

*(from the 1863 Texas Almanac)*

**[LAWS OF THE NINTH LEGISLATURE.]  
JOINT RESOLUTONS.**

CHAP. 1. Authorizing the Governor to appoint agents to receive and forward clothing, blankets, and other necessaries, contributed by our citizens for the soldiers of Texas, and prescribing their duties.

CHAP. 2. Appropriating \$1000 for the mileage and per diem pay for the Presidential Electors, for the year 1861.

CHAP. 3. Requesting our representatives in the Provisional Congress to have all the Custom-houses, along the sea-board and on the Rio Grande frontier, suspended during the blockade, or until our ports are opened to the trade of nations that may have intercourse with this Confederacy.

CHAP. 4. Approving the preparation made by the President of the Confederate States to retaliate on the Lincoln government, should they execute any of the crew of the privateer Savannah.

CHAP. 5. Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, and authorizing the County Court, in each county, to sell all public lands which have been, or may be, granted for public schools, by consent of a majority of legal voters in such county; provided, that the proceeds of such sales are retained, and invested, as a permanent School Fund for the Counties owning the same.

CHAP. 6. Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of an Act to pay Deputy Marshals the balances due them by the United States, for taking the census in the year 1860.

CHAP. 7. Requiring the Adjutant General to make a register of all the State troops that have been, or may hereafter be, called into the service of the State or of the Confederate States, during the war, and have printed, in pamphlet form, 500 copies of the same ; also, appropriating \$300 for the payment thereof.

CHAP. 8. Authorizing the Governor to appoint an agent to take possession of the Salt Lake, known as El Sol del Rey, in Hidalgo county and to pay over the revenues arising from the same to the State.

CHAP. 9. Requiring the Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Treasurer, or a majority of them, to contract for the public printing, as nearly as may be, in accordance with existing laws.

CHAP. 10. Providing for the sale of Oldham & White's Digest by the Secretary of State.

CHAP. 11. After a preamble, setting forth a list of grievances and wrongs, which led to the dissolution of the Union, concludes with the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, 1st. That the people of Texas do hereby assure her sister Confederate States, and the world, that she stands ready, with heart and hand, to resist our invaders until

their last soldier is driven from our borders, and until we shall conquer an honorable and glorious peace

2d. That we reiterate the declaration, that the States which composed the United States did not merge their sovereignty into that Government, but that they entered into a voluntary compact, and that they had the right of their own volition to withdraw, and that the attempt, by fire and sword, to compel them to remain in the Union, would, if successful, blot out the sovereignty and existence of the seceded States, and place in vassalage 10,000,000 of free people.

3d. That the Southern States have, in the extreme patience with which they have submitted to oppressive legislation, given indubitable evidence of their love for the Union framed by our fathers.

4th. That the pretensions of patriotism on the part of the North, in waging a war for the Union, is an enormous falsehood, and that their sole object, in its preservation, is, that they may continue to plunder the South, and retain the power to render us the victims of their avarice.

5th. That the proximate cause of the dissolution of the Union, was, that the North had the power, and had avowed the determination, to deprive the South of social and political equality.

6th. That we hold them up before the world, with all their pretensions to superior civilization, as waging a war so barbarous as to be unknown to the warfare of civilized nations, and such as is disgraceful to the era in which they live.

7th. That we utterly disclaim all affinity – all brotherhood, with them, – and that we rejoice that we have escaped the contaminating influence of their base fanaticism.

8th. That no overtures of peace should be considered which do not, as an indispensable pre-requisite propose the recognition of the Independence of these Confederate States, and that any offer, on the part of the enemy, to treat of peace, which does not propose the recognition of our Independence, in advance, and to make that recognition the basis of negotiations, is an insult to our people and Government, and should be spurned as such.

9th. That we have unlimited confidence in the wisdom of our President, the skill of our Generals, the courage of our soldiers, and in the final and glorious triumph of our cause.

10th. That the Governor of this State be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Representatives in Congress, and to the Governor of each of the Confederate States, with a request that they be laid before their respective Legislatures.

Approved January 13, 1862.