and the authorities of South Carolina have erected a large number of batteries, for miles below Fort Moultrie, on Morris's islands, and the other bars and islands there, that close every channel but one, and that harbor; and they claim no authority by law to remove the custom-house from Charleston outside of the harbor; none to remove the custom-house from Savannah down to the river where it is thrown into the Gulf; none to remove it from New Orleans down to the Belize; and, therefore, you cannot command the Gulf at any of those places, unless you first send a military force to take possession of them. Not having the power, so law of the study-book assures us, they must make the President do it, and give him the power to do so.

So much for the purposes of the President. We must take it for granted that he is a man of ordinary intelligence, that he is familiar with the laws of the land, that he knows what his powers are, and what he cannot do without further legislation. The Senate is the policy-making body, and the policy that brought him into power, to collect this revenue by military force. I infer that it is not true; I speak of the state of facts, not of the conclusion, you may argue as you please, but so long as there is no law to carry it out, there is no power to do it, and, as he has taken no step to get it, he does not have it.

Mr. CLINGMAN. Will the Senator allow me? Is it contemplated to meet regularly from day to day? Is there nothing more said merely of an adjournment over until Monday? Does the Senator think it necessary that we should meet from day to day? The resolution was adopted. The motion was agreed to; and the Senate adjourned.

IN SENATE,
Friday, March 8, 1861.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Griswold.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

The VICE PRESIDENT. The following resolution comes up as the unfinished business of yesterday.

Resolved, That there be printed, for the use of the Senate, the usual number of copies of the inaugural address of the President of this United States.

The resolution was adopted.

GALLERY FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Mr. GRIMES. I ask leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the order of the Senate, setting aside a part of the gallery for the use of the diplomatic corps be, and is hereby adopted.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. Does the Senator ask for the present consideration of the resolution?

Mr. GRIMES. I am not particular about it. It may lie over until to-morrow, so that everybody may know what it is.

EXPULSION OF A SENATOR

Mr. FOSTER. I ask leave to offer the following resolution:

Whereas L. T. W. Wsophall, now a Senator of the United States from the State of Texas, has declared in debate that he is not in sympathy with the Constitution of the Government, but that he belongs to and adheres to the Constitution of the Confederacy, Referred, That the said L. T. Wsophall be, and he hereby is, expelled from this body.

As the Senator in whose seat, let it lie over.

DOMINICK CONROY.

Mr. RICE. I offer the following order:

Ordered, That the resolution of last session, making an appropriation of Fifty Dollars for the expenses of Congress, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and the resolution no longer considered an express resolves no obligation. The question, therefore, will be on the 8th of the Senate, and the list of committees as presented to the Senate. The list was adopted.

ORDER IN THE CAGGLERS

Mr. ANTHONY. I offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to report what is to be done in the Pulitzer Schools; that arrangements and regulations are necessary to the preservation of order in the schools of the Senate.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. Does the Senator ask the consideration of the resolution at this time?

Mr. ANTHONY. If there is no objection.

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

CHARLES W. WELSH.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the clerk of the Court that a number of papers had been transmitted to him, and that the Attorney General, Charles W. Welsh, praying to be allowed to make a communication to the Senate, that he is now ready to present the case of the State of Minnesota; The Chair hears no objection. The resolution will be read again for the information of the Senate.

The resolution was adopted.

Ordered, That the resolution of last session, making an appropriation of Fifty Dollars for the expenses of Congress, be referred to the Committee on Finance.