—French German and Spanish.
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.	First Term.—Political Economy; Constitution of United States. Second Term.—Logic; History.

- ENGLISH LITERATURE, First Term.—English Literature;
American Literature.
Second Term.—Oratory; Original
Speeches; Declamation.
- MILITARY, First and Second Terms.—Tactics,
(Upton).

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CLASS FIRST.

- MATHEMATICS, First and Second Terms.—Same as in
the Courses of Engineering and of
Agriculture.
- MECHANICS, First and Second Terms.—Same as in
the Courses of Engineering and of
Agriculture.
- ANCIENT LANGUAGES, First Term.—Latin: Cicero and Quin-
tilian; Exercises.
Second Term.—Latin: the same con-
tinued; Terence; Tacitus.
First Term.—Greek: Alcestis of Eu-
ripides; Exercises and Grammar.
Second Term.—Greek: Œdipus of
Sophocles; Syntax of the Moods
and Tenses.
- MODERN LANGUAGES, First and Second Terms.—French,
German and Spanish.
- PHILOSOPHY, First Term.—Mental Philosophy;
Evidences of Christianity.
Second Term.—Philology; Moral
Philosophy.
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE, First Term.—Criticism and Oratory.
Second Term.—Original Speeches.
- MILITARY, First and Second Terms.—Tactics.

NOTE.—In the “Course for all Students,” it is left option-
all with the student which of the languages he will take,
being required to take only two.

IV. MILITARY TACTICS.

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By the act of Congress for the endowment of Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, in prescribing the required studies, the words "*including military tactics,*" are used. The act is designed to be faithfully carried out, by imparting to each student, not physically incapacitated to bear arms, practical instruction in the school of the soldier, of the company, and the battalion. The duties of guards, outpost and picket service are practically taught. The College is provided, by the State, with a complete set of breach-loading cadet rifles, swords and accoutrements.

The following uniform has been prescribed for dress, viz Frock of Cadet gray, one row of College buttons; gray pants and forage cap, trimmings black. A very neat and serviceable dress suit can be obtained here for \$22, and a fatigue suit for \$18—sufficient, with proper care, for one year's service. This is less expensive than the usual clothing. All students are required to wear this uniform at all times during the term. In attendance upon drills and guard, students lose no time from academic duties.

The drills are short, and the military duty involves no hardship. The military drill is a health-giving exercise, and its good effects in the development of the *physique* and improvement of the carriage of the cadet, is manifest.

The entire body of students is divided into companies. The officers are selected for proficiency in drill and deportment. Each company is officered by one Captain, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, with a proper number of Sergeants and Corporals. The officers and non-commissioned officers are distinguished by appropriate insignia of rank. These appointments are conferred by the Faculty, upon the recommendation of the commandant of Cadets as honorary distinctions, and are continuous for the Collegiate year unless forfeited by misconduct.

Cadet-officers are regarded as *assistants in the enforcement of discipline*; their orders are to be considered as duly au-

thorized and to be obeyed accordingly. They are expected to set examples of military deportment and general good conduct to other Cadets. Cadet-officers, squad-marchers and sentries are required, under pain of being themselves reported delinquent, to report all *facts* of delinquency falling under their notice in the performance of their duties. It is made the especial duty of every non-commissioned officer to report lateness, disorder in ranks, and all infractions of rules falling under his notice while on duty with his company, guard, or other detachment.

No Cadet, or other person, shall be questioned in any way on account of reports rendered by him, nor shall he hold any conversation relating to it with the Cadet reported.

Appointments and promotions in Corps are honorable distinctions for military proficiency and good conduct.

Promotions will take place in the order of original appointment only when efficiency, fidelity, progress in studies, conduct or other qualifications warrant them.

Every officer, commissioned and non-commissioned, upon appointment or promotion, is required to pledge himself to a faithful discharge of his official duties.

Every Cadet to whom arms and accoutrements are issued, will be held strictly accountable, not only for their preservation, but for their perfect good order at all times.

The prescribed dress will be strictly adhered to, nor will the slightest deviation be allowed. The wearing of fancy cravats, fancy caps, etc., will not be tolerated upon any pretense whatever. Hair will be worn short and whiskers and moustaches not allowed.

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Terms of Admission.

Applicants for admission must be at least fifteen years of age, and be thoroughly prepared to enter on the subjects of study laid down for the fifth class. For advanced standing a completion of studies to that point in the course will be required.

Satisfactory testimonials of good moral character are in all cases required.

Applicants on arrival at the College must report themselves immediately to the President of the College.

The proper time—that is, the BEST time—for entering the classes is at the beginning of the scholastic year. Students are admitted, however, at the beginning of each term, or at any other time in the year, but if not fully prepared in the previous work of the class they are then obliged to make up their deficiencies by *extra efforts* during the term.

State Students.

While it is the fixed policy of the State to extend alike to all persons, without regard to color, the educational advantages offered by its bounty, yet the Constitution having made provision for the establishment of a branch College or University for the colored population, and it being the fixed and unalterable principle engrafted in our Constitution and laws to prevent an admixture of the white and colored races in our common and higher schools of learning, and there being now measures pending before the legislature looking to an early establishment of a separate State institution of learning for the exclusive benefit of the colored people, it has been deemed proper to prescribe, as a permanent rule of this college, that no applicant for admission as a student shall be received unless of the white race.

To render scientific education accessible to meritorious young men of limited means, provision has been made by the Board of Directors for the admission of State students who shall be free of tuition; but who, in all other respects, shall bear the same expenses as other students. These students shall be selected as follows: Three from each Senatorial District, after a competitive examination, to be conducted at such place and in such manner as may be determined by the Senator of the district, and the names of the successful competitors shall be forwarded to the President of the College. There shall also be one from each Congressional District, to be selected by the Representative in Congress

from that district in such manner as he shall see fit, and two from the State at large, to be appointed by the United States Senators in such manner as they shall see fit.

Whenever any State student shall fail to report either in person or by letter within thirty days after the opening of any term, his place shall be declared vacant, and will be at once filled in such manner as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

The term of appointment is for one session, and is prolonged from session to session upon the recommendation of the Faculty until the completion of the "Course for all Students."

Plan of Instruction.

The plan of instruction is by recitations from text-books and by lectures. In the less advanced classes the instruction is conducted chiefly by text-books. In the more advanced, after the student has acquired the habit of attention, lectures form a prominent feature.

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Records and Examinations.

SESSION RECORDS.

Daily records of the various exercises of the classes are kept by the officers of instruction in a form adapted to permanent preservation. These are returnable weekly through the office of the commandant to the President, and give full information with regard to each student's position, both as respects observed characteristics of general conduct, and the knowledge displayed by him of the current subjects of study. From this record a circular or *monthly* statement is sent to the parent or guardian.

SEMI-ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

Public examinations of all the classes of the College are held immediately preceding the close of each semi-annual term. These examinations, which are partly oral and in part written, are continued through a period of about *ten days*, and are made to cover the entire field of study for the term. An average of these with the daily, or sessional, standing determines the standing or grade of the student.

RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS.

Full records of the examinations are made; full credit is also given to each student for his good conduct; and from these data collectively each student's qualifications for being considered *passed* or *deficient* are determined. No change in class membership in passing from the *first* to the *second* term necessarily happens from the results of the first examination. At the close of the *second term* each student is required to be "passed" not only in the various studies of this term, but in all those studies of the previous term for which a record of deficiency had been entered against him, *in order to satisfy the essential requisite for transference from a lower to a higher class*, in passing from the studies of one year to those of the succeeding year. *No student is permitted to be absent from these examinations.*

Examinations for Degrees or Certificates of Proficiency are held at such time as may be selected by the Faculty, usually during the last *four weeks* of the last term, and embrace in their scope the entire subjects of study in the course.

DEGREES.

1. *Proficiency*—Certificate, upon completion of "Course for all Students."
2. *Scientific Agriculture* (S. A.)—Upon completion of the Course in Agriculture.

3. *Civil Engineer* (C. E.)—Upon completion of the Course in Civil and Mining Engineering.
4. *Bachelor of Arts* (A. B.)—Upon the completion of the Course in Languages and Literature.

No student will be allowed to receive any Certificate of Proficiency or to receive any Degree until he shall have prepared and submitted to the Faculty a *Thesis* on some subject of immediate relation to the studies of his course. It may be necessary to read and defend this thesis before the class, or to read or to deliver it upon the Commencement-day.

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GOVERNMENT.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

As it is required that Military Tactics shall be taught in this Institution both by the law of Congress and by act of the State Legislature, the government and discipline will be modeled after that of the best military schools. But military science is not made a leading object of the course, since it is not the aim of this College to make proficient in arms, but simply to teach to all students the tactics, and even this more as a means of discipline and gymnastic exercise than as preparatory to the profession of the soldier. The government of the College therefore is administered by the President, Commandant, and Faculty in accordance with a Code of Laws and Regulations enacted by the Board of Directors and published; each student upon matriculating being furnished with a copy. These rules, in addition to the regulations immediately governing the internal management of the College, the provisions for the performance of labor by the students, the time for performing the same, and the kind of labor, will be published hereafter.

The President devotes himself to the duties of his office, occupying a room in the buildings to which the students have free access at stated times. He attends all examinations,

presides at all meetings of the Faculty, and by the reports of the several Professors, through the Commandant, is made acquainted with the standing and deportment of each student. All cases of irregularity receive his personal attention.

Students receive the admonition and counsel of the President before being subjected to any penalty, except in case of flagrant offenses. Those who are habitually neglectful of their duties, or who do not regularly attend their classes, will be required to withdraw from the College.

No student is allowed to leave the College during the session without the permission of the President, on application through the Commandant.

The strictest attention to study and the most exact punctuality in attendance on recitations, and all other duties, will be made the *condition* of every student's continuance at the College; and any student who without authority absents himself from recitation or any other duty, deserts his class, or refuses to attend when warned, shall be dismissed, or less severely punished, at the discretion of the Faculty.

Students are prohibited, under penalty of dismissal, from having in their possession ammunition, weapons or arms not issued for the performance of Military duty; nor shall these be retained loaded in quarters under any pretext.

Students are prohibited entering into combinations under whatever pretext. One who shall begin, excite, cause or join in any boisterous or riotous conduct, or become a party to any agreement to avoid or violate any regulation, to hold no intercourse with a comrade, or to do any act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, shall be dismissed.

No student shall have in his possession, or play at, cards, or games of chance, engage in a raffle, or in any manner wager money or other things, on penalty of dismissal.

Permission to attend private parties, or places of public amusement will not be granted during the term.

No Cadet can be granted a leave of absence more than five times during a term of twenty weeks.

A student who shall drink, or bring, or cause to be brought within the Cadet's limits, or have in his room, or otherwise in his possession, any fermented or intoxicating liquor, or fruits or viands preserved in intoxicating liquor, shall be dismissed.

A student who shall cut, mark, or otherwise injure or deface the buildings, furniture or appurtenances; the trees, shrubbery, green-sward, grounds, fences; stables, or out-houses; or who shall lose, injure, destroy, or improperly dispose of the arms, accoutrements, or other property of the College, shall make good all damage, and be dismissed or otherwise punished, according to the nature of the offence.

A student who is discharged, dismissed or suspended, must leave the College grounds immediately. Should he continue to wear the uniform, the fact that he is no longer a member of the College may be published.

Any student who shall overstay a leave of absence, must produce satisfactory evidence of his having been detained by sickness, by his parent or guardian, or by some unavoidable cause, otherwise he will be dismissed, or otherwise punished.

To each recorded delinquency a number of from one to ten proportional to the degree of the offence in a moral and military view, is assigned to express demerit.

If any student receives 150 demerits for the whole or any part of a half-year, or 250 for a greater period, he shall be declared deficient and dismissed.

RELIGIOUS AND MORAL CULTURE.

Religious services are held every morning in the Chapel. The students are required to attend these exercises, and are expected to attend the church of their choice at least once on Sunday. Opportunities are also afforded for attending Bible-classes every Sunday.

LOCATION.

This College, four miles from Bryan, is immediately on the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. The great thoroughfare connecting Galveston, Houston, Dallas, Sherman and Denison. Passenger trains, besides freight and accommodation trains, pass daily, making close connection with the International and Great Northern, Missouri, Kansas and Texas,

Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio, and Texas and Pacific Railroads, thus rendering the College very accessible from every portion of the State.

BUILDING.

The College-building is equal to the best in the country. It is new and in good repair. The recitation rooms are large and well constructed. The two halls set apart for the literary societies are very spacious, each capable of accommodating without difficulty four hundred members.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Immediate steps will be taken to organize literary societies for the improvement of the students in discussion and oratory.

APPARATUS, CABINET AND MUSEUM.

Ample means having been appropriated by the Legislature for the fitting up and furnishing these, every care will be taken to make the Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus equal to any in the country. Citizens of the State are earnestly requested to forward to the Professor of Natural Sciences any specimens which may be useful in the geological study of Texas.



EXPENSES.

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ESTIMATE FOR EACH TERM.

STATE STUDENTS.

FIRST TERM.

Matriculation Fee.....	\$	5.00
Board (\$14.00 per month).....		63.00
Clothing (two suits).....		40.00
Washing.....		6.00
Fuel and Lights.....		3.50
Incidental Fee (embracing medical attendance).....		5.00
		\$122.50

SECOND TERM.

Board (\$14.00 per month).....	\$	63.00
Washing.....		6.00
Fuel and Lights.....		3.50
Incidental Fee (embracing medical attendance).....		5.00
		\$ 77.50
		\$122.50
Total for One Session.....		\$200.00

All students, not State students, will, in addition, be required to deposit at the beginning of each term a tuition fee of \$25, thus making the yearly expenses of a student, not a State student, \$250 for the entire session.

All students will be required to deposit with the Treasurer at the beginning of each term the sum required to pay their expenses for the term.

It is estimated that the books for each student will cost from \$10.00 to \$15.00. These books can be brought from home by the student, or will be furnished at the college, the student making a sufficient deposit therefor.

This College is especially designed for the education and improvement of the industrial classes, and hence it has been decided by the Directors that in time provision shall be made for the admission of students free of charge, upon condition that they work out their expenses.*

QUARTERS FOR THE STUDENTS.

Students will be furnished rooms in the building free of rent, together with bedsteads, mattresses, tables, chairs, washstands, basins, and water-buckets.

Each student is required to bring with him, and keep himself constantly supplied with, a sufficient supply of bed clothing for his comfort, towels, etc., and underclothing sufficient for one year's wear.

Students will be required to take their meals at the Steward's Hall, and at each meal a Professor will be present.

SCHEDULE.

First Term begins Monday, October 2nd, 1876.

Inauguration Day, Wednesday, October 4th, 1876.

Second Term begins February 14th, 1877.

Commencement Day fourth Wednesday in June, 1877.

* Note—Should any student's expenses be less than it is here estimated they will be, the difference will be refunded. Each student will be furnished with an account-book which will show all of his expenses.

Upon the inauguration of the College an address will be delivered by His Excellency, the Governor of Texas, and by the President of the College.

At the end of each session the Corps of Cadets will be inspected and reviewed by the Governor, the Adjutant-General and the Board of Directors.

All persons desiring information with regard to the College, will address their communications to Mr. William Falconer, Secretary of the Board, at Bryan, Texas.



