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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

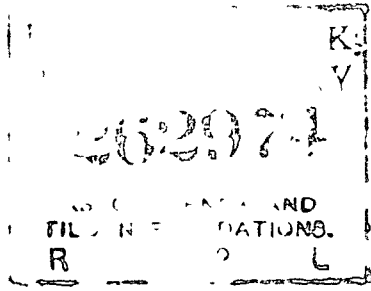
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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 6, 1855.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be authorized to procure six hundred copies of the Journal of this House to be printed. Each member of this House shall be entitled to receive two copies of the same; one copy shall be distributed to each member of the next House of Representatives on the first day of the session thereof; and the remaining copies shall be deposited in the Library for the use of the State; *provided* that the expense shall not exceed six hundred dollars. [*Extract from the record.*]

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1855.

THIS being the day assigned by the Constitution of this State for the meeting of the Legislature, the members elect of the House of Representatives, in attendance at the Representatives' Hall, were called to order by Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, and Mr. HILL of Bangor was appointed Chairman of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport,

Messrs. Gunnison of Eastport, Ham of Lewiston, Pattee of Fort Fairfield, Bradbury of Standish, Porter of Strong, Buck of Bucksport, Berry of Gardiner, Rawson of Waldoborough, Stevens of Paris, Ingersoll of Bangor, Blake of Orneville, Lincoln of Bath, Leavitt of Skowhegan, McGilvery of Searsport, and Stone of Kennebunkport, were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the credentials of the members elect, and report whether a quorum was present. Mr. Gunnison, from this Committee, subsequently reported that a quorum of members elect was in attendance.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag was charged with a message to the Governor, informing him that a quorum of the members elect of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Representatives' Hall, and requesting his attendance in order to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. SMITH subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would attend the convention forthwith.

Whereupon the Governor, attended by the Council and heads of departments, came in, and the members elect took

and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. The Governor and suite then retired.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor,

Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor, Came of Portland, Lincoln of Hallowell, Gilchrist of St. George, Scammon of Saco, Purrington of Richmond and Hobart of Edmunds, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of votes was	140
Necessary to a choice,	71
Henry K. Baker had	103
Alanson B. Farwell had	35
H. H. Baker had	1 and
George W. Wilcox had	1

The report was accepted, and HENRY K. BAKER was declared to be duly elected Clerk.

The Clerk elect appeared, and before JOB PRINCE, Esquire, authorized by *dedimus potestatem*, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Clerk presided during the further organization of the House.

On motion of Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport,

Messrs. Gunnison of Eastport, Thomas of Portland, Leavitt of Skowhegan, Fenno of Augusta, Leighton of Elliot, Durell of Oxford, and Woodbury of Houlton, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of votes was	147
Necessary to a choice,	74
Sidney Perham had	106
Asa Smith had	40 and
Ebenezer Greenleaf had	1

The report was accepted, and SIDNEY PERHAM was declared to be duly elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. PERHAM was conducted to the chair by Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, and addressed the House as follows:—

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:—

Permit me to tender you my sincere thanks for this expression of your confidence. I trust I am not unmindful of the responsible duties of the post you have voluntarily assigned me; and relying on your indulgence and coöperation, I will endeavor to discharge the duties of presiding officer of this branch of the Legislature with impartiality to its members, and fidelity to the State.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

The same Committee was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Clerk.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of votes was	142
Necessary to a choice,	72
Benjamin Freeman had	106 and
Noah B. Hubbard had	36

The report was accepted, and BENJAMIN FREEMAN was declared to be duly elected Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor,

Ordered, That BENJAMIN B. THOMAS, the present incumbent, be and is hereby appointed Messenger of this House for the ensuing political year; and that STEPHEN R. PORTER be his Assistant for the same period.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of the last House of Representatives be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered, and that the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Messenger the copies reserved last year for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House invite the several clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains during the present session of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CONE of Hallowell.

Mr. HILL of Bangor presented the petition of the County Commissioners of the County of Franklin for the abolition of the January term of the S. J. Court in that County.

The same gentleman, by leave, introduced a bill to abolish the January term of the S. J. Court in Franklin County; and on his motion the petition and bill were referred to a Select Committee consisting of the joint delegation from the County of Franklin. Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing the organization of that branch by the choice of FRANKLIN MUZZY as President, and LOUIS O. COWAN as Secretary.

Mr. HILL of Bangor was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body of the organization of the House by the election of SIDNEY PERHAM as Speaker, and HENRY K. BAKER as Clerk.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell presented the petition of S. C. Whittier and another, that certain lands may be set off from Farmingdale and annexed to the city of Hallowell; and the same was laid on the table.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds presented the credentials of Ellery Turner, Representative elect from the district of Cutler and Lubec, and the same gentleman was directed to accompany Mr. Turner to the Governor and Council in order that he may take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office. Mr. Hobart subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Turner had taken and subscribed the oaths of office. On motion of Mr. HOBART, the name of Mr. TURNER was ordered to be added to the list of members of the House.

The Secretary of State came in and laid on the table the following message from the Governor.

To the House of Representatives:—

ON the last day of the last annual session of the Legislature, a Bill entitled "An Act providing for the taxation of certain Bank Stock," having finally passed both branches, was presented to me for approval. The immediate adjournment of the Legislature prevented the return of the Bill, with a statement of my objections thereto.

The Bill proposes to impose a tax, to be appropriated to the support of public schools, upon each and every share of the capital stock in the several Banks in the State "which shall not have been returned by the Cashiers of said Banks during the April next preceding the declaring of any dividend, to the assessors of towns in which the stockholders in said Bank resided." It does not, in terms, make any distinction between owners of bank stock residing in the State and those residing out. It professes to meet the case of all stockholders whose names are not returned by the Cashiers as required by law.

The law referred to makes it the duty of Cashiers of Banks to return, annually, under oath, to the assessors of every town in which any of the stockholders may reside, the names of such stockholders and the amount of stock by them owned, and makes such returns the basis of taxation on such property. The presumption is, that Cashiers fulfil all the duties required of them by law, and, if so, the names of all stockholders *residing in this State* are returned to the assessors of the town where they reside. The proposed Act then can have no operation except upon stockholders residing *out* of the State, and thereby makes a distinction between citizens of our own and of other States. Such a distinction is in violation of the eighth article of Section 1 of the "Act of Separation," embodied in Article 10, Section 5 of the Constitution. The proviso in the Bill does not change the principle involved.

Although the foregoing is, to my mind, very obviously the true construction of the Bill, yet were it doubtful merely, that of itself would constitute good reason why the Bill should not become a law. The Constitution ought not to be so interpreted as to allow legislation upon a doubtful point, except, perhaps, in case of extreme emergency.

The real object of the proposed Act I understand to be, to impose a tax upon all bank stock actually owned by our own citizens, but standing in the names of persons residing elsewhere, for the purpose of avoiding taxation. The object is laudable and has my hearty approval;—it can be attained, I doubt not, by legislation wholly unobjectionable. But believing that the provisions of the Bill under

consideration, should it become a law, would operate oppressively upon bona fide holders of bank stock resident out of the State, and that they are in conflict with the Constitution of the State, I have felt it to be my duty to withhold my official approval.

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith return the Bill to the branch of the Legislature in which it originated.

WM. G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 4th, 1855.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the foregoing message was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, informing the House, that vacancies exist in the Senate as follows;—

In the first Senatorial District, there are three vacancies; and John N. Goodwin, John F. Scammon, Alexander Dennett, Thomas M. Hayes, Alexander Junkins and John Kezer, are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Third Senatorial District, there are two vacancies; and Cornelius Turner, Alonzo Garcelon, Edwin Noyes and John A. Levensaler are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Eighth Senatorial District, there is one vacancy; and Nathaniel Blake and John McClusky are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Eleventh Senatorial District, there are two vacancies; and William R. Flint, James B. Dascomb, John P. Hodsdon and Van Rensselaer Tuttle are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Thirteenth Senatorial District, there are two vacancies; and Mark H. Dunnell, Timothy Walker, Abernethy Grover and Caleb P. Holland are the constitutional candidates to fill the same. And the Senate proposed a convention of the two branches at eleven o'clock this day in the Representatives' Hall for the purpose of filling said vacancies.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the House concurred in the proposed convention; and Mr. HILL was charged with a message to the Senate announcing the concurrence of the House.

At eleven o'clock, agreeably to assignment, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, of the Senate, Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Boody of Cumberland, and Thorndike of Lincoln, of the Senate, and Messrs. Osgood of New Gloucester, Ingersoll of Bangor, Thomas of Portland, Fenno of Augusta and Bray of Turner, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for three Senators to fill the vacancies in the First Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots was	164
Necessary to a choice,	83 votes.
John F. Scammon had	120
John N. Goodwin had	119
Alexander Dennett had	120
Thomas M. Hayes had	43
Alexander Junkins had	43
John Kezer had	43 and
John McClusky had	1

The report was accepted, and JOHN F. SCAMMON, JOHN N. GOODWIN and ALEXANDER DENNETT were declared to be duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the First Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. RUGGLES of Penobscot, the same Committee was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for two Senators to fill the vacancies in the Third Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots was	168
Necessary to a choice,	85 votes.
Cornelius Turner had	126
Alonzo Garcelon had	124
Edwin Noyes had	42 and
John A. Levensaler had	42

The report was accepted, and CORNELIUS TURNER and

ALONZO GARCELON were declared to be duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Third Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. CREHORE of Waldo, of the Senate, the same Committee was instructed to receive, sort and count the votes for a Senator to fill the vacancy in the Eighth Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots was	167
Necessary to a choice,	84 votes.
Nathaniel Blake had	125
John McClusky had	40

And Abernethy Grover and Caleb P. Holland who are not constitutional candidates, had two each.

The report was accepted, and NATHANIEL BLAKE was declared to be duly elected Senator to fill the vacancy in the Eighth Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, of the House, the same Committee was directed to receive, sort and count the votes for two Senators to fill the vacancies in the Eleventh Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots was	168
Necessary to a choice	85 votes.
William R. Flint had	124
James B. Dascomb had	125
John P. Hodsdon had	43 and
Van Renssellaer Tuttle had	42

The report was accepted, and WILLIAM R. FLINT and JAMES B. DASCOMB were declared to be duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Eleventh Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, of the House, the same Committee was instructed to receive, sort and count the votes for two Senators to fill the vacancies in the Thirteenth Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots was	167
Necessary to a choice,	84 votes.
Mark H. Dunnell had	125
Timothy Walker had	124
Abernethy Grover had	41 and
Caleb P. Holland had	42

The report was accepted, and MARK H. DUNNELL and TIMOTHY WALKER were declared to be duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Thirteenth Senatorial District.

The Convention then separated.

The SPEAKER appointed Monitors to the several Divisions, as follows:—

1st Division,	Mr. Pattee of Fort Fairfield.
2d “	Mr. Gunnison of Eastport.
3d “	Mr. Ricker of Acton.
4th “	Mr. Cushman of Winthrop.
5th “	Mr. Nason of Kenduskeag.
6th “	Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag.
7th “	Mr. Patterson of Dresden.
8th “	Mr. Titcomb of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Messenger the Journals of preceding sessions for the use of the House.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, informing the House that he had this day laid before the Senate the returns of votes for Governor.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Clerk cause to be prepared a list of the members alphabetically arranged; also a list of the members of the House arranged according to the numbers of their seats, and a list of the members with their political classification and post office address; and that he cause four hundred and fifty copies of each to be printed for the use of the House.

Order from the Senate, referring the votes for Governor for the current political year to a Joint Select Committee, consisting, on the part of the Senate, of Messrs. Downes,

Ruggles, Hichborn, Boody, Elliot, Shepard and Torsey, was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell, Woodman of Minot, Haskell of Hodgdon, Came of Portland, Porter of Strong, Buck of Bucksport, Rawson of Waldoborough, Durell of Oxford, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Blake of Orneville, Lincoln of Bath, Heald of Anson, Cushing of Frankfort, Gunnison of Eastport and Andrews of Biddeford, were joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CHENEY of Augusta.

Mr. BURPEE of Rockland, presented the credentials of Benjamin Raynes, Representative elect from Deer Isle, and the same gentleman was directed to accompany the member elect to the Governor and Council in order that he may take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office.

Mr. BURPEE subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the member elect had taken and subscribed the oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE, the name of Mr. Raynes was ordered to be added to the list of members.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the objections of the Governor to the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the taxation of certain Bank Stock," be entered at large upon the Journals of the House, and that Tuesday next at twelve o'clock, noon, be assigned as the time to take the question upon the same.

The Report of the Joint Select Committee on the votes for Governor, was received from the Senate, accepted by that body, as follows:—

The whole number of legal votes given for Governor was	90633
Necessary for a choice,	45317
Anson P. Morrill has	44565
Albion K. Parris has	28462
Isaac Reed has	14001
Shepard Cary has	3478
Scattering,	127

No choice by the people has been effected; and Anson P. Morrill, Albion K. Parris, Isaac Reed, and Shepard Cary are the constitutional candidates.

The returns of Hancock Plantation in Aroostook County, were rejected by the Committee, because it does not appear by the returns that any votes were given. The return only states that "for Governor, whole number of votes, 161" in figures, and not in writing, and also the number of votes for each candidate are in figures, and not in writing. It does not appear by the return that the votes were counted or sealed up in open town meeting, as provided by law. No record of the meeting, upon the records of the plantation.

The return from Limestone Plantation was also rejected, because it appeared that there was no choice of officers of the plantation, and no meeting for such purpose the present or last year; and the return signed by Barney McGlotherin and Owen Davis who signed the return the day following the election, as assessors. The return was signed by James Carpenter as clerk of the plantation, who became an inhabitant of said plantation the first of August last.

The returns from Moro and Orient Gore were rejected. There is no evidence of the existence of said plantations in the Secretary of State's office, as prescribed by law.

The return of the town of Alton in Penobscot County was rejected, the return not showing the town from which the votes were received, except the post-mark upon the return.

The foregoing report was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the rules were suspended, and twenty minutes before one o'clock this day was

assigned as the time for the House to proceed to a ballot to select from the four constitutional candidates for Governor the names of two persons to be returned to the Senate, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of Rockland,

Ordered, That the names of the two candidates for Governor to be returned to the Senate, be given in upon one ballot.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee take their stand in front of the Clerk's desk, that the Clerk call the names of the members, and that they vote as they are called.

The hour assigned having arrived, Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Pattee of Fort Fairfield, Libby of Westbrook, Titcomb of Augusta, Burpee of Rockland, Hobart of Edmunds and Lake of Atkinson, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for two candidates for Governor to be returned to the Senate pursuant to the Constitution.

Having performed the duty assigned them, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots was	148
Necessary to a choice,	75 votes.
Anson P. Morrill had	106
Isaac Reed had	116
Albion K. Parris had	52 and
Shepard Cary had	1

The report was accepted, and Anson P. Morrill and Isaac Reed were declared to be selected by the House as the two candidates to be returned to the Senate, from whom that body is to choose a Governor of the State for the current political year.

Mr. HILL of Bangor was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body of the selection of candidates made by the House.

A message was received from the Senate by its Secretary, announcing that that body, from the two candidates returned

to them by the House, had duly and constitutionally elected ANSON P. MORRILL to be Governor of the State for the current political year.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Willis, Torsey and Cushing, with such as the House may join, a Committee to wait upon the Hon. ANSON P. MORRILL, and inform him that he has been elected Governor of the State for the current political year, was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Poor of Andover, Hanscom of Waterville, Bradbury of Standish, York of Temple, Stillings of Berwick and Chase of Calais, were joined to the Committee on the part of the House. Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, proposing that a Convention of the two branches be held in the Representatives' Hall at twenty minutes past ten o'clock this day, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, and also seven Councillors to advise the Governor in the Executive Department for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the House concurred in the proposition, and a message was sent to the Senate to that effect, which message was delivered by the Clerk.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, of the House, Messrs. Boody and Nathaniel Blake, of the Senate, and Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell, Stone of Kennebunkport, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Titcomb of Augusta and Josselyn of Weld, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots was	170
Necessary to a choice,	86 votes.
Allen Jackson had	134
Thomas F. Boynton had	33
William Allen had	2
Blank	1

The report was accepted, and ALDEN JACKSON was declared to be elected Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, the same Committee was directed to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Councillors.

Having discharged that duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots was	171
Necessary to a choice,	86 votes.
Noah Smith, jr., of Calais had	131
Abner Coburn of Bloomfield had	125
Charles Danforth of Gardiner had	131
Franklin Clark of Wiscasset had	129
Ammi Cutter of Lovell had	131
Jason Weeks of Bangor had	131
Marshall Cram of Bridgton had	131
Moses Sweat had	38
Levi Morrill had	38
Atwood Levensaler had	38
Stephen Young had	38
Robert Mow, jr., had	38
William Jameson had	38
Asa A. Knowles had	37 and
O. B. Walker had	2

The report was accepted, and Noah Smith, jr., Abner Coburn, Charles Danforth, Franklin Clark, Ammi Cutter, Jason Weeks and Marshall Cram, were declared to be elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the Executive Department of the government for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to inform ALDEN JACKSON of his election as Secretary of State.

A communication was received from ALDEN JACKSON, Secretary of State elect, signifying his acceptance of the office.

The Convention then separated.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Joint Select Committee appointed to inform the Hon. ANSON P. MORRILL of his election as Governor of the State, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say, that he accepted the office to which he had been elected, and was ready at the pleasure of the Legislature to take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, proposing a convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock, this day, for the purpose of administering to the Governor elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The House concurred in the proposition, and Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort was charged with a message to the Senate announcing the concurrence of the House.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in, and a convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor elect, informing him that the two branches of the Legislature have assembled in convention, for the purpose of administering to him the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. FENNO was charged with the message, and subsequently announced that he had performed the duty assigned him and that the Governor elect was pleased to say, that he would attend forthwith for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths of office.

Whereupon the Governor elect, attended by the Council and heads of Departments, and preceded by the Sheriff of Kennebec County, came in, and in presence of the two Houses of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary of State then made the usual proclamation.

The Governor and suite then retired, and the convention separated.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, informing him that the House of Representatives is now in session, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. HILL of Bangor was charged with the message, and subsequently announced that he had performed the duty assigned him, and that the Governor would communicate with the House forthwith by written message.

The Secretary of State came in and laid on the Speaker's table the following message from the Governor.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:—

In entering upon the important duties assigned us by the people of this Commonwealth, may we humbly ask wisdom of Him, who is the source of all light and knowledge, that we may be enabled to discharge those duties in a way best to promote the happiness and prosperity of our constituents; and that when we shall have closed the labors of the session, we may, in returning to our homes, carry with us an abiding assurance that we have been faithful to the performance of all delegated trusts, and labored assiduously for the public good.

Representing, as we do, a people habitually and necessarily industrious and economical, they have a right to expect a close application to the business that may come before us, and that no unnecessary delay will prolong the present session.

There is a deep conviction in the public mind, that we have too much legislation, and that much money and time are thrown away enacting laws of doubtful utility, which are amended or repealed by the next succeeding Legislature; thereby encumbering our statute books with a mass of unnecessary, if not useless legislation, and

making it very difficult for any but an experienced lawyer to understand what the law is, in cases where it should be so plain and simple that the humblest citizen need not err in relation to its provisions. All will acknowledge the correctness of this sentiment: it is with legislators to correct this evil. Another cause of protracted sessions and expense, is undoubtedly found in the too ardent attachment which members have cherished for political parties; often showing a greater willingness to extend to an unreasonable length, the proper time for organization and legislation, than to yield the slightest advantage to a political opponent. Such in an extraordinary degree is the history of the Legislature of last year, and in a most decided manner have the people pronounced judgment against such a waste of time and abuse of trust.

The present is a time auspicious for improvement and reform. The people, disregarding old political organizations, have seen fit to elect, of the members of the present Legislature, a greater number who think alike on the great questions which most deeply interest our State and nation, than has usually constituted a legislative majority, and it is reasonable to anticipate such harmonious action, and devotedness to the legitimate business for which we are assembled, as will insure a prudent and economical session, and an early recess.

In giving you information of the condition of the State, as enjoined by the Constitution, I regret to be unable to present some of her great interests in so prosperous a light as it would be desirable to do.

The early spring of the past season opened with unusual promise to the husbandman, but a premature and almost unprecedented drouth blasted the prospect of an abundant harvest, and caused the products of the farm generally to be light. The same cause has operated injuriously upon the lumbering interests of the State, preventing an immense amount of lumber from going to market, where a ready sale and high prices awaited it. The shipping interest, in which our people are so largely engaged, has received a severe check by the sudden fall and depression of tonnage and freights. These casualties have operated severely upon persons engaged in those important pursuits, and necessarily involved a scarcity of money which has been felt by all branches of industry throughout the State; still I am happy to believe that the resources of the business community are such that these difficulties, which have been unexpectedly encountered, will cause only a temporary embarrassment, and will wholly disappear with the opening of the approaching season. Notwithstanding these serious misfortunes to which I have alluded, our State is enjoying a goodly measure of prosperity.

The facilities afforded by our Railways are being felt, giving life and energy to business, opening new avenues of trade, bringing interior portions of the State into proximity with the coast, giving value to property and location which had been valueless for want of a proper channel through which to reach a market. Maine has about 400 miles of Railway in successful operation, with a constantly increasing business, which must at an early day make them good paying roads. Every interest of the State is favorably affected by these great improvements, and we cannot easily over-estimate the benefit and substantial wealth they are destined to afford the community.

For want of opportunity to examine the reports from the Treasury and other departments, I must refer you to those reports, which will be laid before you, for the information you will desire.

As the resources of our State are being developed, calling forth and employing mechanical skill in the various departments of trade, it is highly important that a deeper interest should be felt for the advancement of agriculture. Maine, with a soil sufficiently rich and fertile, under proper husbandry, to produce the necessary or staple articles of consumption for her population, in any abundance, should not pay such large sums of money to other States for corn, flour or other products, as she is paying from year to year. There should be no necessity for this outlay. We should produce our own supply of these important articles of food, besides many others for which we go abroad. The lumbermen, whose extensive operations are rapidly hurrying our vast forest timber into market, draw their supplies very largely from other States. The men who fill our ship-yards to an extent that makes Maine the first State in the Union in point of ship-building, are not supplied with the products of our own soil — their tables are not furnished by our farmers. So with all branches of manufactures, and extensive railway improvements carried on in this State; the operators and laborers, to a very great extent, are fed on foreign products.

The very large amount of money thus sent out of the State, should be distributed among our farming community — until this is done the agricultural interests of the State will flourish but poorly. Unless that interest become prosperous, although our State be rich in resources, and manufactures and commerce increase, the masses of the people will be poor and dependent. The cities and towns may grow in wealth, but the rural districts will lack those elements of affluence and independence, which should ever distinguish the yeomanry of a Republic. All branches of industry and classes of citizens are directly interested in the prosperity of agricultural pursuits,

and whatever can properly be done, permanently to benefit that interest, I shall be happy to unite with you in doing.

For the purpose of awakening a deeper interest in farming — of connecting science with practical economy — introducing the most improved breeds of cattle and other domestic animals — procuring the choicest kinds of grains, and valuable and rare seeds — testing their qualities and adaptation to our soil and climate, and bringing them to the notice and within the reach of every farmer in the State; for these and other valuable purposes, it is believed that an Experimental Farm, under the care and patronage of the State, would be of essential service. The outlay would be but trifling compared with the amount of good that might reasonably be anticipated by the movement, and the people would cheerfully sustain such an establishment, if economically and properly conducted.

The subject of agricultural chemistry is attracting much attention, and there appears to be a very strong desire with our most intelligent agriculturists, to have the elements of agriculture taught in our common schools, and as a science, constitute a permanent feature in the educational system of the State. This subject has been urged upon the Legislature by the Board of Agriculture for the last two years, but has not received that attention which I think its importance demands. Believing it unnecessary for me to elaborate a subject, the utility of which must be so apparent to all who give it reflection, I earnestly invite you to give it that consideration which that great interest of our State demands.

The main pillars of our free institutions rest upon the intelligence of the people. The only true ground of hope that this Republic will survive the lapse of ages, and be perpetuated from generation to generation, following not in the downward course of those Republics which have disappeared from the governments of the earth, is, that knowledge, in this country, is more universally diffused among the people, and that they know their political rights, and knowing, will insist on having those rights as intelligent freemen. Of what avail will it be, ere another century shall have elapsed, that we boast of a Constitution surpassing in its provisions and principles, any other law written by man, if the people are not imbued with the spirit of liberty, and enjoy such means of education as shall qualify them to assert their political rights at the polls and in the halls of legislation?

No subject can be urged upon your attention, more important to the vital interests of your constituents and country, than that of education. Educate the people, and they become really, what without education they are but nominally, sovereign. I am aware that there

is a sentiment pervading the community to some extent, that the State has already been very liberal in donations to the different institutions of learning, and that it is time to narrow or suspend farther appropriations. True, the State has been measurably liberal in aiding our colleges and seminaries, and it is equally true that for no purposes could the money thus expended, have been appropriated with results more honorable and beneficial to the State.

Our common schools have also, from time to time, received the munificence of the State, and an enlightened policy dictates that they be assiduously fostered, as the indispensable nurseries of education. Their improvement cannot be too earnestly urged upon your attention.

The purchase of lands of Massachusetts made by this State, has added more than a million of acres to our domain, for which a large debt has been created, for the payment of which, in due time, provision must be made. However that purchase may be considered, as a commercial transaction, involving the question of immediate loss or gain, it was certainly very desirable to divest Massachusetts of the title to those lands, even if it be found advisable to sell them again, as fair prices can be had, and the wants of the Treasury may demand.

By extinguishing her title, we dissolved connection with a co-tenant who had interests not felt to be in common with ours, and therefore would bear none of the burdens of building roads and bridges in the territory owned in common; and by the Act of Separation, Maine could tax no lands owned by Massachusetts, for any purposes whatever. It was an object then of considerable importance to have the fee pass from that State, that those lands might ultimately be held liable to taxation, for the usual purposes for which other lands are assessed in this State.

I have no doubt it is for the interest of the State to continue to sell her timber lands, as fair prices can be obtained for them, especially those lying on the upper waters of the St. John, Allegash, and Penobscot rivers. These lands are not so situated as to make it desirable that they be kept for settling purposes. They are exposed to trespass, and must be protected at considerable expense annually, and the Treasury will need the proceeds to pay the indebtedness created by the purchase of Massachusetts. I would not however recommend the sale of any lands belonging to the State, for the present, or until money shall have become very much easier with the community generally.

The lands of the State in the valley of the Aroostook, and on the

St. John, included mostly in the six eastern ranges of townships, are generally good settling lands—many of them superior,—but still much good timber may be found on nearly all of these townships; and if the State desires to keep the greater portion of this territory in order to promote the settlement of the country, it would be well, and I think it important, for the interest of the State, to authorize permits to be granted to cut timber annually, in a prudent manner, on those tracts, until they are occupied by actual settlers. If permits be not granted, the timber will be cut by trespass; and under a judicious system of permitting, much may be realized to the Treasury, and the lands not be so far stripped but that an abundance of suitable timber will remain for all purposes of building by settlers.

The law for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops has been fully discussed by the people of this State, and become a question of prominence and deep interest in our elections. The result proves conclusively that the people are by a very large majority in favor of sustaining that law—a happy verdict for the cause of humanity throughout the land. Had Maine declared against the law, her decision would have been felt most disastrously by other communities, where strong efforts are being made to obtain similar legislation. That any law which human wisdom can devise, will at once rid the public of an evil so vast and deep-rooted as intemperance, should not be expected; but that the traffic which produces it, can be circumscribed and controlled by penal enactments, as surely and as legitimately as other crimes, there can be no reasonable doubt. And it is equally clear that the people are determined to pursue the effort faithfully, and give the law a fair trial. They see and feel the terrible ravages the traffic in intoxicating drinks has made on society and its best interests. They feel deeply the loss of many valued citizens, who are constantly being hurried to the inebriate's grave. They fully realize that the sale and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, are in direct conflict with the health, morals, industry, peace and happiness of society, and that this fact is so apparent, that those individuals who insist on selling in violation of the law should be made to feel its consequences.

It is too late to plead that making men inebriates, or giving them the facilities to become such, is no crime; none but the more depraved or reckless will support a doctrine so pernicious and absurd; and it is believed that few are now engaged in the traffic, in this State, except those persons who are alike indifferent to public sentiment, the demands of humanity, and their own best interests. Persuasive

efforts having been exhausted on this class of men, the law should be enforced in protection of society and in mercy to the offender. This important statute has not had a fair trial. Executive officers have been culpably negligent in seeing it enforced. Too often has the officer, whose duty it was to honor and execute it as the law of the Commonwealth, been found more willing to exculpate the offender than to bring him to justice. Such official dereliction of duty emboldened violators of the law to repeated offences, which they would not have committed, with the full assurance that the law was to be faithfully administered. This error must be corrected, the law must be faithfully enforced. The people demand that grogshops be closed, whether found in spacious saloons and popular hotels, where the temptation is presented in the most alluring form, or in the filthy cellar or den, where poor, degraded humanity is made loathsome to the last degree.

No man sells ardent spirits in violation of this law through the promptings of patriotism or humanity; he has no higher motive than a reckless or sordid love of gain; he should be held strictly accountable for the mischief his traffic produces. Let this be done, and none will continue in the business, except such as are madly bent on suicide.

I would suggest the importance of so amending the law as to impose imprisonment for the first offence. The penalty for the first conviction is trifling, and the schemes devised to avoid detection are so numerous that many sellers, undoubtedly, realize large amounts from the business before a conviction is had.

Let the prison be opened for their reception and reformation, as it is for offenders of less magnitude, even the unhappy victims of their traffic, and be assured its prospective, chastening influences will be felt more restrainingly, than merely taking by fine, from the pockets of the delinquents, a trifling part of the money the business had given them.

The willingness of rumsellers in other States to supply those in the same business, and the facilities afforded by steamboats and other common carriers to bring liquors into this State for unlawful purposes, call for such improvement in the law as shall meet this prolific source of evil, and cut off a great artery which is pouring the poisonous liquid into this State. Other amendments may be desirable to give efficiency to the law and meet the modes of evasion which the ingenuity and cupidity of determined violators have invented.

I would direct your attention to the subject of extending the elective

franchise to certain offices that are now filled by executive appointment or legislative election. If a reform of this kind be desirable, it will be necessary to submit the question to the people for an amendment of the Constitution.

From various portions of the State much dissatisfaction is expressed with our present Judiciary system. Under its operation it is contended that justice is not, and cannot be promptly and economically administered. If these serious charges be well founded, a change is undoubtedly demanded. The subject is one of very great importance, and the present system having been so recently established, wisdom dictates that no new system be substituted without mature deliberation.

A people possessing a democratic form of government cannot too highly regard the sacredness and importance of the right of suffrage. There can be no doubt that in the later history of the country this right has been often slightly estimated and debased to mercenary and immoral purposes. The abuse of this inestimable privilege of freemen by many of our population but recently emigrated from the Old World, has given occasion for a strong movement, calling for the amendment or radical change of our naturalization laws. While the genius of our institutions and the policy of our fathers, lead us to give the hand of welcome to persons from other countries, who come to secure freedom and homes in our midst, we are bound to be vigilant against all evils that may assail our political system through the influence of such emigration. It will hardly be questioned that men but recently arrived on our shores, and wholly unacquainted with the principles and operation of our government, degraded more or less by the vices of monarchical institutions, are unprepared to wield the potent agency of the ballot. The founders of our government wisely instituted laws by which a residence of five years at least, in the country is a requisite of citizenship, and to certain important offices no citizen of foreign birth can be eligible. That the letter and spirit of the law conferring citizenship has been often and grossly violated, is a matter of the fullest publicity. Whether new legislative provisions are necessary to preserve the sacredness of the elective franchise, and guard the purity of our institutions, may be worthy of your investigation.

As one of the sovereign States constituting this great confederacy, we have a deep interest in every important act of the federal government. We can but look to its policy, foreign and domestic, with the deepest solicitude. Millions are being added to our population,

almost annually, and State after State, in rapid succession, is coming into the Union. Annexation having extended our borders until States are springing into existence on the shores of the Pacific, the islands of that ocean are asking that annexation may bring them under the protection of our government, and to the enjoyment of our institutions.

Progress is stamped on every feature of our country; and where the extended boundaries of the Republic shall finally be fixed, Infinite Wisdom can alone determine. With this increase of population, enlargement of territory and addition of States, must come a corresponding responsibility on those who administer the government; thereby increasing the responsibility of the millions whose free suffrages must determine on whom shall rest the honors and weight of official power. And while we are called upon, as men true to our country and the Union, to sustain the honest efforts of those intrusted with that power, to promote the best interests of the entire confederacy, we are under the strongest obligations to oppose any and all action of public men, which has the remotest tendency to undermine the free institutions of this Republic, by giving such construction to the Constitution as shall permit the institution of Slavery, with its withering and increasing evils, to spread over our territories, and to extend such controlling influence over this government, as shall finally install it over Freedom throughout the Union. However desirous a large portion of the people of the North have been to forbear to discuss or agitate the question of Slavery, lest such agitation might impair the permanency of the Union, to which they have ever shown a most devoted attachment, it is evident that the time has arrived, when that question must be met and discussed, in our national and state councils, and in primary meetings of the people, with the same freedom with which other grave questions are wont to be considered.

This question is one of too much importance to the whole country, to the North as well as the South, to suppress discussion only when it is moved by friends of Slavery, in order to extend its jurisdiction, or obtain for the institution some new advantage over Freedom.

That the North has been too willingly hushed into silence on this great question by the menaces of the South, cannot be denied, and the unanimity with which the two great political parties acquiesced in the extraordinary Compromises of 1850, shows any thing but a disposition on the part of the free States to continue agitation of which the South so loudly complained.

Notwithstanding that most exceptionable and as is believed unconstitutional law for the rendition of fugitive slaves, *forced* LLMC DIGITAL

North, compelling freemen to aid, at their peril, in seizing and returning to captivity persons who are guilty of no crime known to the Constitution of the United States—and struggling only for the right of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,” the free States were still disposed to resist a renewal of that agitation, which as was contended threatened a dismemberment of the Union—while this feeling pervaded the North, the bill for organizing the territories of Nebraska and Kansas was brought before Congress, connected with a scheme to extend Slavery over that vast region of country north of 36° 30', which had been solemnly dedicated to Freedom by the compact of 1820. This aggressive movement, carried through Congress by the South, aided by a few Northern politicians, who have been foremost in denouncing agitation and the loudest advocates of Compromises, has again *forced* upon the country the consideration of the question of negro-slavery.

To attempt now to smother the sentiment of the North, or to put down free speaking and independent action, would not only be an unavailing effort, but any attempt to turn the public mind away from the fullest contemplation of the subject, and the most searching investigation into it, in its largest national aspect, its relation to the whole country, socially, morally, and politically, would be an affront to the intelligence of the people.

The universal sentiment of the nation in its early history was hostile to the existence of slavery; regarding it as incompatible with justice and dangerous to the spirit of freedom. The policy of the country was to inhibit slavery directly and absolutely in the territories; the express and declared object being to prevent the extension of that institution. This common abhorrence of slavery distinctly shows itself in the early legislation of the country, and the distinguished men of the nation of all parties, looked forward to the time when the system itself should become extinct. This national sentiment, pervading the slave, as it did the free States, has come to be reversed by the South, and in its place has sprung up an attachment and devotion to slavery, which is made paramount to the provisions of the federal constitution; and a dismemberment of the Union even, is treated as a matter to be invoked, rather than its perpetuity should present a barrier to the spread of that *local* institution, for which its friends *claim* the right, under the Constitution, beyond the power of Congress, to plant it in any and all the territories of the government. This new and startling doctrine is sought to be established as the judgment of the people of this country. It cannot be doubted that

Congress in its recent action on the bill referred to, for the organization of Nebraska and Kansas, favored such extraordinary assumption. And what renders this aggressive movement the more alarming, is the evident complicity of the Chief Magistrate of the country, in open disregard and direct violation of a voluntary assurance — given the people who had elevated him to that high position, that no movement of that character should “shock the repose of the country, if in his power to avert it, during his official term.”

From this alarming action of Congress, and subserviency of men high in official power, we turn with unusual satisfaction to the action of the people of the several States where popular elections have recently taken place, and witness the strong condemnation by the honest and intelligent masses, of that bold attempt to change the original policy of the government, and give nationality to an institution wholly local in its character, and existing only by force of municipal law.

I would recommend no action, nor would I participate in any movement, that should have the semblance of encroachment on the constitutional rights of the South. But we are unworthy of being free-men, if we do not resist the unconstitutional advances of slavery; and as we love the Union, as we wish to perpetuate the blessings of civil liberty, as we desire the prosperity of the whole country, we are urged to meet this crisis with a manly firmness, that shall say, in the most friendly yet decided manner, we ask nothing but what is right, and shall submit to nothing wrong.

The Constitution of the United States is of itself an absolute law of impartial liberty, to the full extent of federal jurisdiction. It authorizes no crime, it permits no oppression, but outside of State limits, solemnly guaranties the security of freedom to all human beings under its exclusive authority. Had this principle always been maintained, our country would have escaped the threatening evils which its surrender has brought upon us. The compromise policy having been repudiated by the slave States, every consideration of honor, humanity and patriotism, demands an immediate return to the Constitution.

Let men who think and feel alike on this paramount political question, be no longer alienated by obsolete issues and antagonistic organizations, but unite under the same banner, and insist that the policy of the government shall be in future, what it was in the beginning, when administered by Washington and those illustrious men who were with him in the field and in the Cabinet.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, the foregoing message was laid on the table and 2500 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House. Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Bill to abolish the January term of the S. J. Court in Franklin County, reported by the joint delegation of that County, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and was read twice, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and the rules having been suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees of the House:—

On Elections.

Messrs. Hill of Bangor,
Gunnison of Eastport,
Burgess of Oldtown,
Rawson of Waldoborough,
Andrews of Biddeford,
Ham of Lewiston,
Staples of Swanville.

On Finance.

Messrs. Thomas of Portland,
Burpee of Rockland,
Hobart of Edmunds,
McGilvery of Searsport,
Lincoln of Hallowell,
Bray of Turner,
Stillings of Berwick.

Mr. HILL of Bangor presented the remonstrance of John Murphy, jr., against the right of Alden Kennedy of Jefferson, to a seat in the House, and the same was referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the credentials of members of the House be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table bill additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, which was read twice and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

A communication was received from the Treasurer of State, transmitting his annual statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 30, 1854, and the same was, on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, by leave, laid on the table Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company, approved April 1, 1854, which was read twice and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Willis, Hitchborn and Watson, with such as the House may join, to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of State and settle the same, was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Thomas of Portland, Burpee of Rockland, Hobart of Edmunds, McGilvery of Searsport, Lincoln of Hallowell, Bray of Turner and Stillings of Berwick, were joined on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees of the House:—

Committee on County Estimates.

Messrs. McKenney of Wiscasset,
Berry of Gardiner,
Libby of Westbrook,
Andrews of Camden,
Weeks of Wilton,
Ricker of Acton,
Trafton of Cornish.

Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Messrs. Came of Portland,
Clark of Washington,
Lincoln of Bath,
Wallace of Millbridge,
Chamberlain of Bristol,
Sanderson of Sweden,
Dike of Sebago.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

Messrs. York of Temple,
 Ingalls of Denmark,
 Lake of Atkinson,
 Chase of Waterborough,
 Mallett of Topsham,
 Gilman of Enfield,
 Main of Albion.

Committee on the Pay Roll.

Messrs. Barrows of Harrison,
 Gilchrist of St. George,
 Hill of Greene,
 Butler of Sanford,
 Purrington of Richmond,
 Curry of Hancock,
 Pratt of Palmyra.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Stone of Kennebunkport,
 Osgood of New Gloucester,
 Cushing of Frankfort,
 Pike of Topsfield,
 McLaughlin of Scarborough,
 Cole of Harrington,
 Peavey of Whiting.

Committee on Change of Names.

Messrs. Stanton of Poland,
 Goodale of Wells,
 Bridges of Medybemps.

Petition of Charles Brann ;
 " of Benjamin M. Cotton ;
 " of John Bradeen ;
 " of George Storer, 3d ;
 " of Mary Clark ;
 " of John Colly Stretch ;
 " of Mary Bumps ;

Severally asking for change of name, and also a paper from James Clark, assenting to the petition of Mary Clark, were presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to abolish the January term of the S. J. Court for the County of Franklin; and the same was passed to be enacted, and was sent to the Senate.

Bill to amend an act to incorporate the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company, passed April 1, 1854, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Communications were received from Abner Coburn, Ammi Cutter, Marshall Cram, Charles Danforth, and Noah Smith, Jr. signifying their acceptance of the office of Councillor, and their readiness to take and subscribe the oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing a convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall at fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock, for the purpose of qualifying the Councillors elect who have signified their acceptance of the office. The Clerk delivered the message.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, announcing the concurrence of that body in the proposition.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in and a convention was formed.

 IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. WILLIS of the Senate,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Councillors elect who have signified their acceptance, informing them that the two branches are now assembled in Convention for the purpose of administering to them the constitutional oaths of office.

Mr. WILLIS was charged with the message, and subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Councillors elect were pleased to say that they would attend forthwith for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths required.

Whereupon Noah Smith, Jr., Abner Coburn, Charles Danforth, Ammi Cutter and Marshall Cram, came in, and in presence of the two Houses and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter on their official duties.

The Councillors then retired, and the convention was dissolved.

The message of Gov. Crosby, returning with his objections an act entitled "An Act for the taxation of certain bank stock," came up by assignment, the question being "Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" which question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative, yea 1, nays 142.

The member who voted in the affirmative was Mr. Bruce.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. H. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Baker, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blake, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bragg, Bray, Bridges, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Butler, Came, Carr, Chamberlain, Charles, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Eames, Elliot, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Garland, Gerrish, Getchell, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Gunnison, Haines, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hight, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hinckley, Hobart, Hobbs,

Holt, E. Hutchins, Ingalls, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Kennedy, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McGilvery, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Miller, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, O'Brien, Osgood, Park, Pattee, Patterson, Payson, Peavey, Perham, Phillips, Pike, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Pratt, Purington, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Ricker, Rogers, Sanderson, Scammon, Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, S. Smith, Snell, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stillings, Stone, Sweat, Thomas, Titcomb, Trafton, Turner, Twitchell, Walker, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodbury, Woodman, York.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ABBOTT of Augusta.

Petition of Rachel C. Stoddard;

“ of Andrew Carr and Sarah A. Nason ;

“ of Amariah M. Robbins; severally asking for change of name, were presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of Charles Abbott against the right of John J. Bragg, of Letter B, to a seat in the House ;

Remonstrance of Isaac J. Stevens against the right of Asa Smith of Mattawamkeag to a seat in the House, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Elections.

The Joint Standing Committees provided for by the Rules and Orders were received from the Senate, and having been joined on the part of the House, are as follows :—

Committee on the Judiciary.

Messrs. Willis,
 Goodwin, and
 Dunnell, of the Senate ;
 Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor,
 Titcomb of Augusta,
 Came of Portland,
 Stone of Kennebunkport,
 Leavitt of Skowhegan,
 Snell of Fairfield, and
 Andrews of Biddeford, of the House.

Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Messrs. Thorndike,
 Newell Blake, and
 Goodwin, of the Senate ;
 Messrs. Hobart of Edmunds,
 Leavitt of Portland,
 Bradbury of Standish,
 Nickerson of Belfast,
 Rawson of Waldoborough,
 Woodbury of Houlton, and
 Coombs of Brooksville, of the House.

Committee on Education.

Messrs. Torsey,
 Boody, and
 Hichborn, of the Senate ;
 Messrs. Fenno of Augusta,
 Nickerson of Belfast,
 Haskell of Hodgdon,
 Osgood of New Gloucester,
 Scammon of Saco,
 Sweat of Parsonsfield, and
 Josselyn of Phillips, of the House.

Committee on Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Eaton,
 Downes, and
 Quinby, of the Senate ;
 Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell,
 Burpee of Rockland,
 Titcomb of Augusta,
 Thomas of Portland,
 Bradbury of Standish,
 Porter of Strong, and
 Chapin of Brewer, of the House.

Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Messrs. Flint,
 Shepard, and
 Sprague, of the Senate ;
 Messrs. Norris of Monmouth,
 Elliot of Freedom,
 Cutler of Ripley,
 Hight of Athens,
 Stanton of Wellington,
 Whitcomb of Mercer,
 Payson of Cushing, and
 Bruce of Patricktown, of the House.

Committee on Division of Towns.

Messrs. Dennett,
 Thorndike, and
 Nathaniel Blake, of the Senate ;
 Messrs. Hall of Alfred,
 Charles of Fryeburg,
 Austin of Newcastle,
 Bacon of Freeport,
 Nason of Kenduskeag,
 Richards of Eden, and
 Heald of Anson, of the House.

Committee on Division of Counties.

Messrs. Hichborn,
 Sprague, and
 Elliot, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Walker of Hampden,
 Woodman of Minot,
 Cushing of Frankfort,
 Hanscom of Waterville,
 Raynes of Deer Isle,
 Nichols of Moscow, and
 Blanchard of Cumberland, of the House.

Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. Nathaniel Blake,
 Walker, and
 Ruggles, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Hill of Bangor,
 Gunnison of Eastport,
 Smith of Mattawamkeag,
 Stevens of Paris,
 Pattee of Fort Fairfield,
 Porter of Strong, and
 Phillips of Shirley, of the House.

Committee on Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Newell Blake,
 Dascomb, and
 Adams, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Gunnison of Eastport,
 Blake of Orneville,
 Winslow of Nobleborough,
 Skolfield of Harpswell,
 Banton of Lagrange,
 Haines of Clinton, and
 Miller of Lincolnville, of the House.

Committee on Agriculture.

Messrs. Pease,
 Barker, and
 Watson, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Porter of Strong,
 Kennedy of Jefferson, .
 Hutchins of Penobscot,
 Brown of Chesterville,
 Baker of Gorham,
 Rogers of Stetson, and
 Comins of Eddington, of the House.

Committee on Fisheries.

Messrs. Crehore,
 Barker, and
 Watson, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Skolfield of Harpswell,
 Turner of Cutler,
 Coombs of Brooksville,
 Greenleaf of Westport,
 Chase of York,
 Hinckley of Georgetown, and
 Eames of Islesborough, of the House.

Committee on Manufactures.

Messrs. Scammon,
 Turner, and
 Cushing, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Carr of Dexter,
 Leavitt of Portland,
 Bachelder of Whitneyville,
 Clark of Pittston,
 Barker of Ellsworth,
 Furbish of Brunswick, and
 Austin of Newcastle, of the House.

Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Messrs. Ruggles,
 Willis, and
 Garcelon, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Smith of Mattawamkeag,
 Hill of Bangor,
 Lincoln of Hallowell,
 Thomas of Portland,
 Small of Gray,
 Chase of Calais, and
 Park of Dixfield, of the House.

Committee on Interior Waters.

Messrs. Dascomb,
 Crehore, and
 Adams, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Berry of Gardiner,
 Libby of Westbrook,
 Jones of China,
 Poor of Andover,
 McGilvery of Searsport,
 Chase of Calais, and
 Mayo of Orono, of the House.

Committee on Accounts.

Messrs. Watson,
 Dennett, and
 Currier, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Buck of Bucksport,
 Wallace of Millbridge,
 Files of Thorndike,
 Leighton of Elliott,
 Stevens of Springfield,
 Gilman of Hollis, and
 Pike of Topsfield, of the House.

Committee on Claims.

- Messrs. Cushing,
Currier, and
Shepard, of the Senate;
- Messrs. Woodbury of Houlton,
Durell of Oxford,
Hobbs of Hope,
Walker of Hampden,
Patterson of Dresden,
Merrill of Buxton, and
Peavey of Whiting, of the House.
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Committee on the Militia.

- Messrs. Adams,
Walker, and
Turner, of the Senate;
- Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor,
Mayo of Orono,
Woodman of Minot,
Hall of Alfred,
Wasson of Franklin,
Gerrish of Durham, and
Cushman of Winthrop, of the House.
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Committee on Military Pensions.

- Messrs. Elliot,
Pease, and
Flint, of the Senate;
- Messrs. Poor of Andover,
Gilman of Enfield,
Stillings of Berwick,
Pillsbury of Cape Elizabeth,
Patterson of Dresden,
Smith of Belgrade, and
Brown of Bridgton, of the House.

Committee on the Insane Hospital.

- Messrs. Downes,
Pease, and
Garcelon, of the Senate ;
- Messrs. Oaks of Auburn,
Sweat of Parsonsfield,
Pattee of Fort Fairfield,
Blanchard of Cumberland,
Johnson of Hermon,
Jones of China, and
Cushman of Winthrop, of the House.
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Committee on the Reform School.

- Messrs. Garcelon,
Newell Blake, and
Dascomb, of the Senate ;
- Messrs. Hill of Bangor,
Came of Portland,
Libby of Westbrook,
Lincoln of Bath,
Scammon of Saco,
Heald of Troy, and
Turner of Cutler, of the House.
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Committee on the State Prison.

- Messrs. Quinby,
Eaton, and
Ruggles, of the Senate ;
- Messrs. Burpee of Rockland,
Hobart of Edmunds,
Buck of Bucksport,
Ham of Lewiston,
Merrill of Vassalborough,
Means of Surry, and
O'Brien of Thomaston, of the House.

Committee on Public Buildings.

Messrs. Barker,
 Crehore, and
 Sprague, of the Senate ;

Messrs. McKenney of Wiscasset,
 Brown of Bridgton,
 Cushman of Winthrop,
 Furbish of Brunswick,
 Remick of Kittery,
 Holt of Garland, and
 Files of Thorndike, of the House.

Committee on the Library.

Messrs. Dunnell,
 Boody, and
 Torsey, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Stone of Kennebunkport,
 Fenno of Augusta,
 Osgood of New Gloucester,
 Stevens of Paris,
 Cole of Harrington,
 Garland of East Livermore, and
 Doble of Etna, of the House.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS of Portland.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying a State tax of two hundred thousand dollars for the present year.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the payment of so much of the State debt as falls due on the seventh of March next.

Bill additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes was read a third time, amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the subject of naturalization, be referred to a joint Select Committee, to consist of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. Messrs. Cushing of Frankfort, Lincoln of Hallowell, Came of Portland, Ham of Lewiston, Buck of Bucksport, Fenno of Augusta, and Burgess of Oldtown, were appointed on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred, and had joined Messrs. Goodwin, Boody, and Nathaniel Blake to the Committee.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to the establishment of normal schools ;

Relative to a revision of the Judiciary system ;

Referring so much of the Governor's message as relates to an experimental farm, to the Committee on Agriculture ; were severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN, of Hallowell,

Ordered, That all petitions for private legislation, which shall be presented to this Legislature after the fifteenth day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. B. Thompson for balance pay as Quarter Master General, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Jefferson Moulton and another, to be set off from Lyman and annexed to Alfred, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of the President, Directors and Company of Union Bank for leave to increase their capital stock, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of A. C. Small and others for re-construction of lock through Mill Bridge Company Dam in Millbridge;

Petition of Hiram Burrill and others for a charter for a bridge across Kennebec River in Somerset County;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Jane K. Lewis for divorce, was received from the Senate referred to a joint Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Pease, Scammon and Hichborn, on the part of the Senate; and the House concurred, and joined Messrs. Garland of East Livermore, Leavitt of Skowhegan, Doble of Etna, Chamberlain of Bristol, Ham of Lewiston, Furbish of Brunswick and Brown of Chesterville to the Committee.

Petition of Susan Thing for divorce, was received from the Senate and referred to the joint Select Committee, having under consideration the petition of Jane K. Lewis, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That six hundred copies of the Rules and Orders hereafter to be adopted for the government of the House during the present session, with the Constitution of the United States and of this State, the census of this State for 1840 and 1850, the last State valuation, the last apportionment of this State for members of the Legislature and members of Congress, and the Presidential vote of 1852, with an index, be printed for the use of the House.

Order from the Senate, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Maine Liquor Law be referred to a joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hichborn, Downes, Willis, Ruggles and Dennett, on the part of the Senate, was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Hill of

Bangor, Lincoln of Bath, Berry of Gardiner, Osgood of New Gloucester, Jones of China, Leavitt of Portland, Hobart of Edmunds, Stevens of Paris, Stillings of Berwick, and Doble of Etna, were joined on the part of the House.

Petitions of C. H. Smith and others of Saco, and of E. H. Hart and others of Harrison, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of David Billings and others for an appropriation in aid of Litchfield Liberal Institute;

Petition of the trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary for aid;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. C. Whittier and another that certain land may be set off from Farmingdale and annexed to Hallowell, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Cushing and others of Belmont for a division of said town;

Petition of Alfred Lamont and others to be set off from West Bath and annexed to Bath;

Petition of John Barker for his land to be set off from Chelsea and annexed to Pittston;

Petition of Willoughby Prescott and others that part of Norridgewock may be set off and annexed to Skowhegan;

Petition of T. J. Hains and others, that certain lands may be set off from Levant and annexed to Kenduskeag; were severally presented and referred to the committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ellis Gubtail and others for confirmation of title to certain lands in Enfield, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. E. Donnell and others for a charter for a Marine Insurance Company, was presented, and together

with a bill to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company, laid on the table by Mr. Came of Portland, by leave, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joel Fuller and others that the town of East Livermore may be set off from Androscoggin Agricultural Society and annexed to Kennebec Agricultural Society, was presented and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Peters and others ;
“ of Israel B. Bradley and others ;
“ of J. J. Colburn and others ;
“ of George Walker and others ; all for an act for the preservation of timber lands from destruction by fire ;

Petition of John H. Spring and others, for increased pay for County Commissioners ;

Petition of S. F. Small and others, for an amendment to the Constitution ;

Petition of Joshua Hubbard for compensation for land taken for a public road ;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of G. D. King and others ;
“ of John Stickney and others ;
“ of William Pike and others ; all for amendment of an act allowing the city of Calais to loan its credit to the Lewy's Island Rail Road Company ;

Petition of Thomas Crocker and others for the incorporation of the Bangor and Piscataquis Slate Company ;

Petition of Lewy's Island Rail Road Company for change in act of incorporation ;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the city of Belfast for remuneration for expenses incurred for an insane pauper having no settlement in the State, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Hollis and Buxton for a bank;
Petition of Ezra Center, jr. and others, that the time for putting the Mechanics' Bank into operation may be extended;

Petition of Ocean Bank in Kennebunk for increase of capital stock;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Ocean Bank, laid on the table by Mr. Stone of Kennebunkport, by leave, was referred to the same Committee. Sent up for concurrence.

The following papers referred by the Legislature of 1854 to the present Legislature, were received from the Senate, and were disposed of in concurrence:—

Order relative to the support of paupers by Counties;

Petition of Barnard Morse and others;

Resolve in addition to a resolve authorizing a tax on the several Counties;

Petition of Nathaniel Churchill and others, accompanied by sundry other petitions and orders;

Petition of Z. P. Wentworth and others;

“ of Joel Wellington;

“ of First Parish in Winthrop;

Bill extending the time for the Franklin Bank to commence and maintain civil suits; were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of A. D. Atwood and others;

“ of Sewall Merrill and others;

“ of Abner Oakes and others, with sundry other petitions;

Petition of Abner Weeks and others;—were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of plantations in Washington county;
 Bill requiring persons having the control of youth to procure for them public instruction;—were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of William Butterfield and others;
 “ of Zenas Tozier;
 “ of Edward Hall and others;
 “ of John Hubbard and others;
 “ of Reuben Ladd;—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of James B. Cleaveland and others, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Bill to establish an Experimental Farm, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Penobscot river and bay and other tributaries, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Abigail O'Brien, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel C. Chase, jr. ;
 “ of John Sargent;—were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of John Kendall and others;
 “ of Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company;
 “ of Seth Paine and others;
 “ of Ephraim Paulk and others;
 “ of John Winn and others;—were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of James Allen and others;
 “ of Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company;
 “ of David Bunker and others;

Petition of John Cameron and others ;

“ of Franklin Clark and others ;

“ James S. Holmes and others ;

“ of William Morse and others ;

“ of John Short and others ;

“ of Stockholders of Martin's Point Bridge ;

Resolve authorizing a survey for a railway between the eastern shore of the Penobscot waters and the eastern boundary of the State ;

Resolve in favor of the survey of the Aroostook Railroad ;

Bill to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad Company ;

Bill to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad ;

Petition of E. G. Woodman and others ;

“ of Ebenezer Cobb and others ; and also 52 other petitions, all in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad ;

Remonstrance of Phineas Barnes and others ;

“ of Allen H. Cobb and others ; and 37 other remonstrances, all against said railroad ;— were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of John Murphy, jr., against the right of Alden Kennedy of Jefferson to a seat in the House, reported, that the remonstrant have leave to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the report was re-committed, with instructions to report the facts.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the sale of public lands, and granting permits for cutting timber thereon, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to amend an act incorporating the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company, approved April 1, 1854; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SMALL of Gray, by leave, laid on the table a bill to regulate the sale of oats, and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, referring so much of the Governor's Message as relates to State Lands, to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was passed in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a Convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall at a quarter before eleven o'clock this day for the election of a Treasurer of State.

The House concurred in the proposition, and Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell was charged with a message to the Senate, announcing the concurrence of the House.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in and a convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

Messrs. Hichborn and Barker of the Senate, Wallace of Millbridge, Hobbs of Hope, Stanton of Wellington, Chapin of Brewer and Ingalls of Denmark, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Treasurer of State.

Having performed that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots was	166
Necessary to a choice,	84 votes;
Woodbury Davis had	122
James L. Child had	43 and
Joseph A. Sanborn had	1

The report was accepted; and WOODBURY DAVIS was declared to be duly elected Treasurer of State.

The convention then separated.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, on an order relative to the State debt falling due on the 7th of March next, reported a Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, which was read once, and the rules having been suspended, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Treasurer of State, transmitting sundry claims for allowance of bounties on wild animals; and the same were referred to the Committee on Accounts. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire into the expediency of instituting an investigation into the doings of the late President and Directors of the Shipbuilders' Bank of Rockland, with power to send for persons and papers. Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting a communication from Jason Weeks of

Bangor, declining the office of Councillor. The communication was read and sent up.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, proposing a convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock this day, to elect a Councillor to fill the vacancy occasioned by Jason Weeks declining the office.

The House concurred, and its concurrence was communicated to the Senate by message transmitted by the Clerk.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in and a convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

Messrs. Ruggles and Sprague of the Senate, Gunnison of Eastport, Hill of Greene and Nickerson of Belfast, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Councillor.

Having discharged that duty, the committee reported that

The whole number of ballots was	157
Necessary to a choice,	79 votes;
Henry Richardson had	119 and
William Jameson had	38

The report was accepted, and HENRY RICHARDSON was declared to be duly elected a Councillor to advise the Governor in the Executive Department of the government for the current political year.

The convention then separated.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to extending the elective franchise to certain offices now filled by executive appointment, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, to consist of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join; and Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell, Staples of Swanville, Titcomb of Augusta, Oaks of Auburn, Furbish of Brunswick, Nason of Kenduskeag and Snell of Fairfield, were appointed on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred, and joined Messrs. Downes, Barker and Newell Blake to the Committee.

Petition of William Small and others in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Account of the city of Calais for expenses paid for William Brown, an insane pauper and foreigner, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of T. H. Marsh and others for change of name of Charles S. Dingley, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Peter S. Folsom for a military pension, was presented and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George M. Bennett for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Joshua Hathaway for a lot of land ;

Petition of Nathaniel Webster for remuneration for money paid for land ; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Eddington, that part of Brewer may be set off and annexed to Eddington ;

Petition of inhabitants of Gilead, that Fryeburg Academy Grant may be annexed to Gilead ;

Petition of inhabitants of Fryeburg Academy Grant to be annexed to Gilead ;

Petition of Amos P. Messer and others that certain lands be set off from Lowell and annexed to Enfield ; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Seward Merrill and others for permission to build wharves in Portland harbor ;

Petition of Hiram Peavey for a charter to run a steamboat on Passadumkeag river ;

Petition of J. F. Lewis for leave to build a dike across tide waters at Salt Marsh Creek in Millbridge ;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Interior waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Selectmen of Scarborough that the doings of the Selectmen of said town for the years 1850 and 1851, may be legalized ;

Petitions of Samuel Pratt and others, and of Dan Pineo and others, for further legislation to protect the forests of Maine against fire ;

Petition of inhabitants of Centerville and vicinity in reference to taxes on non-resident lands ;

Petition of Elisha H. Dunham of Deer Isle for divorce ;

Petition of city of Bath, by the Mayor, for amendment to the city charter ;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jephtha Young and others ;

“ of Lot M. Morrill and others ;

“ of Freewill Baptist State Convention ;

“ of James Small and others ;— all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary ;

Petition of the Mayor of Belfast and others, that the city district may be authorized to raise additional school money ;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Mr. NASON of Kenduskeag, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of T. J. Haines and others, reported an order of notice, and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor the same was re-committed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Crocker and others for incorporation of Bangor and Piscataquis Slate Company, referred by the House to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, was returned from the Senate, the reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the Committee on Manufactures; and the House receded and concurred.

Petition of James B. Cahoon and others, Committee of the inhabitants of Portland, inviting attention to the Paris Exposition of 1855, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Relating to petitions of last year in aid of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute;

Relating to amendment of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes;

Relating to assessment of taxes;

Relating to costs in real and mixed actions, and

Relating to a general banking law;—were severally passed in concurrence.

Mr. CAME of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend "An Act respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland," approved April 1, 1854, which was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, and the same was finally passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, presented the credentials of Peol Sokis, delegate of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and the same were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. OSGOOD of New Gloucester,
Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay per diem of members of Superintending School Committees for their services, and also of compensating them for travel in the regular discharge of their duties. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais,
Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the law for the collection of County taxes on unincorporated lands, so that the County Treasurer shall be obliged to receive the amount of tax due from any one of the proprietors as his proportion and give a receipt for the same. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Mark Scott and others to be incorporated into a town by the name of Woodville, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Governor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians for an appropriation for a school at Oldtown for the Indians, was presented and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elizabeth Sylvester of Windham for divorce, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee, having under consideration the petition of Jane K. Lewis. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. C. Fessenden and others for the incorpora-

tion and endowment of the Maine State Seminary, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Darius Wentworth for the right to erect a weir on Damariscotta river, was presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the town of Detroit to be set off from Somerset County and annexed to Penobscot County, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. M. Moor and others, that certain lands may be set off from Detroit and annexed to Pittsfield, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elbridge Harris, that the name of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company be changed;

Petition of E. B. Pierce and others for the revival of the Oldtown and Milford Bridge Company, and for other purposes;

Petition of Rufus Dwinell, President of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad Company, for authority for the city of Bangor to loan its credit in aid of said railroad;

Petition of George W. Pickering, Mayor of the city of Bangor, in aid of the petition of Rufus Dwinell;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Plaisted and others of Gardiner, for a Bank charter, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Mechanics and Manufacturers' Bank, laid on the table by Mr. Berry of Gardiner, by leave, was referred to the same Committee. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver S. Livermore and others for incorporation as Eastport Gas Light Company;

Petition of John Bird and others for incorporation of North Insurance Company of Rockland;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill in addition to an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc; and the same was referred to the joint delegation from the County of Sagadahoc. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the City of Biddeford, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the papers and documents on the files of the last Legislature relating to the purchase of the fee of the real estate of the Reform School, be taken from the files, and, referred to the Committee on the Reform School. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SKOLFIELD of Harpswell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes; chapter 192 of the public laws, approved July 22, 1846, and chapter 202 of the public laws approved August 7, 1846, commonly known as the usury laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of N. E. Paine and others of Exeter, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Elisha H. Dunham for divorce, referred by the House to the Committee on the Judiciary, was returned from the Senate, the reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the joint Select Committee, having under consideration the petition of Jane K. Lewis; and the House receded and concurred.

Petition of Elias Harmon and others;
 “ of B. E. Cutter and others;
 “ of Harrison Lowell and others;
 “ of George A. Warren and others;
 “ of J. H. Allen and others;
 “ of Thomas H. Cole and others;
 “ of C. M. Witherell and others;
 “ of Wm. P. Haines and others; — all of Biddeford, asking for a city charter, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,
Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay upon the Speaker's table forthwith the several County estimates received at his office.

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to balance certain accounts for taxes, was received from the Senate, read once and Monday assigned for a second reading.

Memorial of the N. Y. Law Institute for a donation of the Statutes of Maine for a public library, was presented, and referred to the Committee on the Library. Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Blake of Penobscot, informing the House, that in the absence of their

Secretary, the Senate has made choice of JOSEPH W. KNOWLTON as Secretary pro tempore.

Bill to amend an act respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland, approved April 1, 1854, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, referring so much of the Governor's message as relates to the subject of Slavery, to a joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Torsey, Boody and Pease on the part of the Senate, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor, Scammon of Saco, Cutler of Ripley, Barrows of Harrison, Nickerson of Belfast, Mayo of Orono and Sweat of Parsonsfield, were joined on the part of the House.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Garcelon, Newell Blake and Flint, with such as the House may join, a Committee to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the two Houses, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Leavitt of Skowhegan, Stone of Kennebunkport, Brown of Bridgton, Josselyn of Phillips, McGilvery of Searsport, Woodbury of Houlton and Coombs of Brooksville, were joined on the part of the House.

Petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary for aid;
 " of Seth May and others of Winthrop, that aid may be granted to Towle Academy;

Petition of the trustees of Limington Academy for a grant of land;

Petitions of Thomas Burdin and others, and of Azael Lovejoy and others, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Farmingdale against the petition of S. C. Whittier and another, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of David Stewart and others that certain doings of the town of Corinna may be made valid;

Petition of the city of Bath, by the Mayor, for power to pass an ordinance for the removal of snow from side walks;

Petitions of William Freeman and others, and of Daniel Lord and others, for a law to protect forests against fire; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Petition of J. C. Stetson for change of name of two orphan boys;

Petition of Samuel Gray for change of name; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of the trustees of Corinna Union Academy for aid;

Petition of Joseph Staples and others of Peru, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law reducing the salary of the Attorney General. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be requested to consider the expediency of passing a law compelling truant

and vagrant children to attend school; and if the committee think such a law would be expedient or would be effectual, that they report a bill. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ASPINWALL of Gardiner.

Petition of E. M. Wood and others of Camden, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of J. T. Champlin and others for incorporation by the name of the Waterville Library Association;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Bancroft for a law concerning certain school funds, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to the repeal of an act additional to an act incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the amount of monthly wages due for the services of a principal defendant, and of his family, and which is by statute exempted from the reach of trustee process, should not be limited to some definite sum. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Sanford,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the seventh section of the seventeenth chapter of the Revised Statutes. Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting various County Estimates, and the same was referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Committee on County Estimates.

Remonstrance of John Gardiner of Albion against the petition of Charles Brawn for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. HOLT of Garland, by leave, laid on the table, a bill to amend chapter sixty-six of the Revised Statutes; also a bill in relation to the power of County Commissioners; and the same were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill to establish a Police Court in Portland and to abolish the Municipal Court, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from WOODBURY DAVIS, accepting the office of Treasurer of State, accompanied by his official bond, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the House; and Messrs. Leavitt of Skowhegan, Stone of Kennebunkport, Brown of Bridgton, Josselyn of Phillips, McGilvery of Searsport, Woodbury of Houlton and Coombs of Brooksville were appointed.

Mr. STONE of Kennebunkport, by leave, laid on the table a bill granting appeals from the decisions of the County Commissioners of two or more Counties, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Downes, Nathaniel Blake and Quinby, with such as the House may join, a Committee to consider what further legislation, if any, is necessary, in relation to elections in plantations as provided in chapter 89 of the laws passed at the extra session in 1840, and which was approved October 2, 1840, — was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell, Woodman of Minot, Came of Portland, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Gunnison of Eastport, Barrows of Harrison and Durell of Oxford, were joined on the part of the House.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to amend "An Act respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland," approved April 1, 1854; and the same was passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Hiram Ricker and others;
 " of Daniel Brown and others;
 " of Nathaniel S. Shurtleff and others, all in behalf of the incorporation of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Marshall and others, Directors of the Belfast Bank, for extension of time to pay in new capital stock, authorized by act of March, 1854, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Otis and others, that certain lands may be set off from Manchester and annexed to Hallowell;

Petition of Oakes Thompson and others to be set off from Hartford and annexed to Canton;

Petition of F. Sibley and others, that part of the town of Brewer may be set off and annexed to Eddington;

Remonstrance of William B. Ward and others of Eddington against the annexation of part of Brewer to Eddington; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William A. Rust and others for aid to the Oxford Normal Institute;

Petition of G. W. Bean and others of Waterville, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of L. D. Hanson and others for a law to prevent the destruction of timber lands by fire, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Albert G. Barbour for a divorce, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration the petition of Jane K. Lewis. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. Rideout and others for an amendment of the State Constitution, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HANSON of Augusta.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Boody, Willis and Torsey, with such as the House may join, a Committee to consider the expediency of an appropriation to complete the geological survey of the State, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Scammon of Saco, Charles of Fryeburg, Purrington of Richmond, Heald of Troy, Wallace of Millbridge, Baker of Gorham and Curry of Hancock, were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Ellis Gubtail, reported that legislation is inexpedient, and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Susan Thing for divorce, ordering notice on the same, was received from the Senate recommitted with instructions to report reference to the next Legislature; and on motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, the House non-concurred, and the report and petition were indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph M. Moor and others to be set off from Detroit and annexed to Pittsfield, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of Waterville College for aid, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Abraham Andrews and others for alteration of the law for taxing lumber, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawankeag, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Joshua Hathaway, reported leave to withdraw, and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House the proceedings of the third session of the American Pomological Society, and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Peter Haines and others, inhabitants of township numbered three, being a part of Rangely plantation in the county of Franklin, to be incorporated into a town, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Portland Cavalry Guards, that cavalry companies be furnished with necessary horse equipments, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Casco Bank in Portland, for increase of capital stock;

Petition of the Directors of the Merchant's Bank in Portland for increase of capital stock;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oren Williamson and others for the incorporation of the Mechanics' Association, was presented and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Richard Sargent and another that certain lands be set off from the town of Porter and annexed to Brownfield, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Moscow that their doings may be made valid;

Petition of Rufus Berry and others for leave to sell the Freewill Baptist Meetinghouse in Wayne;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ezra Myrick and others to be incorporated into a town by the name of Alma;

Remonstrance of Francis Weeks and others against the same;— were severally presented and referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Zachariah Jordan and others of Limerick;
“ of William Smith and others of Topsham;
“ of A. B. Meservey and others of Oldtown;
“ of Ebenezer Knowlton and others of South Montville; all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER of Hallowell.

Report of the joint Select Committee to which was referred the bond of the Treasurer of State, that the same is correctly drawn, and the sureties satisfactory, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, was appointed to notify WOODBURY DAVIS, Treasurer elect, of the acceptance of his bond, and to conduct him to the Governor and Council that he may take and subscribe the oaths of office. Mr. Lincoln subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Treasurer of State had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of 1852, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Communications from FRANKLIN CLARK and HENRY RICHARDSON, Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance of the office, and readiness to take and subscribe the necessary oaths, were received; and the same were read and sent up.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Topsfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the existing law granting a bounty on wolves and bears as to increase the bounty on wolves to ten dollars, instead of eight dollars, the amount now allowed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edward Emerson and others of China, for the election of all State officers by the people, and also for a change in the naturalization laws, was presented by Mr. JONES of China; and on motion of Mr. LINCOLN of

Hallowell, so much of said petition as relates to elections by the people was referred to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to alteration of the naturalization laws, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBART of Edmunds,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate proposing a convention of both branches in the Representatives' Hall at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of qualifying FRANKLIN CLARK and HENRY RICHARDSON, Councillors elect.

The Clerk delivered the message.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, announcing the concurrence of that body in the proposed convention.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in and a convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, was charged with a message to FRANKLIN CLARK and HENRY RICHARDSON, Councillors elect, informing them that the two branches are assembled in convention for the purpose of administering to them the oaths of office, and subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Councillors elect would attend forthwith and take and subscribe the oaths.

Whereupon Messrs. CLARK and RICHARDSON came in, and in presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them for their official duties.

The Councillors then retired, and the convention separated.

On motion of Mr. BUCK of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the State Prison consult upon the expediency of allowing convicts in the State Prison a certain per centage of their earnings, to be paid when their term expires. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the relief of insolvent debtors and for the more equal distribution of their effects. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider and report upon the expediency of authorizing the Governor to appoint one commissioner to revise, abridge and arrange the public laws of this State; also to prepare for publication a copy of all the private and special laws, and also a copy of all resolves which have been passed, up to and including the present session, indicating what have been repealed; and make report to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Chaplains of this Legislature have the same privileges in regard to the Library as members of the Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc, was received from the Senate, passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Petition of C. W. Goddard, County Attorney of Androscoggin County, for increase of salary;

Petition of the County officers of Androscoggin County in aid of the same; were severally received from the Senate, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of sinking a cistern of large capacity on the northerly side of the State House to be used in case of fire. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Amos Hitchings and others of Waterville;
 " of G. M. Burleigh and others of Dexter;
 " of Ezra Totman and others of Fairfield;
 " of Henry I. Warren and others of N. Gloucester;
 " of P. M. Withington and others of Chesterville;
 " of A. C. Buffum and others of Orono and vicinity;
 " of W. A. P. Dillingham and others of Augusta;
 all in aid of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of James M. Neal and others of Belmont and vicinity;

Petition of J. D. Collins and others of Palermo and vicinity;

Petition of Edward Emerson and others of China; all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Hiram E. Pierce and others of Belfast, for incorporation for manufacturing purposes, was presented and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. NICKERSON of Belfast, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Hiram Dale Manufacturing Company, and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Randall Savings and Benevolent Association, for amendment of charter;

Petition of Benj. J. Herrick and others of Alfred for a bank charter;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Butterfield and others for a law to protect forests against fire, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Memorial of the citizens of Bangor, praying that no further action may be had on the petition of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad Company for power for the city of Bangor to loan its credit in aid of said road, until an investigation of the affairs of said company can be had, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Abner Toothaker and others of township numbered three, being part of Rangely plantation, against being incorporated into a town, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Paul Hammond and others of Sidney, for a law to prevent the destruction of fish in certain ponds and streams in Kennebec County, was presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses Fogg of Wales, for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CONE of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of inhabitants of Bancroft plantation, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of S. C. Chase, jr., granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Bunker, jr. and others of North Anson, that the towns of Anson and North Anson may be reunited into one town, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Rogers and others of Farmington and vicinity, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of John Jewett and others of Pittston, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending section 35, of chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Hunt and others for an amendment of the State Constitution in relation to the election of State officers, and also in relation to persons of foreign birth, was received from the Senate, referred to the joint select committee on the Elective Franchise, and the House non-concurred, and referred so much of said petition as relates

to the election of State officers to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to persons of foreign birth, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted on Thursday evening next, to the friends of Temperance, for a general meeting to consider the present condition and prospects of the cause.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Susan Thing, indefinitely postponed by the House, was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote, recommitting with instructions to report reference to the next Legislature.

Mr. HILL of Bangor moved, that the House adhere to its former vote.

On motion of Mr. REMICK of Kittery, the question was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays; and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 64, nays 50.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Barker, Barrows, Bradbury, Bridges, E. H. Brown, Burpee, Came, Chapin, Charles, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, A. Clark, Cole, Curry, Cushing, Durell, Eames, Fenno, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Gunnison, Hall, Ham, Haskell, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hobart, Hobbs, Holt, E. Hutchins, Josselyn, Kennedy, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McKenney, Means, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Pattee, Peavey, Pike, Poor, Porter, Raynes, Ricker, Scammon, Skolfield, S. Smith, Sweat, Titcomb, Turner, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Woodbury, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Bacon, Berry, Blanchard, L. Brown, Burgess, Carr, Comins, Coombs, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Furbish, Gerish, Getchell, Greenleaf, Hains, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hinckley, T. Hutchins, Johnson, Jones, Mayo, McLaughlin, Miller,

Nason, Nichols, Osgood, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Remick, Rogers, Small, A. Smith, Snell, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Trafton, Twitchell, Walker, Wallace, Winslow, Woodman.

So the House adhered to its former vote. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PATTEE of Fort Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law requiring the several plantations in the State to raise money for the support of schools and the repair of highways, in the same manner as incorporated cities and towns are required to do by law. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Chesterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law establishing the basis of the distribution of the common school funds, that their benefits may be more fully equalized among the poorer and less populous districts. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CAME of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to an act to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank, approved April 18, 1854.

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Jesse Hayes and others of Lewiston and vicinity for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Davis Johnson and others for authority to call a meeting of the stockholders of the New York City and Portland Exchange Granite Company;

Remonstrance of Elbridge Harris, in behalf of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, against the repeal of an act approved March 24, 1843;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Augusta and Hallowell Gas Light Company, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read, and the rules having been suspended, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to balance certain accounts for taxes; was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act in addition to an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill to amend chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, reported that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration

thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Manufactures; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, that the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of abolishing all statutes providing for the appointment of fish wardens on the Penobscot waters, was passed in concurrence.

Communication of J. G. Dickerson in favor of allowing school districts to raise money for schools;

Petition of John F. Gerald and others of Plymouth in aid of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis; and the same was finally passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, by leave, laid on the table a bill in addition giving to mortgagees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire, and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims to which was referred the petition of the city of Calais, and also the petition of the city of Belfast, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Accounts; was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph A. Linscott and others for increase of the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin, was received from the Senate, and referred to the joint delegation of the County of Franklin in concurrence.

Petition of B. T. Dinsmore and others of Anson, in aid of the petition of Daniel Bunker, Jr. and others, was received

from the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Bill to establish a municipal court in the city of Belfast, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Petition of James Benner, 3d, for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Thomas Taylor of Strong, for renewal and increase of pension, was presented and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Frederic Frye and others that part of Dedham in the county of Hancock, be set off and annexed to the town of Holden in the County of Penobscot, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Account of Dan Pineo for repairs on roads in Indian township in the County of Washington, was presented and referred to the Committee on Indian affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William H. Prentice and others of Bristol that foreigners be not allowed to vote until they have resided in this country 21 years, and against the right of foreigners to organize military companies on our soil, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Caroline F. Sargent for power to convey certain real estate ;

Petition of A. S. Patten and others of Piscataquis county, for amendment or revision of the State Constitution;

Petition of James C. Madigan and others of Houlton, for an act to prevent the destruction of forests by fire;

Petition of Royal Williams and others of Portland, for the repeal of the first clause of the eighth section of the act of 1851 against tippling shops;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elisha Coolidge and others of Solon;

“ of Edward Anderson and others of Windham;

“ of S. W. Johnson and others of Carmel;

“ of G. P. Sewall and others of Oldtown;

“ of Robert Blacker and others of Auburn;—all in aid of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of H. G. Cilley and others of Lewiston and vicinity;

Petition of E. P. Tobie and others of Lewiston; all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Allegash Dam Company for increase of toll, was presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors and stockholders of the Penobscot Railroad Company in favor of the loan of the credit of the city of Bangor in aid of said road;

Petition of the same for the extension of their road;

Petitions of C. H. Forbes and others, and of John Winn and others of Bangor, in aid of the petition of the Penobscot Railroad Company;

Petition of M. M. Libby and others of Poland, for the incorporation of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;

Petition of G. H. Douglass and others of Guilford, for aid in building a bridge;

Petition of William G. Bent and others in reference to a toll bridge at Orono;

Petition of Elbridge Harris in behalf of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, for leave for the city of Bangor to loan its credit to said Company;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of the stockholders of Martin's Point Bridge, reported a bill additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Martin's Point Bridge; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

1) Petition of H. O. Alden and others, members of the bar of the County of Waldo, that no grand jury be required to attend the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in said County, and that the criminal jurisdiction of said Court at said term be abolished, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Marshall Smith and others of Boothbay;

Petition of Putnam Ingalls and others of Bluehill;— both for amendment of the Constitution so that State officers may be elected by the people, and against foreigners voting until after a residence of 21 years;—were severally received from the Senate, so much as relates to elections of officers referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws; and the House concurred.

Petition of John Fowler and others of Searsport;

“ of N. S. Littlefield and others of Bridgton;

“ of Charles B. Fisher and others of Boothbay;

“ of Jerome Harris and others of Prospect; all

in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire if any alterations are required in the statutes regulating divorce, to render it less onerous for indigent parties, was passed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the acting Quartermaster General to dispose of certain military property, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Militia in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, the vote whereby the House on Saturday referred the petition of Royal Williams and others to the Committee on the Judiciary was reconsidered, and the same was referred to the Joint Select Committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Maine Law. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of T. A. Deblois and others, members of the Cumberland County bar, against the abolition of the Municipal Court in Portland, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses Springer and others of Gardiner;
 " of George A. Pierce and others of Charleston;
 " of Frederick Nutting and others of Casco and Raymond;

Petition of S. P. Bachelder and others of Falmouth; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Androscoggin;

Bill additional to an act for the assessment and collection of taxes in unincorporated places;

Bill additional to an act to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of the Lewy's Island Railroad;

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society;

Bill to amend the thirty-eighth section of the 104th chapter of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to regulate the sale of oats;

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for Aroostook County;

Bill to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of 1852;

Bill to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Aroostook;

Bill authorizing the Lewy's Island Railroad Company to alter its location; were received from the Senate passed to

be engrossed;—and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve in favor of the New York Law Institute, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Petition of G. H. Douglass and others, referred by the House to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, was returned from the Senate, the reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. The House receded and concurred.

On motion of Mr. BUCK of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring secretaries of Savings Institutions to make an annual report of the amount deposited, with the names of the depositors, to the assessors of those cities and towns where such depositors reside. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CAME of Portland,

Ordered, That the messengers of the House of Representatives and of the Senate be directed to distribute six copies of the Report of the Superintendent and Trustees of the Reform School to each member of the House and Senate, and that what remains after such distribution be reserved to the Superintendent and Trustees of the Reform School for distribution by them. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George F. Tincker and others for an appropriation for the repair of the gunhouse in Bowdoinham, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Martin's Point Bridge, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to amend the fourteenth section of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, was laid on the table.

Petition of E. G. Harkness and others of Camden, for amendment of the constitution as to the election of officers, and for alteration of the naturalization laws, was presented and referred, so much as relates to elections to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to naturalization to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill to establish a police court in the city of Augusta, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BACHELDER of Whitneyville,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 72 of the laws of 1848, and chapter 216 of the laws of 1851, giving to laborers on lumber a lien on the lumber they may help cut and haul, as to provide, first, that the lien of the laborers shall not wholly defeat the lien of the proprietors for stumpage due on the logs;—second, that the laborer, in order to secure his lien, shall be required to have his claim recorded by the town clerk of the town where his employer or the person against whom the suit is to be brought lives, within thirty days after completing the labor which he shall have contracted to perform;—third, that all laborers, having equal rights in the logs, shall be equally secured, as in chapter 78, allowing a lien on vessels;—fourth, that the owners of the logs shall have notice of the attachment, and shall be allowed to come into court and defend such suits. And that the Committee report such amendments in said law as may seem necessary to secure the rights of all concerned. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort,

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted, for Friday afternoon next, to Eli Thayer, Esq. of Worcester, Mass., a trustee of the Emigrant Aid Company, for the purpose of explaining the objects and plans of the company, particularly in reference to securing the blessings of free institutions to Kansas, by colonizing it with free men from the North.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. COMINS of Eddington,

Ordered, That the use of the hall of this House be granted to the friends of Agriculture, this evening at half past seven o'clock, for the purpose of listening to a lecture on the subject of Agriculture from Mr. G. C. Waring of New York.

Orders from the Senate, directing an inquiry into the doings of the Somerset and Kennebec Railroad Company, particularly in respect to that part of their charter between Skowhegan and North Anson, with power to send for persons and papers;

Relative to amendment of chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes, and repeal of chapter 136 of the laws of 1849;

Directing papers relative to the Geological Survey of the State, to be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Joint Select Committee who have that subject under consideration;—were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of Hebron, that that town may be set off from the County of Oxford and annexed to the

County of Androscoggin, was received from the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Gideon Richards and others of Belmont, against the petition of N. Cushman and others, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of David Howe and others of Lincolnville, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PATTEE of Fort Fairfield,
Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of designating and setting apart certain townships for settling purposes. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank, approved April 18, 1854, laid on the table on Friday last by Mr. Came of Portland, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to balance certain accounts; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of B. C. Bailey and others of Bath;
 " of Daniel Allen and others of Monmouth;
 " of A. H. Morrell and others of Phillips; all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of E. B. Averill and others of Dover and vicinity;
 " of David Stanley and others of Winthrop;
 " of John Bean and others of West Gardiner; all

in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. W. Dinsmore to be allowed certain moneys paid out by him, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Alfred Hutchins and others in aid of the petition of Darius Wentworth, was presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. Fairfield and others for an appropriation for a bridge over Crystal Stream in township No. 4, Range 5, Aroostook County;

Petition of John Hearsey and others in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others;

Petition of Eliphalet Greeley and others for the incorporation of a company authorized to construct the Northern Pacific Railway;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Allegash Dam Company for increase of toll, referred by the House to the Committee on Interior Waters, was returned from the Senate, the reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. The House receded and concurred.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill to establish the Northern Pacific Railway, and the same was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any amendments are necessary to be

made to chapters 243, 286, 311 and 352 of the special laws of 1854. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. P. Whitney and others for amendment of the constitution in reference to elections of public officers, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to prepare Joint Rules and Orders for the government of the two houses, was received from the Senate, amended by striking out the eleventh rule, and as amended accepted by that body; and on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, the same was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. BURGESS of Gardiner.

Bill to amend chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes was taken up and recommitted to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Order from the Senate, that the papers of the last Legislature in relation to the Reform School, together with such reports of the Trustees, Superintendents or Committees as may exist, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Reform School, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of J. S. Holmes and others, trustees of Foxcroft Academy, for aid, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Atwood and others;
 " of George Gregg and others;
 " of Alden Keen and others;
 " of Amory H. Allen and others; all in aid of
 the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others;—were severally
 received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on
 Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of A. D. Ames for divorce, was received from
 the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee
 having under consideration the petition of Jane K. Lewis
 in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Dennett and others in aid of the peti-
 tion of Jefferson Moulton, was received from the Senate and
 referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in con-
 currence.

Resolve to promote education amongst the Penobscot Indi-
 ans, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed;
 and the same was read once, and Wednesday of next week
 assigned for a second reading.

Bill to set off the town of Detroit from the County of
 Somerset and annex the same to the County of Penobscot,
 was received from the Senate amended and passed to be
 engrossed; and the same was read once, and on motion
 of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Topsfield,

Ordered, That the petition of John Dudley and others,
 inhabitants of Waite plantation, for remuneration for lum-
 ber hauled from School Blocks, be taken from the files, and
 that the same, together with the certificate of John Dudley
 accompanying this order, be referred to the Committee on
 State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GARLAND of East Livermore,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider
 the expediency of making it a penal offence for any person

to convey real estate by deed or mortgage or otherwise, knowing that prior incumbrance exists, without making the same known to the grantee or mortgagee, before receiving the consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to regulate the sale of oats, was read a third time. Mr. CHASE of Calais moved to amend by inserting the word "two" after the word "thirty." On motion of Mr. NASON of Kenduskeag, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

Bill to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. CAME of Portland, the same was laid on the table.

Bill to amend the thirty-eighth section of the 104th chapter of the Revised Statutes ;

Bill to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of 1852 ;

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society ;

Bill to authorize the Lewy's Island Railroad Company to alter its location ;

Bill to amend chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes ;

Bill additional to an act for the assessment and collection of taxes in unincorporated places ;

Bill to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Aroostook ;

Bill additional to an act to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of the Lewy's Island Railroad ;

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Aroostook ;—were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the New York Law Institute, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the city of Biddeford, was received from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed ; and

the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table, a bill for the protection of forests and timber lands from fire; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Hancock and others of Gray, for incorporation as a Mutual Benefit Association, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Jonathan Hatch and others against the incorporation of a town by the name of Woodville, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Z. B. Stevens and others of Westbrook;
 " of Jonathan Smith and others of Westbrook;
 " of Joseph Lufkin and others of Pownal;
 " of William Mosely and others of Bowdoinham;
 all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary; ♦

Petition of J. H. Ingraham in behalf of the trustees of Cony Female Academy for aid from the State;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elbridge Bowker and others of Phipsburg;
 " of Sherburn Sleeper and others;
 " of Samuel F. Hersey and others;
 " of William Winslow and others of Bath; all for a law to protect forests and timber lands from fire;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Lowell and others of Minot and Hebron;

Petition of Warren Thayer and others of Gray and New Gloucester;

Petition of William Cousins and others of Poland;

Petition of Henry Pennell and others of Gray and New Gloucester; all in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others;

Petition of Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company for the right to extend said road across Kennebec river; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. B. Thorndike and others, legal voters of the city of Portland;

Petition of Lowell Marston and others of Glenburn;

Petition of H. D. Fellows and others of Richmond; all for amendment of the Constitution as to the election of public officers, and against foreigners holding office; — were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers by the people to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners holding office to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of a commission to prepare a Judiciary System, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once, and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, was laid on the table.

Order from the Senate, directing the Committee on Agriculture to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 27 of the laws of 1853, was passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Paul Hammond and others, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Fisheries, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Seward Merrill and others, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill additional in relation to criminal prosecutions;

Bill making further provision for the conveyance of land by married women;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Asa Leavitt and others of Westbrook, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of certain inhabitants of Hartford to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of Buckfield, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of E. C. Spinney of Kittery for a grant of Duck Island, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad Company, for the charter of a railroad between Danville Junction and Portland ;

Petition of Horace Billings and others for authority to construct a railroad from Portland to Stroudwater and for other purposes ;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Resolve providing for the promulgation of the laws of the State, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same was read once, and on motion of Mr. CAME of Portland, the rules were suspended, and the resolve was read a second time. The question being on passing the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence, on motion of Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, the yeas and nays were ordered ; and being taken, the question was decided in the affirmative, yeas 88, nays 33.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chamberlain, Charles, A. Clark, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, G. Gilman, Gunnison, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, Hobbs, E. Hutchings, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McKenney, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Osgood, Pattee, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Purrington, Rawson, Remick, Scammon, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Titcomb, Twitchell, Walker, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodbury, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Bray, Bridges, Burgess, Butler, Joseph Chase, H. T. Clark, Cushman, Eames, Elliot, Gerrish, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Haines, J. Heald, Hobart, T. Hutchins, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, Miller, Nichols, O'Brien, Peavey, Pike, Pratt,

Raynes, Richards, Skolfield, S. Smith, G. W. Stanton, Sweat, Turner.

So the resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on the printed volume of proceedings of the third session of the American Pomological Society, that the same be returned to the House of Representatives as properly belonging to that body, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the printed volume of proceedings of the third session of the American Pomological Society be deposited in the State Library.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Lyman against the petition of Jefferson Moulton and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Colton and others of Troy, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of John W. Rich and others of Gorham, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. C. Newton of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for a grant of Duck Island, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Bayley and others of Woolwich, that that town be set off from the county of Sagadahoc and annexed to the county of Lincoln, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. L. Carleton and others of Portland for a charter for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. G. Hanks and others of Minot and vicinity, in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to prepare Joint Rules and Orders, was taken up; and the question being on concurring with the Senate in striking out the eleventh rule reported by the Committee, on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, the question was decided in the negative, yeas 40, nays 73.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Bachelder, Berry, Blanchard, L. Brown, Bruce, D. K. Chase, A. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Files, Garland, Gerrish, Gilchrist, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hinckley, Johnson, Jones, S. R. Leavitt, A. Merrill, Nason, Nichols, Oaks, Osgood, Patterson, Phillips, Pike, Pratt, Remick, Scammon, G. W. Stanton, Staples, Twitchell, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Bacon, Baker, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Blake, Bradbury, E. H. Brown, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Butler, Came, Carr, Charles, Joseph Chase, H. T. Clark, Curry, Cushing, Durell, Eames, Fenno, Furbish, Getchell, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Gunnison, Haines, Hall, Hanscom, J. B. Hill, Hobart, Hobbs, T. Hutchins, Josselyn, J. T. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McKenney, McLaughlin, Means, W. Merrill, Miller, Nickerson, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Peavey, Perham, Pillsbury, Rawson, Raynes, Ricker, Skolfield, Small, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, Stone, Sweat, Trafton, Walker, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Woodbury, Woodman.

The report was then accepted without amendment. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SKEELE of Hallowell.

Bill to incorporate the city of Biddeford, was read a third time, the amendments of the Senate adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, on an order relative to a State tax, reported a bill to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a tax of \$201,153 44 cents for the year 1855, and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of J. Fairfield and others, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of a commission to prepare a Judiciary System, was taken up, amended as on sheets annexed marked A, and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of the year 1852;

An Act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Aroostook;

An Act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Aroostook;

An Act to amend the thirty-eighth section of the 104th chapter of the Revised Statutes;

An Act additional to an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society;

An Act additional to an act for the assessment and collection of taxes in unincorporated places;

An Act to authorize the Lewy's Island Railroad Company to alter its location;

An Act to amend the fourteenth section of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes;

An Act additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Martin's Point Bridge;

An Act additional to an act to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of the Lewy's Island Railroad; — and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to authorize the Free Will Baptist Society of Wayne to sell their meeting-house on the line between Winthrop and Wayne;

Bill to incorporate the Augusta and Hallowell Gas Light Company;

Bill to allow the construction of a dike across Pigeon Hill Marsh Creek in the town of Millbridge; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. STAPLES of Swanville, by leave, laid on the table a Resolve in favor of Charles Turner; and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve providing for the promulgation of the laws of the State;

Resolve in favor of the New York Law Institute;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CAME of Portland,

Ordered, That the State Librarian be directed to procure one copy each of the thrice weekly Kennebec Journal and thrice weekly Age of the last session, and one copy each of said papers during the present session of the Legislature, and cause the same to be bound and placed in the Library. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to be composed of three from the Senate and five from the House, to nominate three commissioners whose names shall be inserted in the resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to revise the Judiciary system of the State. Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Leavitt of Skowhegan, Came of Portland, Charles of Fryeburg, and Cole of Harrington were appointed the Committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred, and joined Messrs. Willis, Eaton and Cushing to the Committee.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a resolve directing the State Treasurer to balance accounts with Washington County and St. Croix Banks; and the same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 75th section of chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes as to allow members of railroad corporations to be witnesses in trials of actions where said corporations may be parties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Board of Agriculture for the incorporation and endowment of a State Agricultural Society, was presented and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Pickard and others for a charter for a bank in Danville, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Account of Daniel Putnam for distributing documents in Waldo County, was presented and referred to the Committee on Accounts. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John R. Whiting of Belfast for incorporation for manufacturing purposes, was presented and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Company for increase of toll, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Woolwich against the petition of James Bailey and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Sargent and others ;
“ of Samuel McClellan and others ;
“ of Jared Fuller and others ; all for a law to prevent the destruction of forests by fire ;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the trustees of East Corinth Academy for aid ;

Petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary for aid ;

Petitions of Knott Crockett and others, and of Mrs. J. M. Tilton and others, in aid of the petition of the East Maine Conference Seminary ;

Petition of John L. Hoyt and others of Monticello ;
 “ of G. Purington and others of Temple ;
 “ of J. C. Churchill and others of Portland ;
 “ of P. M. Garcelon and others of Farmington ;
 all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook
 Seminary ;

Petition of True W. Hill and others of Brownfield ;
 “ of L. D. Strout and others of Raymond ;
 “ of Campbell Bachelder and others of Corinna ;
 “ of Samuel Small and others of Portland ;
 “ of J. M. Mussey and others of Brooks ; all for
 the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Semi-
 nary ;— were severally presented and referred to the Com-
 mittee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of W. F. Tarbox and others of Westport ;
 “ of William Arnold and others of Appleton ;
 “ of Josiah Merrow and others of Bowdoinham ;
 “ of Moses G. Dow and others of Portland ;
 “ of H. H. Sherman and others of Knox ;
 “ of John B. Thwing and others of Woolwich ;
 “ of Thomas Hawkes and others of Windham ;
 “ of Henry I. Warren and others of Pownal and
 vicinity ; all for amendment of the Constitution as to the
 election of public officers, and against foreigners holding
 office ;— were severally presented and referred, so much as
 relates to the election of public officers, to the Joint Select
 Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as re-
 lates to foreigners, to the Joint Select Committee on the
 Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table the
 following resolves :—

Resolved, In concurrence with the Senate, that the mem-
 bers of this Legislature have heard with deep regret of the
 decease of our late fellow citizen, the esteemed and honored
 LUTHER SEVERANCE, for many years a most useful and dis-
 tinguished member of the Legislature of this State.

Resolved, That as a testimonial of our sincere regard for

his memory as a man of high integrity and honor, and as a faithful public officer, the members of this body will attend the funeral of the deceased to-morrow afternoon.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be subscribed by the presiding officers of the two branches, and forwarded to the family of the deceased.

The resolves were seconded by Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, and were passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Torsey, Willis and Ruggles, with such as the House may join, a Committee to make arrangements for the funeral services of the Hon. LUTHER SEVERANCE, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Leavitt of Skowhegan, Lincoln of Hallowell, O'Brien of Thomaston, Gunnison of Eastport and Nickerson of Belfast, were joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CONE of Hallowell.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of Lot M. Morrill and others, reported a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary; and the same was read twice and Thursday next assigned for a third reading. On motion of Mr LEAVITT of Skowhegan, the bill was ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, accepted by the House without amendment, was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote, accepting the same with an amendment, proposing a conference, and appointing Messrs. Hichborn, Newell Blake

and Dennett, conferees on the part of the Senate. The House insisted on its former vote, concurred in the proposed conference, and appointed Messrs. Fenno of Augusta, Stone of Kennebunkport and Hobart of Edmunds, conferees on the part of the House.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order respecting wages exempted from trustee process, and on an order respecting cases of divorce, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill to amend chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate, respecting amendment of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes;

Respecting the petition of the trustees of Foxcroft Academy and accompanying papers;

Respecting the repeal of chapter 28 of the acts of 1847; were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of Jesse Craig and others for an appropriation to open a road from Crystal plantation to Island Falls and Smyrna Road, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Remonstrances of Rufus B. Walker and others, and of Elbridge G. Durgin and others, against the petition of Simeon Allen and others, were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Peter K. Racklyff and others of Lincolnville;
“ of William Mills and others of Levant;
“ of John R. Frohock and others of Lincolnville;
all for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of public

officers, and against persons of foreign birth holding office ; were severally received from the Senate and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws, in concurrence.

Mr. PATTEE of Fort Fairfield, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of the Allegash Dam Company, reported a bill additional to an act to incorporate the Allegash Dam Company, approved June 3, 1851 ; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. RICHARDS of Eden, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Jefferson Moulton and another, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the memorial of James B. Cahoon, Mayor of Portland, and others, inviting attention to the Paris Exposition of 1855, made a report, accompanied by a resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exposition in 1855 ; and the report and resolve were laid on the table, and 1000 copies of the same, together with an extract from the memorial, were ordered to be printed.

Bill to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a tax of \$201,153 44 cents for the year 1855, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, by leave, laid on the table a bill regulating the use of railroad bridges ; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. W. Taylor and others against the annexation of the gore to the town of Weston, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of David T. Stevens and others of Lewiston Falls, and of A. B. Dyer and others of Lagrange, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of John Black and others in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of S. P. Shaw and others in aid of the petition of the trustees of Waterville College;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1855.

No Chaplain was present.

On motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Reform School be directed to visit said school, and to examine the condition of the same, and report to the present Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting returns of the cashiers of banks and clerks of corporations, comprising the names of stockholders, their residence and the amount of stock held by each, was received, read and sent up.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the official statements of the several Agricultural Societies,

was received and referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the names of Inspectors of Fish in commission the past year, designating such as have made returns in conformity to law, was received and referred to the Committee on Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to provide for the education of youth, and to establish a department of public instruction, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, in reference to giving to parties in equity the right of trial by jury, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBART of Edmunds,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to the assessment of taxes, as to require the assessors of cities, towns and plantations, to make their assessments on the first day of May instead of the first day of April as now provided. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the February term of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot. Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from Alden Jackson, Secretary of State and Librarian, transmitting his annual report in relation to the State Library, was received and referred, with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on the Library. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edward McLaughlin for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Joel Hodgman, agent of School District No. 8 in Camden, that the doings of the agent and building committee in the erection of a school-house in that district may be legalized, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Warren for a grant to build a wharf in waters in Penobscot bay near Crow Cove, was presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. D. Sprague and others of Islesborough, for amendment of the Constitution as to the election of State officers, and against foreigners holding office, was presented and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Tabor for a grant of land in township No. 6, Range 5, in the County of Aroostook, for certain purposes;

Petition of Charles Kidder and others for a grant of land in township letter B, Aroostook County, for certain purposes; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of Jacob Bemis and others of Corinna and vicinity, and of William A. Fry and others of Newport, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Corinna Union Academy;

Petition of Wales Hubbard and others of Wiscasset, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of L. L. Knox and others of Bucksport, for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport presented the credentials of John Newell, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians; and the same were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*



TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Key Stone Lodge, and presented the petition of O. R. Bacheller and others asking for the passage of the same; and the bill and petition were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to allow the construction of a dike across Pigeon Hill Marsh Creek in the town of Millbridge;

Bill to authorize the Free Will Baptist Society of Wayne to sell their meeting-house on the line between Winthrop and Wayne;

Bill to incorporate the Augusta and Hallowell Gas Light Company;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to regulate the sale of oats, was taken up and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Remonstrance of Noah Woods and others of the city of Gardiner, against the petition of the Directors of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Kilborn and others in aid of the petition of Samuel Pickard and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Jumper and others of New Gloucester, for amendment of the Constitution in relation to elections of officers, and against foreigners holding office, was presented and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry Emerson and others of North Castine ;
“ of Emery O. Bean and others of Readfield ;
“ of A. M. Foss and others of Oldtown ; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary ;

Petition of Albert Smith and others of St. Albans in aid of the petition of the trustees of Corinna Union Academy ;

Petition of Duston Page and others for endowment of Charleston Academy ; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the report of the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, that the House recede from its former vote and concur with the Senate, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence. The House accordingly receded and concurred with the Senate in striking out the 11th rule as reported, and accepted the report on Joint Rules and Orders as amended in concurrence.

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Allegash Dam Company, approved June 3, 1851, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to incorporate the city of Biddeford; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of John M. Wood and others of Portland, that the Municipal Court may be abolished, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill repealing chapter 28 of the public laws, approved March 29, 1853, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, and the rules having been suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. MCKENNEY of Wiscasset, from the Committee on County Estimates, reported a resolve authorizing the assessment of County taxes on the several Counties; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of F. Lyford, Treasurer, reported a bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act in relation to elections, passed at the extra session in 1840, and approved October 2, 1840, was received from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Daniel Bunker, jr. and others, ordering notice thereon, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to the petition of the Ladies' Temperance Band in Liberty, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Stephen Williamson and others of Mercer and vicinity;

Petition of William Bucknam and others of Lisbon;

Petition of Orrin Bartlett and others of Abbott; all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Mill Bridge Company against the petition of A. C. Small and others, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of William Bucknam and others for power to sell the Union Meeting-house in Webster, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Allen Munroe and others that this Legislature may instruct our Senators and request our Representatives in Congress to use their influence to procure the entire prohibition of the importation of alcoholic liquors, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Maine Law in concurrence.

Petition of John Dresser and others of Castine, for a bridge across Davis's Narrows;

Petition of Alexander Snowman and others of Sedgwick and Brooklin for the same;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Ham and others of Leeds, to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of Wales;

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Manchester, against

the petition of John Otis and others;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses Abbott and others of Etna, for the incorporation of a new County by the name of Sebesticook, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jacob W. Reed and others of Dresden, for amendment of the Constitution so that no person of foreign birth shall hold an office, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Francis Stilphin and others of Dresden, for amendment of the Constitution so that all State officers shall be elected by the people, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association for extension of charter, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

Mr. SKOLFIELD of Harpswell, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HALL of Alfred, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of John Otis and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and on motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. PATTEE of Fort Fairfield, presented the petition of Edward Guy for aid to build a carding machine and other machinery connected therewith; and the same was laid on the table and 400 copies ordered to be printed in French and English.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which were referred the credentials of John Newell as delegate of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, reported a resolve in favor of John Newell and Joseph Lola Selmore; and the same was read, and the rules having been suspended, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to allow the construction of a dike across Pigeon Hill Marsh Creek in the town of Millbridge;

An Act to incorporate the Augusta and Hallowell Gas Light Company;

An Act to authorize the Free Will Baptist Society of Wayne to sell their meeting-house on the line between

Winthrop and Wayne;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act repealing chapter twenty-eight of the public laws, approved March 29, 1853; and the question being on the passage of the bill to be enacted, on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the yeas and nays were ordered; and being taken, the question was decided in the affirmative, yeas 68, nays 44.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Banton, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, Bridges, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burgess, D. K. Chase, A. Clark, Cole, Coombs, Curry, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Fenno, Files, Garland, Gerrish, G. Gilman, Gunnison, Hall, Hanscom, Hobart, Hobbs, E. Hutchings, Johnson, Jones, Kennedy, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Main, McKenney, Means, Nickerson, Oaks, Osgood, Park, Patterson, Peavey, Perham, Phillips, Pike, Porter, Pratt, Purrington, Remick, Scammon, Small, S. Smith, Snell, Staples, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Sweat, Trafton, Wallace, Whitcomb, Winslow.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Bacon, Bray, Came, Carr, Chapin, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Cushing, Elliott, Furbish, Getchell, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Haines, Ham, J. B. Hill, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Mallett, Mayo, W. Merrill, Miller, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Pillsbury, Poor, Rawson, Richards, Rogers, Skolfield, R. S. Stevens, Stillings, Thomas, Titcomb, Turner, Woodbury.

So the bill was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of John Newell and Joseph Lola Selmore, and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Pétition of Joseph Dunham for change of name of a minor child ;

Petition of Ann Maria Farrington for change of name ;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that 1000 copies of the bill entitled an act to provide for the education of youth, and to establish a department of public instruction, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. CUSHMAN of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the petition of Furber Libby and others, together with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CHASE of Calais, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, presented a minority report, and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield offered the following order :

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that 1000 copies of the accompanying bill, entitled an act for the establishment of Normal Schools, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. CAME of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill making further provision for the protection of public ways ; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Darius Wentworth, reported an order of notice, and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an Act in relation to elections, approved October 2, 1840, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, laid on the table.

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to regulate the sale of oats, assigned for consideration this day, was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act additional to an act to incorporate the Allegash Dam Company, approved June 3, 1851; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the assessment of County taxes on the several Counties, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the pew holders of the first Congregational Church of Searsport;

Petition of J. H. Williams that the charges against him may be investigated in the manner prescribed by the constitution;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

! Bill making further provision for the conveyance of property of married women;

Bill to amend certain acts passed by the last Legislature;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank;

Bill to incorporate the North Insurance Company, Rockland;

Bill additional relating to the Merchants' Bank, Portland; were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Petition of A. L. McDonald and others of Orono;
 " of A. K. P. Smart and others of Dexter;
 " of A. P. Haskell and others of Chesterville;
 " of Solomon Dunning and others of Charleston;
 " of Timothy Bailey and others of Auburn;
 " of Ai Waterhouse of Durham; all for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of officers, and against foreigners holding office;—were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henri Dionne in aid of the petition of Edward Guy, was presented and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur Caverno and others of Biddeford;
 " of C. O. Libby and others of Parsonsfield; both for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of Samuel Gibson and others of Woodstock;
 " of Alpheus Lyon and others of Bangor;
 " of Calvin Bridgham and others of Minot;
 " of Jonas Farnsworth and others of Pembroke; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of P. R. Curtis and others for the incorporation of the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Petition of S. C. Pierce and others in aid of the same;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Luther Curtis for remuneration for services and expenses in arresting a criminal, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Durham that that town may be set off from Androscoggin County and annexed to Cumberland County, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of John Winn and others against the petition of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Asa Paine and others against the petition of Daniel Bunker and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of F. W. Dillingham and others that the police court of the city of Bangor may be abolished, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the House, made a report, which was accepted; and the Rules and Orders reported by the Committee were amended on motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, so as to require the members to be uncovered during the sessions of the House, and as amended were adopted.

On motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, the vote whereby the House ordered the report of the minority of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges on the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others to be printed, was reconsidered; and on motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. CAME of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill further defining the power of Mayors of cities in the election of city officers; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses B. Bartlett for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, the vote whereby the House passed an order directing the printing of a bill to provide for the education of youth, and to establish a department of public instruction, was reconsidered; and on motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta, the order was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Frederic Frye and others, ordering notice thereon, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary, was read a third time, amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B, and on motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, was laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill to abolish the February term of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. McLAUGHLIN of Scarborough, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional respecting the assessment and collection of taxes; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PARK of Dixfield, by leave, laid on the table a bill to authorize Hosea Austin and others to sell the Union Meeting-house in Dixfield; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Marble and others for power to sell Dixfield Union Meeting-house;

Remonstrance of inhabitants of School District No. 3 in Belmont, against the petition of the Selectmen of Belmont;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Cornelius Holland and others of Canton;

“ of Charles Foster and others of Machias and East Machias; both in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of the trustees of Fryeburg Academy for aid;

“ of George Pratt and others in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. Snow and others for the incorporation of the Rockland Savings Bank, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the assessors and agent of Patricktown plantation for the establishment of part of their line, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Edwin Noyes and others of West Bath against the petition of A. Lemont and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of F. O. J. Smith for incorporation for building a bridge at Canton Point;

Petition of John B. Marrow and others in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Watson Cook and others of Newport;
 “ of John Puffer and others of Dexter;
 “ of Moses M. Eaton and others of Plymouth; all for a new County by the name of Seabasticook;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Dennett and others of Webster;
 “ of Wales E. Packard and others of Ellsworth;
 “ of J. L. Merrill and others of Webster;
 “ of Thomas L. Fuller and others of Deer Isle; all for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of officers, and against foreigners holding office;—were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,
Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law repealing chapter 91 of the public laws passed by the Legislature of 1854. Sent up for concurrence.

The Secretary of State came in and laid upon the table the following message from the Governor.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit for the action of the Legislature, a communication and accompanying papers from the secretary of the treasury of the United States, relative to ceding certain lands for public uses, situated in the towns of Belfast and Ellsworth, in this State.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
 Augusta, February 1, 1855. }

The message was read and laid on the table.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ABBOTT of Augusta.

Petition of John Spooner and others of Portland, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Adams Treat and others for authority to construct a railroad from Frankfort to Bangor, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of C. H. B. Woodbury and others of Dover, for an amendment of the Constitution so that all State officers shall be elected by the people, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise in concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Flint and others that the doings of the assessors, treasurers and collectors of the town of Baldwin for the years 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841 and 1847, may be legalized;

Bill in amendment of the 91st chapter of the Revised Statutes;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of George Dodge and others to be set off from Bridgton Centre Village Corporation, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Respecting bill to authorize the business of banking;

Relative to repealing the resolve granting a pension to William Poor, jr. ;

Relative to the employment of competent teachers in literary institutions endowed by the State;—were severally passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the account of Dan Pineo against the State, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to nominate three commissioners to revise the Judiciary system of the State, nominating Edward Kent of Bangor, Lot M. Morrill of Augusta and John Rand of Portland, for that purpose, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Eliphalet Greeley and others, reporting a bill to establish the Northern Pacific Railway, was received from the Senate and recommitted in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Walker, Downes and Eaton, with such as the House may join, to contract with some person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the current political year, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor, Titcomb of Augusta, Brown of Bridgton, Files of Thorndike, Woodman of Minot, Porter of Strong and Durell of Oxford, were joined on the part of the House.

Bill to amend chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 136 of the public laws of 1849, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice, and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, was recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin, was taken up; and Mr. HILL of Greene moved that the same be committed to the joint delegation from the County of Androscoggin. On this question, on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, the yeas and nays were ordered; and being taken, the question was decided in the affirmative, yeas 74, nays 36.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Baker, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bray, Bridges, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce,

Buck, Burgess, Carr, Chamberlain, Chapin, Charles, H. T. Clark, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Dike, Doble, Durell, Eames, Furbish, Gerrish, Getchell, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, Goodale, Gunnison, Ham, Haskell, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hobbs, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Kennedy, Lake, J. M. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McLaughlin, Means, W. Merrill, Nickerson, O'Brien, Park, Patterson, Perham, Pike, Remick, Rogers, Sanderson, Scammon, Skolfield, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Turner, Wallace, Wasson, Whitcomb, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Bragg, Burpee, Came, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, Cole, Cushman, Cutler, Fenno, S. Gilman, Haines, Hanscom, T. Hutchins, Ingersoll, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, R. G. Lincoln, Miller, Nason, Nichols, Oaks, Pattee, Porter, Pratt, Rawson, Raynes, Small, S. Smith, Snell, Stillings, Sweat, Thomas, Titcomb, Woodbury.

So the bill was committed to the joint delegation from the County of Androscoggin. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of the trustees of Waterville College, reported a resolve in favor of Waterville College, which was read once, Wednesday next assigned for a second reading, and the resolve ordered to be printed.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday amended the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary (by striking out lands and inserting money;) and the motion to reconsider was laid on the table and Wednesday next assigned for its consideration.

Bill to incorporate the North Insurance Company, Rockland, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, recommitted with instructions to report a bill in accordance with the provisions of the statute. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association;"

An Act to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a tax of two hundred and one thousand one hundred and fifty-three dollars forty-four cents for the year 1855;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill additional relating to the Merchants' Bank of Portland;

Bill making further provision for the conveyance of the property of married women;

Bill to amend certain acts passed by the last Legislature;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank;—were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a resolve directing the State Treasurer to balance accounts with the Washington County and St. Croix Banks, reported the same without amendment; and the same was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill additional in relation to criminal prosecutions, reported the same without amendment; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850; and the same was referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill to provide in part for the expenditures of government; and the same was read twice, and the rules

being suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CAME of Portland,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the Portland Society of Natural History be taken from the files of the last Legislature and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education consider and report what legislation, if any, may be requisite to enable cities to choose annually a suitable number of persons who shall constitute the board of School Committee for the city, and who shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the councils of said cities may prescribe, provided the same do not conflict with the provisions of the statutes for the education of youth. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Greene, by leave, laid on the table a bill abolishing the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Androscoggin County; and the same was referred to the joint delegation from that County. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. J. Lord and others of A company of cavalry, for an appropriation for equipments, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Burnam and others of Penobscot, for an alteration of the Constitution so that all officers may be elected by the people, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Amasa Stetson for an act for the protection and preservation of highways, was presented and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elisha Brown and others of township No. 6, Range 5, Aroostook County, for an appropriation to build a bridge, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of L. S. Libby and others, and of Stephen Wedgwood and others, all of Corinna, for a new County by the name of Sebesticook, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Memorial of a meeting of the citizens of Bangor on the subject of the loan of the credit of the city in aid of the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad;

Petition of George Pierce and others for a railroad charter from Portland to Lovell;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Luther Hapworth and others of the north half of township No. 8, south division of Bingham Purchase, Hancock County, to be incorporated into a town by the name of Middleton;

Petitions of Joseph A. Woodward and others of Waltham, and of Joseph A. Deane and others of Ellsworth, in aid of the same;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Peleg Thomas and others for the repeal of an act passed May 23, 1850;

Remonstrance of Edward Kent and others of the Penobscot bar against the proposed change in the Judiciary system;

Petition of the selectmen and clerk of the town of Sweden that their doings may be made valid;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrances of the selectmen of Pittsfield, and of William C. Stinson and others of Pittsfield, against the

petition of Joseph M. Moor and another, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of East Pittston Academy for aid;
 Petition of Charles Hurlin and others of Lyman, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of Joseph Woodman and others of Buxton and Hollis;

Petition of William Nash and others of Addison;

Petition of Isaac H. Grover and others of Glenburn; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of Joseph Baker and others of Brewer;

“ of J. H. Nickerson and others of Orrington;

“ of Timothy Nye and others of Orrington; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Hawes and others of Corinth;

“ of Francis Soule and others of Orland;

“ of George Cox and others of Vassalborough; all for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of officers, and against foreigners holding office;— were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HALL of Alfred, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Oakes Thompson and others, on the petition of T. J. Haines and others, and on the petition of inhabitants of Fryeburg Academy Grant, reported orders of notice; and said reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. FURBISH of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation on chapter 17, section 42, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the duties of district school agents. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Portland, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Paul R. Curtis and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the petition of Samuel L. Carleton and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and Monday assigned for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, the order directing the printing of 1000 copies of the bill entitled an act for the establishment of Normal Schools, was taken up and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve directing the State Treasurer to balance accounts with the Washington County and St. Croix Banks, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill additional in relation to criminal prosecutions, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, was laid on the table.

Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill repealing chapter 286 of the public laws of 1852; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. NASON of Kenduskeag, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of William Ham and others, reported an order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on an order relative to returns from Savings Institutions, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient; and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the report was laid on the table.

Reports of the Judiciary Committee, on an order relative to repealing the act establishing fish-wardens on the Penobscot waters, and on bill in relation to the powers of County Commissioners, that legislation thereon is inexpedient; were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the same Committee, on the petition of Davis Johnson, and on the petition of Caroline F. Sargent, granting leave to withdraw; were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to increasing the pay of Inspectors of the State Prison, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Ticonic Bank for increase of capital stock, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of J. A. Milliken in behalf of a public meeting, for an appropriation to defray the expense of surveying a shore route for the European and North American Railroad between the Penobscot and St. Croix Waters;

Petition of Jeremiah O'Brien and others for the same;—

were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of H. N. West and others for an appropriation for building a bridge, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Andrews and others of Pittsfield and vicinity for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of A. Burbank and others of Lewiston for aid to Waterville College;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petitions of Michael Shea and others of Gouldsborough, and of Charles Jewett and others of Clinton, for amendment of the Constitution;—were severally received from the Senate and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act making further provision for the conveyance of property of married women;

An Act additional relating to the Merchants' Bank of Portland;

An Act to amend certain acts passed by the last Legislature;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank; and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BACHELDER of Whitneyville, by leave, laid on the table a resolve in favor of Lydia Lorymer; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Lydia Lorymer that the State will relinquish to her the real estate of her late husband;

Petition of Samuel Tainter and others for amendment of the homestead law;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jonas Drury and others for an appropriation to build a road in No. 4, Range 5, Aroostook County, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of B. D. Bryant of Webster, against the petition of William Bucknam and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of P. Sheldon and others of Farmingdale, and of E. G. Rideout and others of Fairfield and Clinton, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of Henry Clark and others of Wiscasset, in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of Thomas Robinson and others of Ellsworth, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Waterville College; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Goodridge and others for the charter of a railroad from Portland to Waterford;

Petition of Ebenezer Hinkley and others of Bluehill, for a bridge across Davis's Narrows;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. K. Killa for remuneration for expenses on account of the sickness of George Hathaway, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of John A. Marsden and others of Veasie, and of William Reed and others of Mount Desert, for amendment of the Constitution, were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Orders from the Senate, relative to exempting from taxation blood animals imported into this State for the purpose of improving the breeds of stock;

Relative to the petition of George H. Smith for military pension and the accompanying papers;—were severally passed in concurrence.

Bill to give the Supreme Judicial Court power to examine the parties in cases of divorce, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petitions of A. S. Patten and others, and of S. F. Small and others, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Joint Select Committees on the Elective Franchise and on the Naturalization Laws, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, on the petition of James Bayley and others, granting leave to

withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill in addition, giving to mortgágees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, was laid on the table.

Bill making further provision for the protection of public ways;

Bill additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath;

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Order that the Committee on State printing and binding be instructed to inquire and report the most favorable terms on which the printing and binding may be done by separate and distinct contracting parties, prior to making any contract, was received from the Senate; and Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor moved that the same be indefinitely postponed. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. HOBART of Edmunds; and being taken, the question was decided in the negative, yeas 28, nays 67.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Baker, L. Brown, Bruce, Burgess, Cutler, Durell, Eames, Files, Gerrish, S. Gilman, Goodale, Haines, Hight, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, T. Hutchins, Ingersoll, Lake, Miller, Nason, Norris, Perham, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Stillings, Wallace, Woodbury, Woodman.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Berry, Blake, Blanchard, Bragg, E. H. Brown, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chamberlain, Chapin, Charles, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Dike, Elliott, Fenno, G. Gilman, Greenleaf, Gunnison, Ham, Hobart, Hobbs, Ingalls, Johnson, Josselyn,

Kennedy, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McGilvery, Means, W. Merrill, Nickerson, Osgood, Pattee, Pratt, Purrington, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Rogers, Sanderson, Scammon, Small, W. Stanton, W. P. Stevens, Sweat, Titcomb, Twitchell, Wasson, Whitecomb, York.

Mr. PIKE of Topsfield was excused from voting.

The order was then passed in concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to the act incorporating the city of Hallowell; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill to abolish the police court in the city of Bangor, and to establish a municipal court in said city with enlarged jurisdiction; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Sampson Reed and others of Hartford, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, was presented and laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on an order relative to returns from Savings Institutions, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was taken up and re-committed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to abolish the January term of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank; and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and were sent to the Senate.

Petition of Josiah Grindle, and others of Penobscot, for a bridge across Davis's Narrows;

Petition of John Barry and others for an appropriation

for the survey of a shore route for the European and North American Railroad;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the owners of the free meeting-house in Hartford, for authority to sell the same, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George W. Springer and others of Franklin in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of a commission to prepare a Judiciary system, was returned from the Senate, the amendments of the House concurred, and the resolve further amended as on sheet annexed marked C, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The House receded, concurred in the amendment of the Senate, and passed the resolve to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on Elections, to which was recommitted the report of said Committee on the remonstrance of John Murphy, jr., against the right of Alden Kennedy to a seat in the House, reported a statement of facts; and the report, on motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, was laid on the table.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported that the Committee had examined the credentials referred to them, and that the following gentlemen were entitled to seats in the House:—

 COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN.

William Bray	of Turner,
Gilman D. Garland	of East Livermore,
Hezekiah Gerrish	of Durham,
Jacob B. Ham	of Lewiston,
Tristram Hill	of Greene,
Sylvester Oaks	of Auburn,
William Stanton	of Poland,
Isaiah Woodman	of Minot.

 COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK.

George W. Haskell	of Hodgdon,
Stephen B. Pattee	of Fort Fairfield,
Ebenezer Woodbury	of Houlton.

 COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

George Bacon	of Freeport,
Jacob C. Baker	of Gorham,
George W. Barrows	of Harrison,
Sewall Blanchard	of Cumberland,
Theodore M. Bradbury	of Standish,
Luke Brown	of Bridgton,
Charles G. Came	of Portland,
Oliver D. Dike	of Sebago,
Benjamin Furbish	of Brunswick,
Samuel R. Leavitt	of Portland,
George Libby	of Westbrook,
Robert McLaughlin, Jr.	of Scarborough,
Hiram P. Osgood	of New Gloucester,
Enoch L. Pillsbury	of Cape Elizabeth,
Clement Skolfield	of Harpswell,
James Small, Jr.	of Gray,
William W. Thomas	of Portland.

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Elias H. Brown	of Chesterville,
William H. Josselyn	of Phillips,
Jeremy W. Porter	of Strong,
Abel H. Weeks	of Wilton,
James J. York	of Temple.

COUNTY OF HANCOCK.

Benjamin Barker	of Ellsworth,
Rufus Buck	of Bucksport,
James W. Coombs,	of Brooksville,
Thomas Curry	of Hancock,
Ebenezer Hutchings	of Penobscot,
Hezekiah Means	of Surry,
Benjamin Raynes	of Deer Isle,
Samuel H. Richards	of Eden,
Samuel Wasson	of Franklin.

COUNTY OF KENNEBEC.

John Berry, Jr.	of Gardiner,
Hiram T. Clark	of Pittston,
Benjamin H. Cushman	of Winthrop,
Edward Fenno	of Augusta,
Mark Getchell	of Litchfield,
Samuel Haines	of Clinton,
Moses Hanscom	of Waterville,
Eli Jones	of China,
Rodney G. Lincoln	of Hallowell,
John T. Main	of Albion,
William Merrill	of Vassalborough,
Charles S. Norris	of Monmouth;
Stephen Smith	of Belgrade,
Samuel Titcomb,	of Augusta.

 COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

Algernon S. Austin	of New Castle,
Josiah Bruce	of Patricktown,
Nathaniel A. Burpee	of Rockland,
David Chamberlain	of Bristol,
Aaron Clark	of Washington,
George Gilchrist	of St. George,
Ebenezer Greenleaf	of Westport,
Elisha McKenney	of Wiscasset,
Edward O'Brien	of Thomaston,
Seth Patterson	of Dresden,
Isaac Payson	of Cushing,
Meaubeck M. Rawson	of Waldoborough,
Lyman H. Winslow	of Nobleborough.

 COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Nathaniel Charles	of Fryeburg,
Charles Durell	of Oxford,
Leonard K. Ingalls	of Denmark,
Isaac Park	of Dixfield,
Sidney Perham	of Woodstock,
Samuel Poor	of Andover,
Charles C. Sanderson	of Sweden,
Rufus S. Stevens	of Paris.

 COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT.

William Banton	of Lagrange,
James H. Burgess	of Oldtown,
Hiram Carr	of Dexter,
Daniel S. Chapin	of Brewer,
Elijah Comins	of Eddington,
Elias Doble	of Etna,
Smith Gilman	of Enfield,
John B. Hill	of Bangor,

Thomas K. Holt	of Garland,
George W. Ingersoll	of Bangor,
James H. Johnson	of Hermon,
Gideon Mayo	of Orono,
Oliver K. Nason	of Kenduskeag,
James Rogers	of Stetson,
William P. Stevens	of Springfield,
Amasa K. Walker	of Hampden.

COUNTY OF PISCATAQUIS.

Samuel Blake	of Orneville,
Benjamin R. Lake	of Atkinson,
Isaac Phillips	of Shirley,
George W. Stanton	of Wellington.

COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC.

John Hinkley	of Georgetown,
James M. Lincoln	of Bath,
Humphrey P. Mallett	of Topsham,
Collamore Purrington	of Richmond.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

George Cutler	of Ripley,
John Heald	of Anson,
John Hight	of Athens,
Thomas Hutchins	of Lexington,
James T. Leavitt	of Skowhegan,
Joseph S. Nichols	of Moscow,
Thomas J. Pratt	of Palmyra,
William B. Snell	of Fairfield,
Alvinzy Whitcomb	of Mercer.

COUNTY OF WALDO.

Hanson Andrews	of Camden,
Theophilus H. Cushing	of Frankfort,
Calvin Eames	of Islesborough,
Robert Elliot	of Freedom,
Elihu Files	of Thorndike,
Samuel Heald	of Troy,
Josiah Hobbs	of Hope,
William McGilvery	of Searsport,
John Miller	of Lincolnville,
Salathiel C. Nickerson	of Belfast,
Miles S. Staples	of Swanville,
James E. Twitchell	of Montville.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

Nathan Bachelder	of Whitneyville,
Isaac W. Bridges	of Medybemps,
Daniel K. Chase	of Calais,
Robert Cole	of Harrington,
Joseph Gunnison	of Eastport,
Daniel K. Hobart	of Edmunds,
William S. Peavey	of Whiting,
John B. Pike	of Topsfield,
Ellery Turner	of Cutler,
James Wallace	of Millbridge.

COUNTY OF YORK.

Leonard Andrews	of Biddeford,
Nehemiah Butler	of Sanford,
Joseph Chase	of Waterborough,
Josiah Chase	of York,
George Gilman	of Hollis,
Enoch Goodale	of Wells,
Ivory Hall	of Alfred,

Andrew Leighton	of Eliot,
Ansel Merrill	of Buxton,
Levi Remick	of Kittery,
Ebenezer Ricker	of Acton,
Seth Scammon	of Saco,
Samuel Stillings	of Berwick,
James M. Stone	of Kennebunkport,
John B. Sweat	of Parsonsfield,
Alpheus Trafton	of Cornish.

The report was accepted.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

Bill in addition to an act in relation to elections, approved October 2, 1840, was taken up and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Petition of S. P. Dunnel and others, creditors of the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Company, that the acts of said Company may be made valid;

Petition of A. D. White and others in aid of the same;

“ of A. P. Fuller and others for increase of pay for witnesses attending court;

Petition of Rockland Water Company for amendment of charter;

Petition of the City Council and others of Rockland in aid of the same;

Petition of the City Council and others of Rockland for amendment of the city charter;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of a commission to prepare a Judiciary system, was returned from the Senate, the vote passing the same to be engrossed reconsidered, the resolve further amended as on sheet annexed marked D, and passed to be engrossed as amended on sheets marked A, B, C, and D. The House receded from its former vote, concurred in amendment marked D, and passed the resolve to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Remonstrance of H. Beverage and others of North Haven against the petition of Peleg Thomas and others;

Petition of James A. Clay for alteration of the marriage law, and the disbanding of the militia;

Petition of S. Royal and others for a law to regulate bowling alleys;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of David Benjamin and others for a charter to build a dam on Swift River;

Petition of David Wasson and sons of West Brooksville for wharf extension;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the State Bank for increase of capital stock, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to petitions for the incorporation of the town of Umbagog, was passed in concurrence.

Reports of the Joint Select Committee on the petition of Jane K. Lewis; on the petition of Elisha H. Dunham; on the petition of Albert G. Barbour, and on the petition of Elizabeth Sylvester; granting leave to withdraw said petitions, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of John Murphy, Jr. against the right of Alden Kennedy of Jefferson to a seat in the House, was taken up; and the question being on the acceptance of the same, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Bridgton, the yeas and nays were ordered; and being taken, the question was decided in the negative, yeas 49, nays 68.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Bragg, Bruce, Burgess, Burpee, Came, Chapin, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Cushman, Eames, Elliott, Garland, Gerrish, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Gunnison, Haines, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hight, Hobart, Hobbs, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, Means, Miller, Nickerson, Norris, Osgood, Pattee, Pike, Pratt, Rawson, Raynes, Richards, Sanderson, Skolfield, Stillings, Sweat, Titcomb, Turner, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blake, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Carr, Chamberlain, Charles, A. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Files, G. Gilman, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, E. Hutchings, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McGilvery, McLaughlin, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Nason, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Purrington, Remick, Rogers, Scammon, Small, S. Smith, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta was excused from voting.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table the following resolves:

Resolved, That in the last September election, Alden Kennedy was not duly elected a member of this House from the town of Jefferson.

Resolved, That no person was at that election duly elected a Representative from that district.

Resolved, That the Speaker be directed to inform the selectmen of Jefferson, that a vacancy exists in that election district.

The question being on the passage of the foregoing resolves, on motion of Mr. HEALD of Anson, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. BERRY of Gardiner moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered to be now put.

The resolves were passed, yeas 67, nays 43.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blake, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Carr, Chamberlain, A. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Files, Gerrish, Getchell, G. Gilman, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, E. Hutchings, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McGilvery, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Nason, Patterson, Perham, Purrington, Remick, Scammon, Small, S. Smith, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Bragg, Bruce, Burgess, Burpee, Came, Chapin, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Cushman, Eames, Garland, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Gunnison, Haines, J. Heald, Hobart, Hobbs, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, Miller, Norris, Osgood, Pattee, Pike, Pratt, Rawson, Raynes, Richards, Rogers, Sanderson, Skolfield, Stillings, Sweat, Titcomb, Turner, Woodbury.

Bill to abolish the February term of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot, was returned from the Senate, the vote passing the same to be enacted reconsidered, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House receded from its former vote, and concurred with the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES of Swanville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Common Schools and for County conventions of teachers, approved by the Governor April 17, 1854. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Alden Kennedy as a member of this House for his travel and attendance up to and including to-morrow.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of John Murphy, jr., as a member of this House for his travel and attendance up to and including to-morrow.

Petition of Oliver Moses and others of Bath;

“ of Oren Smith and others of Clinton;

“ of John Page and others of Hartland and St.

Albans;

Petition of Richard Mayberry and others of Casco; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of George Leavitt and others of Addison for aid for common schools;

Petition of J. Merithew and others of Searsport;

Petition of Mary L. Waterhouse and others of Searsport; both in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of Aaron Ayer and others of Newfield in aid of Maine State Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the assessors and agent of Patricktown for aid for building and repairing highways and bridges;

Petition of Joseph Nash and others of Addison for the survey of a railroad between Bangor and Calais through the shore towns;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. A. Bittues for authority to erect a wharf in tide waters in Augusta, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry R. Parsons and others of Paris, for the removal of the County buildings in Oxford County, was presented and referred to the joint delegation from the County of Oxford. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the assessors and agent of Patricktown for a part of Whitefield and Jefferson to be set off and annexed to Patricktown, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. L. Nichols and others of Brewer for amendment of the Constitution, was presented and referred, so much as relates to elections to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Memorial of a meeting of the inhabitants of Bangor, in aid of the petition of the Penobscot Railroad Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill to authorize the stockholders and proprietors of the York Street Free Will Baptist Meeting-house in Bangor to sell their meeting-house; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition giving to mortgagees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire, was taken up, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and on motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, laid on the table.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Portland Sugar Company; and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edward Guy for aid to build a carding machine and other machinery, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CHARLES of Fryeburg, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of George Dodge and others, reported order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin;

Bill making further provision for the protection of public ways;

Bill additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill to incorporate the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The message of the Governor, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, asking for the cession of certain territory, was taken up and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. S. Witham and others of Smithfield;

“ of James Weymouth and others of Sabattisville;

“ of B. H. Taylor and others of New Sharon; all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of Charles R. McFadden and others of Vassalborough, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of N. Webster and others for a law to prevent the destruction of trout in Cold Stream pond in Enfield, was presented and referred to the Committee on Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ivory Brooks and others of Sanford, that section 2, chapter 211, of the public laws of 1851, may be amended, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Maine Law. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Kilburn and others for an act to incorporate the Auburn Block Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Boothby and others of Saco;
 “ of David Burnham and others of Saco;
 “ of Joseph Hobson, jr., and others of Saco;
 “ of Daniel Libby and others of Saco; all for
 stringent legislative enactments to prevent the destruction
 of our forests and woods by fire;

Petition of the stockholders of the York Street Free Will
 Baptist Meeting-house in Bangor, for leave to sell said
 house;

Remonstrance of Jeremiah Merithew and others against
 the incorporation of the first Congregational Society of
 Searsport;—were severally presented and referred to the
 Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of L. M. West and others of Franklin, that all
 State and County officers may be elected by the people, was
 presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee on
 the Elective Franchise. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. F. Hamilton and others of Franklin;
 “ of James M. Deering and others of Saco;
 “ of Osgood Carr and others of Mercer;
 “ of E. W. French and others of Eastport;
 “ of Nathan Woodbury and others of Auburn;
 “ of Charles Wetherbee and others of Belmont;
 “ of John J. Lovejoy and others of Sebec; all for
 amendment of the Constitution;—were severally present-
 ed and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers
 by the people, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective
 Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and
 holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Natu-
 ralization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Semi-
 nary, came up by assignment, the question being on the
 motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta, to reconsider the vote
 whereby the House adopted the amendment marked B; pend-
 ing which question, the House adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1855.

The Speaker being absent, the House was called to order by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,
Resolved, That in the absence of the Speaker of the House, JOHN B. HILL, Esq., Representative from Bangor, be unanimously declared to be chosen Speaker pro tempore.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary, pending when the House last adjourned, was laid on the table.

✓ Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was recommitted their report that legislation is inexpedient on an order relative to returns from Savings Institutions, reported back the same report without amendment; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional in relation to criminal prosecutions, was taken up and recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PURRINGTON of Richmond, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional in relation to public schools; and the same was referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend the 35th section of chapter of the Revised Statutes; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to finish the repairs on the bridge at Mattawamkeag Point. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. JONES of China, was appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture in place of Mr. KENNEDY of Jefferson, whose seat has been vacated by the decision of the House.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank;

Bill to extend the charter of the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association;

Bill to incorporate the Gray Mutual Benefit and Library Association;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Seward Merrill and others, reported a bill to authorize Seward Merrill and others to construct a wharf in the tide waters of Portland harbor; and the same was read twice and Wednesday next assigned for a third reading.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the petition of Oliver S. Livermore and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. PATTEE of Fort Fairfield, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve in aid of roads in the Counties of Aroostook and Penobscot; and the same was read once and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of a commission to prepare a Judiciary system; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, by leave, laid on the table a bill in relation to the set-off of demands; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to abolishing the office of Superintendent of Common Schools and reestablishing the Board of Education and Teachers' Institutes, was passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of J. K. Kilsa, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the business of banking, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, and also on sundry petitions in aid of the same, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate accepted; and on motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais, was laid on the table.

Petition of Hiram Barrows and others of Hebron, for a change in the naturalization laws, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration in concurrence.

Petition of Haskell Fuller and others for further legislation in regard to appeals from County Commissioners, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petitions of Jeremiah Wormell and others of Rumford, and of Joseph Barrows and others of Hebron, for the removal of the County buildings in the County of Oxford,

were severally received from the Senate and referred to the joint delegation from the County of Oxford in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Webber and others ;
“ of Lewis W. Houghton and others ;
“ of Franklin Sawyer and others ;
“ of Stephen Phinney and others ; all in aid of the petition of Horace Billings and others ;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Stephen Emery and others of Paris ;
“ of L. C. Stevens and others of Hebron ;
“ of James White and others of Belfast ; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Waterville College ;

Petitions of Sullivan Bray and others of Georgetown, and of H. L. Bray and others of Arrowsic, in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary ;

Petitions of Thomas C. Norris and others of Vienna, and of Joseph Berry and others of Georgetown, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary ;

Petition of Samuel Fletcher and others of Belmont, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary ;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petitions of Eunice Ann Hussey, and of Isaac Crane, 2d, for change of name, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of S. H. Tewksbury and other members of the Maine Medical Association, for an act for the advancement of medical science, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Percival and others for a charter for a bank at Waterville, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nehemiah Ellis and others for compensation for services and expenses in arresting a criminal, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Wilder for a grant of land in consideration of building mills in No. 13, range 3;

Petition of Moses L. Appleton and others for aid to make roads in township No. 6, range 5;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Warren Leighton and others for an appropriation for the survey of a railroad route from Bangor to Calais;

Remonstrance of Peleg Hall and others against the petition of E. B. Pierce and others;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of G. M. Burleigh and others of Dexter against the incorporation of the County of Sebec, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of B. W. Varnum and others of Wayne;

“ of Robinson Cook and others of Bolster’s Mills;

“ of David Butler and others of Industry;

“ of Benjamin Bacheller and others of Fayette;

“ of James S. Emery and others of Hampden; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of Hiram Belcher and others of Farmington, in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petitions of Levi Emery, jr., and others of Bloomfield, and of G. D. King and others of Calais, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Waterville College;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Silvanus Poor and others of Andover;
 “ of Moses M. Merrill and others of Roxbury;
 “ of Richard Taylor and others of Byron; all for
 the removal of the County buildings in Oxford County;—
 were severally presented and referred to the joint delega-
 tion from the County of Oxford. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Richard Mayberry and others of Casco;
 “ of Asa Heath and others of Detroit;
 “ of Samuel T. Robinson and others of Bath;
 “ of James Cochran, Jr. and others of Monmouth;
 all for amendment of the Constitution;—were severally
 presented and referred, so much as relates to the election
 of officers by the people, to the Joint Select Committee on
 the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners
 voting and holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on
 the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, inform-
 ing that body, that in the absence of the Speaker, JOHN B.
 HILL, Esq., of Bangor, has been chosen Speaker pro tem-
 pore of the House. Mr. LINCOLN was charged with the
 message.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, a similar
 message was ordered to be sent to the Governor and Coun-
 cil. Mr. SMITH was charged with the message.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Sem-
 inary, was taken up, the question being on the motion of Mr.
 FENNO of Augusta to reconsider the vote whereby the
 House adopted the amendment marked B; pending which
 question, the House adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HANSON of Augusta.

Bill in addition giving to mortgagees a lien on policies of assurance against fire, was taken up; and on motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, the vote whereby the House adopted the amendment marked A was reconsidered, and the bill was amended as on sheet marked B, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Subsequently, the vote passing the bill to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the bill was recommitted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of removing all objection to the testimony of witnesses in civil and criminal actions on the ground of interest or infamy. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Camden,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of legalizing the doings of school district No. 8 in Camden. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws be directed to inquire into the expediency of restricting or annulling the naturalization powers of our courts. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of making void all notes, bills of exchange, drafts or any description of paper, discounted or purchased by the banks of this State, or their agents, wherein more than six per cent. interest was taken or reserved, directly or indirectly. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Dan Pineo, reported a resolve in favor of Dan Pineo; and the same was once read and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary, was taken up, the question being on the motion to reconsider the vote, whereby the House adopted the amendment marked B; and on motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta, the bill was referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly went into Committee of the whole, and Mr. FENNO of Augusta was called to the chair. The Committee having considered the bill, on motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, the Committee rose and reported the bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Education; and Wednesday next was assigned for its further consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Waterville College, was recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any legislation is necessary to secure the public against loss by express men. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Valentine Ripley for remuneration for losses incurred by aiding an officer while executing a criminal precept;

Petition of Lewis Bisbee and others;

“ of Tristram Hersey and others;

“ of A. D. White and others; all in aid of the petition of Valentine Ripley;

Petition of Samuel F. Rawson for remuneration for services and expenses of an inquest on the dead body of a per-

son not belonging to the State;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Amos M. Roberts and others for a line of telegraph through the State from the east to the west line thereof;

Petition of Nathaniel L. Thompson and others of Keenebunk for incorporation for insurance purposes;

Petition of the County Commissioners of Androscoggin County for a loan for erecting County buildings;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Bucksport Bank for an increase of capital stock, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel F. Hersey and another to have a contract made by them with the Land Agent of Massachusetts complied with on the part of Maine, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Milliken and others of North Hancock for a more stringent liquor law, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee on that part of the Governor's message which relates to the Maine Law. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Toma Lewy to be restored to the possession of a certain meadow, was presented and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Ellsworth and others of Avon, that that town may be divided, and a part of the same be annexed to the town of Phillips, and the other part to the town of Strong, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen and clerk of Stoneham, that their doings may be made valid;

Petition of Henry Hobbs and others, proprietors of the free meeting-house in Hope, for power to sell the same;

Petition of N. G. Gould and others for leave to sell the Free Will Baptist meeting-house in Woolwich;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of R. H. Gilman and others of Liberty, and of William McFarland and others of Hancock, for amendment of the Constitution;— were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers by the people, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to extend further aid to the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act in addition to an act in relation to elections, approved October 2, 1840;

An Act additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath;

An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;

An Act making further provision for the protection of public ways;

An Act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;

Resolve directing the State Treasurer to balance accounts with the Washington County and St. Croix Banks ;— and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Secretary of State came in and laid on the table the following message from the Governor :

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith lay¹ before the Legislature the report of Seth W. Smith, Esq., Passamaquoddy Indian Agent, made in compliance with a resolve of the Legislature of 1854.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Augusta, February 9, 1855. }

The message was referred, with the accompanying report, to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George F. Talbot and others of Machias and East Machias ;

Petition of L. L. Shaw and others of Dover and Foxcroft ;

Petition of Isaac W. Tabor and others of Houlton ; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary ;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to the fees of officers for commitments on criminal process, was passed in concurrence.

Bill to define the rights of the owners of Searsport steamboat wharf, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of W. J. Robinson and others of Castine, for

aid to East Maine Conference Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of George Copeland and others for incorporation to manufacture twilled seamless bags, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of Caleb Blake for remuneration for services in pursuit of a fugitive from justice, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of John M. Wood and others in aid of the petition of Horace Billings and others;

Petition of Joseph Walker and others for authority to build a bridge across Hutchinson's ferry;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Russ and others for a charter for a bank in China;

Petition of Amasa Taylor and others in aid of the same;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of Leonard Joyce and others for amendment of the Constitution, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise in concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Prospect for protection from foreign paupers thrown on said town by means of laborers on Fort Knox, was received from the Senate, referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hichborn, Turner and Goodwin, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join; and the House concurred, and joined Messrs. McGilvery of Searsport, Burgess of Oldtown,

Stillings of Berwick, Stevens of Paris and Cole of Harrington.

Mr. RICHARDS of Eden, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of the assessors and agent of Patricktown, reported an order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COMINS of Eddington, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relative to increasing the bounty on wolves, reported that legislation is inexpedient; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PORTER of Strong, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of a resolve in favor of Charles Turner, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on the petition of the assessors and agent of Patricktown, ordering notice thereon, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Luther Curtis;

Resolve in favor of Lydia Lorymere;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of the Directors of Ticonic Bank, reported a bill to increase the capital stock of the Ticonic Bank; and the same was twice read and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of John Kendall and others, reported an order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 136 of the public laws of 1849, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and Wednesday next assigned for a third reading.

Bill authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Castine river, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was twice read and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Ocean Bank, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER of Hallowell.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to authorize the city of Bangor to extend further aid to the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Ocean Bank; and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill relating to the transfer of actions;

Petition of Stephen Johnson, jr., and others, for authority to sell the Union Meeting-house in Sullivan;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Joel Howe and others for the removal of the

County buildings in Oxford County, was received from the Senate and referred to the joint delegation from the County of Oxford in concurrence.

Petition of John Preston and others of Arrowsic, for amendment of the Constitution, was received from the Senate and referred to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Bath,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it be to meet on Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. STEVENS of Paris, from the joint delegation of Oxford County, on the petition of Henry R. Parsons and others, reported an order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of Thomas Crocker and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Slate Company; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta, the vote whereby the House assigned Wednesday next for the third reading of bill amending chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes and chapter 136 of the public laws of 1849, was reconsidered; and the bill was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed, together with the sections proposed to be repealed or modified.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of O. R. Bacheller and others, reported a bill to incorporate the master, wardens and members of Key Stone Lodge; and the same was twice read and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. JOSSELYN of Phillips, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a bill to amend an act to provide for the education of youth, reported a bill to amend an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850; and the same was twice read and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Sanford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary for the protection of private burying grounds. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society;

Bill further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers;

Bill to set off certain lands from Chelsea and annex the same to Pittston;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Peter Folsom, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was once read and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Bill additional to the act incorporating the city of Hallowell, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, and on motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, laid on the table.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the conveyance of real estate, on the petition of the selectmen of Moscow, and on the petition of A. P. Fuller and others, that legislation thereon is inexpedient; were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the same Committee, that bill relative to criminal prosecutions, and bill repealing chapter 286 of

the laws of 1852, ought not to pass, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Gray Mutual Benefit and Library Association ;

Bill authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Castine river ;

Bill to extend the charter of the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association ; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of Ticonic Bank ;

Bill to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company ; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to restraining lotteries and other species of gambling, was passed in concurrence.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes ; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Laundressing Company ; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Mark Trafton for lot No. 12, letter D, range 1, in the County of Aroostook, for labor done on roads, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. L. Boulter and others of Jackson Brook, to be incorporated into a town, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of C. G. Robbins and others of Dover;
 " of Joseph Jones and others of Camden;
 " of Mrs. Hope S. Berry and others of Camden;
 all in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of B. Freeman and others of Yarmouth, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Waterville College;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the Sheriff of Penobscot County for distributing certain blank returns, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the first school district in Bucksport for authority to raise money, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas Jordan and others against the petition of William Bucknam and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Kimball and others of Rockland for a new County, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Benj. S. Perkins and others against the petition of the Directors of Gardiner and Pittston Bridge;

Remonstrances of N. Pendleton and others, and of A. Leighton and others, against the city of Bangor loaning its credit for the construction of the Penobscot Railroad;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry F. Wingate and others of Hallowell;
 " of J. R. Weed and others of St. Albans;
 " of Levi Loring and others of Guilford; all for amendment of the Constitution;— were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers

by the people, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. BURGESS of Gardiner.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta, the vote whereby the House assigned Wednesday next for the second reading of a resolve in favor of Lydia Lorymere, was reconsidered; and the same was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER of Hampden, from the Committee on Division of Counties, on the petitions of inhabitants of Newport and others for a new County, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the York Insurance Company; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. COMINS of Eddington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending our school laws as to require the number of scholars to be returned the first day of April, instead of the first day of May as it now is, that it may correspond with the amendment of the tax act, requiring the inventory to be taken the first day of April. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to the act incorporating the city of Hallowell, was taken up, read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad Company, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to repealing an act concerning railroads, approved March 30, 1853, and appointing Railroad Commissioners to whom all schemes for new charters shall be presented for approval, prior to application to the Legislature;

Relative to the petition of Jefferson Moulton and another to be set off from Lyman and annexed to Alfred, and petitions in aid of the same;—were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of Alvin Barden for remuneration for expense of sickness while in the service of the State, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac R. Clark for an investigation as to taxes on township No. 2, range 8, Penobscot County, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Fowler and others of Lubec, for aid for East Maine Conference Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joseph Porter and others against the petition of Hiram Peavey, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table

a bill to provide for the promulgation of the public laws; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON of Franklin, from the Committee on the Militia, on the petition of A. J. Lord and others, reported a resolve in favor of A company of cavalry, first division; and the same was once read, and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Messenger of the House two maps of the State of Maine, to be suspended in the hall of the House, for the use of the members.

Petition of Lydia Cushman that certain lands and buildings may be restored to her, was presented and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Rawson of Waldoborough, Cushing of Frankfort, Came of Portland, Stone of Kennebunkport and Mayo of Orono, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exposition of 1855, was taken up, once read and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the pewholders of the first Congregational Church in Searsport;

Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Association;

Bill to annex certain territory to the town of Weston;

Bill in amendment of the 91st chapter of the Revised Statutes;

Bill ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and their appurtenances;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Petition of James Hartford and others of Weston and vicinity;

Petition of Lemuel Trott and others of Woolwich;
 “ of Joshua Hill and others of Hampden;
 “ of W. T. Jewell and others of Appleton, Sears-
 mont and Liberty; all for aid to the East Maine Conference
 Seminary;— were severally presented and referred to the
 Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses B. Sears and others, committee of the
 proprietors of the Universalist Meeting-house in Winthrop,
 for leave to sell a part of their real estate;

Petition of B. F. Sprague of Woolwich for amendment of
 the Constitution as to the right of voting;

Remonstrance of the mayor, aldermen and common coun-
 cilmen of Belfast against changing the police court in that
 city;— were severally presented and referred to the Com-
 mittee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles Lothrop and others for the incorpora-
 tion of the Augusta Shovel Company, was presented and
 referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insur-
 ance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of B. J. Mitchell and others for the repeal of an
 act dividing the town of Wilson, passed in 1848, was pre-
 sented and referred to the Committee on Division of
 Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Wiggin and others for an appropria-
 tion for the repair of the State road from Kingsbery to
 Moose Head Lake, was presented and referred to the Com-
 mittee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for con-
 currence.

Petition of John B. Coffin and others of Harrington, for
 the survey of a railroad from Bangor to Calais, was present-
 ed and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.
 Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Wm. S. Mitchell and others of Bangor and
 vicinity, for amendment of the Constitution, was presented

and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers by the people, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HYDE of Gardiner.

Petition of Anson Jordan for improvements in our school system ;

Petition of Joseph Plummer and others of Gorham, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath ;

Bill authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the city of Augusta ;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. BARROWS of Harrison,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed, to inquire of the several Joint Standing and Select Committees, and report as soon as may be, at what time they will be able to report finally on all business before them, and also to report what day may be fixed upon when the two Houses may adjourn without day. Messrs. Barrows of Harrison, Hill of Greene, Hutchings of Penobscot, O'Brien of Thomaston and Gilman of Enfield, were appointed the Committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred, and had joined Messrs. Ruggles, Adams and Sprague to the Committee.

Bill to incorporate the Brooksville Bridge Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of S. P. Waterhouse and others of Detroit in aid of the petition of Joseph M. Moor and another, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association;

An Act to incorporate the Gray Mutual Benefit and Library Association;

An Act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Castine River;

An Act to incorporate the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. OSGOOD of New Gloucester, the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed a bill to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was reconsidered; and the bill was laid on the table.

Bill additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate, and recommitted in concurrence.

Mr. TIFCOMB of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Glen Mills Manufacturing Company; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, by leave, laid on the table a bill to establish a municipal court in the city of Biddeford; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of J. A. Clay, reported that legislation on the subject of the marriage laws is inexpedient; and the report was accepted. — On motion of Mr. ANDREWS, so much of the same petition as relates to disbanding the militia, army and navy, was referred to the Committee on the Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and their appurtenances;

Bill to annex certain territory to the town of Weston;

Bill to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society;

Bill in amendment of the ninety-first chapter of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to set off certain lands from Chelsea and annex the same to Pittston;

Bill further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers;

Bill to incorporate the pewholders of the first Congregational church in Searsport;

Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Association; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850;

Bill to incorporate the master, wardens and members of Key Stone Lodge; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco,

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to communicate to this House what action has been taken under the provis-

ions of a resolve approved August 24, 1850, setting apart and reserving twenty-four half townships of the public lands for a common school fund. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LIBBY of Westbrook, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes; and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON of Franklin, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to an act for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850; and the same was referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HAM of Lewiston, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the officers and members of King Hiram Chapter; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Bragdon for a military pension, was presented and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ezra Totman and others for a bank at Kendall's Mills, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Sumner Burnham for allowance of a bill incurred in the arrest of Reuben Wiley, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of Isaac S. Small and others of Wales, and of John C. Fogg and others of Wales, in aid of the petition of William Ham and others;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of H. H. Hill and others for an act of incorporation, was presented and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Taylor and others for an appropriation for the survey of a shore route for the European and North American Railway;

Petition of John Creighton and others of Warren and Thomaston, for the repeal of the second section of an act to amend an act incorporating the Warren Toll Bridge Company;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of B. W. Hinckley and others for the incorporation of the Bluehill Horticultural Society;

Petition of the trustees of Kennebec Agricultural Society for an appropriation to establish and endow a stock and experimental farm;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Andrews and others for the incorporation of the Warren Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Petition of Joseph Wight and others for amendment of laws relating to hawkers and pedlers;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry Hobbs and others of Hope;

“ of Christopher Young and others of Union;

“ of J. L. Smith and others of North Haven;

“ W. E. Tolman and others of Rockland; all for a new County, to be composed of parts of Lincoln and Waldo Counties;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of W. M. E. Brown and others;

“ of George Denning and others;

“ of E. G. Savage and others; all for an appropriation for a road from Solon to Moose Head Lake;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Moor and others for increase of toll on the Fairfield Boom Corporation;

Petition of Calvin S. Rowe and others of Kirkland, that the name of said town may be changed to Hudson;

Petition of H. A. Wood and others for an extension of the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Ferry Company;

Petition of A. C. Buffum and others for a canal across the point of Orson Island;

Petition of A. C. Buffum and others for commissioners to examine the inlet of the Stillwater branch of Penobscot river, and report the cause of its filling up;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas L. Stanton and others for the incorporation of Union Meeting-house Parish;

Petition of Timothy Ludden for increase of the salary of the Judge of Probate in Oxford County;

Petition of Charles Hill and others of Saco for the repeal of the law exempting the proceeds of personal labor from attachment;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of F. A. Jarvis and others of Surry, for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of David Bronson and others of Bath;

“ of O. B. Walker and others of Franklin;

“ of E. B. Harvey and others of Calais; all for aid to Waterville College;

Petition of the trustees of Belgrade Academy for aid;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Harris and others of Bath;

“ of Joseph R. Harris and others of Durham;

“ of Samuel Eames and others of Bath;

“ of Thomas W. Hale and others of Yarmouth;

“ of Hersey Bradbury and others of Auburn;

Petition of Daniel Coffin and others of Yarmouth;
 “ of G. W. Farr and others of Lewiston;
 “ of William Field and others of Freeport;
 “ of Edward Thompson and others of Freeport;
 “ of G. V. Mills and others of Brooksville;
 “ of William Porter and others of Freeport;
 “ of Rufus Stoddard and others of Freeport;
 “ of Ichabod Horn and others of Bingham and vicinity; all for amendment of the Constitution;—were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers by the people, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ASPINWALL of Gardiner.

Bill additional to and explanatory of the act authorizing the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, passed and approved April 14, 1854, and of the act additional to an act to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, passed January 29, 1855, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was twice read, the rules suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Lydia Cushman, referred by the House to a Joint Select Committee, was returned from the Senate, the reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the

Committee on the Judiciary. The House receded from its former vote, non-concurred the Senate's reference, and referred the petition to a Select Committee of the House, consisting of Messrs. Rawson of Waldoborough, Cushing of Frankfort, Came of Portland, Stone of Kennebunkport, Mayo of Orono, Hobart of Edmunds, Pike of Topsfield, and Ham of Lewiston.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Hussey and others, praying to be set off from Kenduskeag to Levant, be taken from the files of 1853, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. D. Lakeman and others for authority to alter the Methodist Meeting-house in Hallowell, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in aid of roads in the Counties of Aroostook and Penobscot;

Resolve in favor of Dan Pineo;—were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Luther Curtis;

Resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom;—were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize Seward Merrill and others to construct a wharf in the tide waters of Portland harbor, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath;

Bill authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the city of Augusta;—were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Slate Company;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Ticonic Bank;

An Act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company;

An Act to amend an act incorporating the city of Hallowell;

An Act additional to and explanatory of the act authorizing the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, passed and approved April 14, 1854, and of the act additional to an act to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, passed January 29, 1855;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of the President, Directors and Company of the State Bank, reported a bill to increase the capital stock of the State Bank;

Mr. BURPEE of Rockland, from the same Committee, on the petition of the President and Directors of the Bucksport Bank, reported a bill to increase the capital stock of the Bucksport Bank;—and the said bills were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. NICKERSON of Belfast, from the Committee on Education, on an order relative to the compensation of Superintending School Committees, reported a bill additional to article first, section eighth of the school law approved August 27, 1850; and the same was twice read and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance companies; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Bath, by leave, laid on the table a bill to regulate billiard rooms; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill in relation to the contracts of minors; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 136 of the public laws for the year 1849, was taken up and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was taken up, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the assessors and agent of Patricktown plantation, and that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Alvin Davis and others for a new County, to be composed of parts of Cumberland and Oxford Counties;

Petitions of Luther Billings and others, and of N. S. Littlefield and others, in aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence.

Petition of Peleg Wadsworth and others of Hiram, for the removal of the County buildings in Oxford County, was

received from the Senate and referred to the joint delegation from the County of Oxford in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Farrand and others of Mercer, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Mower and others, for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of officers, and as to foreigners voting and holding office, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committees having those subjects under consideration in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Bank of Winthrop for increase of capital stock, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petitions of David Walker and others, and of William Freeman and others, for an appropriation for the survey of a shore route for the European and North American Railroad;

Remonstrances of Moses Ficket and others, and of Albert Hayford and others, against the petition of A. C. Small and others;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah F. Sanborn and others for authority to sell the Methodist Meeting-house in West Baldwin;

Petition of Samuel Melvin and others for authority to sell the Methodist Meeting-house in East Readfield;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel Braley and others against the petition of E. B. Pierce and others;

Petition of John Kilby and others of Dennysville for an appropriation for the survey of a railroad route from Bangor to Calais through the shore towns;

Petitions of selectmen of Oldtown, of inhabitants of Oldtown, and of inhabitants on Penobscot river above Oldtown, that the railroad bridge at Oldtown may be used for ordinary travel;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of George Glidden and others of Indian Township No. 2, against being incorporated into a town, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That 1000 copies of an act to provide for the education of youth, and to establish a department of public instruction, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of Jonas Drury that he may be released in part for stumpage cut on township No. 4, range 5;

Petition of E. G. Stetson and others in aid of the petition of Jonas Drury;

Petition of Ephraim Packard and others for an appropriation on the State road from Kingsbery to Blanchard;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Dorcas Farnum, aged eighty-four years, and other ladies of Rumford, that the sale of alcoholic liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes may be prohibited, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee having under consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Maine Law. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Howe and others of Norway, for the removal of the County buildings in Oxford County, was presented and referred to the joint delegation from that County. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses Springer and others for an act to regulate billiard rooms;

Petition of John Potter and others for additional protection to mechanics by lien on buildings ;

Petition of the Independent Baptist Society in Corinth for leave to remove their meeting-house and sell the land on which it stands ;

Petition of the selectmen and assessors of Cutler for an abatement of the State tax of that town ;

Petition of W. S. Brown and others for an insolvent law ;
 “ of T. H. Mead and others of Bridgton, for a law requiring shafts and whiffletrees of single sleighs to be so constructed that the nigh runner shall follow directly after the horse ;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CAME of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill relating to criminal proceedings ; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. P. Emerson and others of Orland ;
 “ of Daniel Clark and others of Dresden ;
 “ of Joseph Laughton and others of Harmony ;
 “ of William Marsh and others of Orrington ; all for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary ;

Petition of Isaac S. Kalloch and others of Rockland, for aid to Waterville College ;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ozias Millett and others of Leeds ;
 “ of John Colby and others of Kennebunk ;
 “ of Reuben Higgins and others of Cape Elizabeth ;
 “ of David Norton and others of Montville ; all for amendment of the Constitution ;— were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers by the people, to the Joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and holding office, to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. NUGENT of Gardiner.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of D. D. Lakeman and others, reported a bill authorizing the Methodist Society in Hallowell to repair and remodel their meeting-house; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Petition of Timothy Ludden, referred by the House to the Committee on the Judiciary, was returned from the Senate, the reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the joint delegation from the County of Oxford. The House receded and concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Lincolnvile Steamboat Wharf Company, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petitions of Ira Nash and others of Steuben, and of John McLean and others of Alna, for amendment of the Constitution, were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws in concurrence.

Petition of Mark P. Smith and others for the incorporation of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Ira B. Delano for remuneration for damages sustained in the purchase of logs, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of H. D. McLellan and others for an act of incorporation, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of John McFadden and others of Georgetown, that said town may be authorized to raise money by tax for a town library;

Petition of citizens of Westbrook for the repeal of the law exempting the wages of laborers from trustee process;

Petition of Oliver M. Pike and others that persons prosecuted in behalf of the State, and acquitted, may be entitled by law to costs and damages;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to costs in real and mixed actions, that legislation is inexpedient, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of B. F. Sprague, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of the Directors of the Belfast Bank, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel F. Rawson, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Accounts, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act in amendment of the ninety-first chapter of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to annex certain territory to the town of Weston;

An Act to amend chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes, and chapter 136 of the public laws for the year 1849;

An Act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers;

An Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Association;

An Act additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath;

An Act ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and their appurtenances;

An Act authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the city of Augusta;

An Act to incorporate the pewholders of the first Congregational Church in Searsport;

An Act to set off certain lands from Chelsea and annex the same to Pittston;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of Luther Curtis;

Resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of William C. Dow and others for an act to indemnify persons for depredations committed upon their property by enforcing the Maine Law, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Maine Law in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FILES of Thorndike,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire if any further legislation is necessary to prevent treasurers of corporations from using the money or funds of such companies for purposes of private speculation. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the York Insurance Company, reported a bill

to incorporate the Atlas Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Daniel Bunker and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Portland, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of John E. Donnell and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve for the support of schools among the Passamaquoddy Indians, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HALL of Alfred, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Willoughby Prescott and others, reported an order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report what further legislation is necessary to compel the proprietors of unincorporated places to maintain in good repair public highways in such places, and to enforce the payment of damages for the neglect of the same. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STANTON of Poland, from the Committee on Change of Names, to which were referred sundry petitions for change of names, reported a bill to change the names of certain persons; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill additional to article first, section eighth, of the school law, approved August 27, 1850;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Bucksport Bank;
 Bill to increase the capital stock of the State Bank;—
 were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
 Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation may be proper to enable mortgagers desiring to redeem mortgages held by persons residing out of the United States to do so. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of the Penobscot Railroad Company, reported a bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot Railroad; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to establish Normal Schools, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and Wednesday next assigned for a third reading.

Petition of D. E. Somes and others for a charter for a bank at Biddeford, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Pay-roll of company B, first regiment, first brigade, fourth division, with papers relating to the services of said company during the riot in Bath, in July, 1854, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John M. Nelson and others;

“ of William Witherlee and others of Castine;

“ of John T. Wallace, Jr. and others;

“ of William Snow and others of Centerville; all

for the survey of a shore route for a railroad from Bangor to Calais;

Petition of O. Pearson and others in aid of the petition of E. B. Pierce and others ;

Petition of Franklin Hosmer and others for a railroad from Portland to Lovell ;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Plaisted and others of Gardiner ;

“ of John G. Percy and others of Bath ;

“ of S. B. Holt and others of Turner ;

“ of James H. Tibbetts and others of Brunswick ;

“ of Wm. F. Higgins and others of Thorndike ;

“ of John W. Lermond and others of Union ;

“ of Robert E. Rider and others of Washington ;

“ of Oren O. Stewart and others of Union ;

“ of Job Tuttle and others of Smithfield ; all for amendment of the Constitution as to the election of officers by the people, and as to foreigners voting and holding office ;—were severally presented and referred to the Joint Select Committees having those subjects under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Davis Emery for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Lydia Cushman that widows' homes may be guarantied to them, was presented and referred to the Select Committee of the House having under consideration a former petition of Lydia Cushman.

Petitions of Ammi Storer and others of Yarmouth, and of Samuel T. Hinds and others of Bristol, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary ;

Petitions of John L. Bowman and others of Eastport, and of John Walker and others of Exeter and vicinity, for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary ;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George B. Barrows, in behalf of the second parish in Fryeburg, that the funds of said parish be exempted from taxation;

Petition of William Kilburn, in behalf of the Maine Medical Association, for incorporation;

Petition of C. G. Morrill and others for authority to sell the second free meeting-house in Wilton;

Petition of James H. Holden and others for a law regulating the construction of sleighs;

Petition of F. A. Pike and others for an insolvent law;

Petition of H. H. Hill and others for amendment of the city charter of Augusta as to the measurement of wood and bark;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEEKS of Wilton, by leave, laid on the table a bill authorizing the sale of the second free meeting-house in Wilton; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. W. Woodbury and others of Sweden;
“ of Sewall Fly and others of Denmark;
“ of S. C. Hunkins and others of Waterford;
“ of Franklin Hosmer and others of Sweden;
“ of John P. Hubbard and others of Hiram; all for a new County to be named the County of Sebago;

Petition of John C. Moody and others of Rockland, for a new County, to be composed of parts of Lincoln and Waldo Counties;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel Gatchell and others of Wales, against the petition of William Ham and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Alden Chase and others;
 " of Jonathan Bartlett and others;
 " of Samuel Gibson and others; all for the removal of the County buildings in the County of Oxford;— were severally presented and referred to the joint delegation from that County. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1855.

The Speaker of the House, being present, resumed the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Prof. CHAMPLIN of Waterville.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be authorized to purchase a suitable number of copies of the Revised Statutes, and the subsequent public laws, for the use of the Library, and for distribution to parties entitled to the same under existing laws, not exceeding twenty copies of the Revised Statutes, and ten copies of the subsequent public laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of James B. Cleaveland and others, and on the petition of Nathaniel Webster, reported leave to withdraw; and the reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. RAWSON of Waldoborough offered the following order:

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be tendered to H. G. Cole, Esq., of Portland, this evening, to address the citizens of Augusta on the evils of intemperance.

And the question being on the passage of the order, on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the yeas and nays were

ordered; and being taken, the question was decided in the affirmative, yeas 53, nays 50.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, Baker, Banton, Berry, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bridges, Burgess, Burpee, Came, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Elliott, Fenno, Furbish, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Haines, Hall, Ham, Haskell, S. Heald, Hight, Hobart, T. Hutchins, Johnson, Josselyn, J. T. Leavitt, Leighton, Main, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Patterson, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Rogers, Sanderson, Skolfield, Small, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, Stillings, Turner, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Bachelder, Bacon, Barker, Barrows, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Buck, Carr, Chapin, Charles, A. Clark, Comins, Coombs, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Files, Getchell, G. Gilman, Gunnison, Hanscom, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Jones, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Mallett, Mayo, McKenney, Nason, Nichols, Nickerson, Norris, Osgood, Pattee, Payson, Perham, Snell, Staples, Stone, Wallace, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, York.

So the order was passed.

Mr. STEVENS of Paris, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of G. H. Douglas and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Calvin S. Rowe and others, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to the petition of John Dudley and others, reported that legislation is inexpedient; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. NICKERSON of Belfast, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of William Kilburn and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Auburn Block Company; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to private burying grounds, reported a bill additional to the twenty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the resolve in favor of Lydia Lorymere, reported a resolve in favor of Lydia Lorymere; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, the third reading of the bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot Railroad, assigned for this day, was postponed to Tuesday next.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society;

An Act to incorporate the master, wardens and members of the Key Stone Lodge;

An Act to amend an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850;

An Act to incorporate the Brooksville Bridge Company;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to revising the statutes and private laws and resolves, reported a resolve providing for a revision of the private and special laws and the resolves of this State;

Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, from the same Committee, on the same order, reported a resolve providing for a revision of the public laws of this State;—and said resolves were severally read once, and laid on the table.

Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of H. A. Wood and others, reported a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Ferry Company; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. OSGOOD of New Gloucester, from the Committee on Education, on an order relative to truant children, reported a bill to amend section 14 of article one of an act entitled an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Petition of C. K. Higgins and others of Brooklin;
“ of Edwin Wood and others of Surry;
“ of Arno Wiswell and others of Ellsworth; all for the survey of a shore route for a railroad from Bangor to Calais;—were severally presented and referred to the next Legislature.

Petition of Ebenezer Stevens and others for a law prohibiting persons from seizing mackerel under certain restrictions, was presented and referred to the Committee on Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. W. Palmer and others against the petition of S. L. Boulter and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. P. Chesley and others in aid of the petition of E. B. Pierce and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Simon H. Lombard and others;
 " of A. J. Howard and others of Harrison;
 " of Albert Davis and others of Bridgton; all in
 aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others;
 Remonstrance of John P. Perley and others of Bridgton
 against the same;—were severally presented and referred
 to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for
 concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Bridgton offered the following order:

Ordered, That all petitions in aid of petitions now pending before Committees, and all remonstrances against such petitions, may be presented and referred to the respective Committees, so long as said Committees shall have the subjects under consideration.

On the passage of the foregoing order, the question being taken, it appeared that there was not a quorum voting; and the House adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Order relative to the reception of petitions, pending when the House last adjourned, was passed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Maine Law be directed to cause to be printed for the use of the Legislature, 450 copies of the bill they have prepared to report. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Maine Historical Society for aid, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Library in concurrence.

Petition of John R. Bridges and others of Castine, for change of the naturalization laws, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration in concurrence.

Petition of James Cushing and another for compensation for expenses in arresting a fugitive from justice, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Melzar Turner and others for an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Matthews' Pond, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of the trustees of Norway Liberal Institute for aid, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Allen Griffin and others against the petition of Luther Hapworth and others, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to a resolve on the files of the Senate of last year in favor of Benton Institute, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it be to Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Laundering Company, reported that the bill ought to pass; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. POOR of Andover, from the Committee on Military

Pensions, on an order respecting a resolve in favor of William Poor, jr., reported a resolve repealing the resolve in favor of William Poor, jr., approved April 17, 1854; and the same was read once and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in aid of roads in the Counties of Aroostook and Penobscot; and the same [was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads consider the expediency of appropriating a sum of money for the repair of the road on the Indian township in Washington County. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary;

Bill to incorporate the Portland Sugar Company;

Bill to protect forests and timber lands from fires, and to punish the unlawful and careless kindling of fires;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to adjust the accounts among the lots reserved for public uses in certain cases, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Bill to make valid the doings of school district No. 8 in the town of Camden, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, was laid on the table.

Bill to divide the town of Belmont, and to incorporate the northerly part of said Belmont into a new town by the

name of Morrill, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was, on motion of Mr. HOBBS of Hope, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. COMINS of Eddington,

Ordered, That the several Committees of this Legislature be instructed to report upon all subjects now before them as soon as practicable, and without any delay on account of petitions or remonstrances that may be hereafter referred to them. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Ferry Company, was read a third time and laid on the table.

Bill to amend section 14 of article 1 of an act entitled an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850, was read a third time and recommitted. Sent up for concurrence. ✓

Resolve in favor of Charles Turner;

“ in favor of David W. Dinsmore;

“ in favor of Thomas Goss;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, on the petition of James A. Clay, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

The Secretary of State came in and laid on the table the following messages from the Governor:—

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

A vacancy exists in the office of Major General of the second division of the militia of Maine, occasioned by the resignation of Major General Amos McLaughlin. The duty of filling the vacancy devolves upon you.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Augusta, February 17, 1855. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

In obedience to an order of the Legislature of the 13th instant, asking to be informed what action has been taken under the provisions of a resolve approved August 24, 1850, setting apart certain lands for a common school fund, I have to inform the Legislature that no action has been taken under said resolve.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Augusta, February 17, 1855. }

The foregoing messages were severally read and laid on the table.

Bill to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company;

Bill authorizing the Methodist Society in Hallowell to repair and remodel their meeting-house;

Bill to incorporate the Atlas Insurance Company;

Bill to change the names of certain persons;

Bill to incorporate the Auburn Block Company;

Bill additional to the twenty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HASKELL of Hodgdon, from the Committee on Education, on an order relative to the time of taking the census of scholars, and on an order relative to repealing the act providing for the appointment of a Superintendent of Common Schools, reported legislation inexpedient; and the reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. McKENNEY of Wiscasset, by leave, laid on the table a bill granting leave to convey certain real estate; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Daniel Lord and others against the petition of Amos P. Messer and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joseph Stickney and others against the petition of Hiram Peavey and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais, the votes whereby the House yesterday referred to the next Legislature the petitions of C. K. Higgins and others of Brooklin, of Edwin Wood and others of Surry, and of Arno Wiswell and others of Ellsworth, were reconsidered; and the same were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of C. G. Porter and others of Bangor;
 “ of E. Trask and others of Bangor;
 “ of Henry Kennedy and others of Waldoborough;
 all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Waterville College;

Petitions of W. L. M'Allister and others of Calais, and of John Croxford and others of Jackson, in aid of the petition of the trustees of the East Maine Conference Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel P. Sargent and others of Garland;
 “ of John Johnson and others of Whitefield;
 “ of B. F. Jewett and others of Sidney;
 “ of John H. Staples and others of Eliot; all for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of officers by the people, and as to foreigners voting and holding office; — were severally presented and referred to the Joint Select Committees having those subjects under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of William Bucknam and others, proprietors of the Union Meeting-house in Webster, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SKEELE of Hallowell.

Petitions of William Maxwell and others of Casco, and of Daniel Bean and others of Brownfield, in aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others, were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, directing the Committee on the State Prison to select a sub-committee of their number, not exceeding five, to visit the prison in person, and to examine into its condition and affairs, was passed in concurrence.

Bill for the reorganization of the board of Agriculture; Bill to incorporate and endow a State Agricultural Society;— were severally received from the Senate and recommended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Peleg Thomas and others, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate accepted; and on motion of Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Joseph Wight and others, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of A. G. Guptill and others for the survey of a shore route for the European and North American Railroad, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Mr. RICHARDS of Eden, from the minority of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Nathaniel

Cushman and others, made a minority report; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, together with the bill reported by the majority of said Committee, to divide the town of Belmont, and incorporate the northerly part of said Belmont into a new town by the name of Morrill.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Isaac J. Stevens against the right of Asa Smith to a seat in the House, reported that Asa Smith is duly elected a member of the House from the district composed of Lincoln and the adjoining plantations; and the report was laid on the table.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the remonstrance of Charles Abbott against the right of John I. Bragg to a seat, reported that said Bragg is not elected, and that Charles Abbott is duly elected a member of the House from the district composed of Bethel and vicinity; and the report was accepted.

CHARLES ABBOTT, Representative elect from the district of Bethel and vicinity, appeared; and Mr. HILL of Bangor, was appointed to accompany him to the Council Chamber to take and subscribe the oaths of office, and subsequently reported that he had discharged that duty, and that Mr ABBOTT had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths. Mr. ABBOTT then took his seat as a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of John I. Bragg as a member of the House for his travel and attendance up to and including tomorrow.

Mr HALL of Alfred, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Thomas Ellsworth and others, reported an order of notice returnable to the next Legislature; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CAME of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill changing the financial year of the Reform School.

The message from the Governor, informing the two Houses that a vacancy exists in the office of Major General of the Second Division of the Militia, was taken from the table, and sent up.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, to-morrow at 12 o'clock was assigned for the election on the part of the House of a Major General of the Second Division of the Militia.

Bill additional to give mortgagees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire;

Bill authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Penobscot bay at Islesborough;

Bill to incorporate the Glen Mills Manufacturing Company;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. BURPEE of Rockland, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Charles W. Snow and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Rockland Savings Bank; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Petition of L. N. Jones and others in aid of the petition of F. Frye and others;

Petition of Robert Hussey and others in aid of the petition of S. Hussey and others;

Remonstrance of Joshua Hilton and others against the petition of Daniel Bunker, Jr. and others;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. Spofford and others of Portland for an act for the relief of insolvent debtors, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Putnam and others of Belfast, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses W. Brien and others of Belfast and Waldo, for change of the naturalization laws, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of M. H. Wentworth and others of Kittery, and of Joseph C. Cox and others of Kittery, for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of officers, were severally presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

An Act to authorize Seward Merrill to construct a wharf in the tide waters of Portland Harbor;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of Dan Pineo; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CONE of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on Elections, in favor of the right of ASA SMITH of Mattawamkeag, to a seat in the House, was taken up; and the question being on accepting the same, on motion of Mr. NICHOLS of Moscow, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, the report was accepted, yeas 94, nays none.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Bachelor, Bacon, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, Bridges, Buck, Burgess, Butler, Came, Carr, Chapin, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Curry, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Eames, Elliott, Fenno, Files, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Gunnison, Haines, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hight, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, Hobbs, E. Hutchings, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, Mallet, Mayo, McGilvery, McKenney, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Miller, Nichols, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Osgood, Patterson, Payson, Perham, Pike, Pillsbury, Pratt, Rawson, Remick, Ricker, Rogers, Sanderson, Skolfield, S. Smith, Snell, G. W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Stillings, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Trafton, Wallace, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodbury, York.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Isaac J. Stevens as a member of this House, for his travel and attendance up to and including tomorrow.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Augusta and New York Navigation Company; and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Maine State Seminary, was read a third time. Mr. HILL of Bangor offered an amendment; and on motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta, the bill was laid on the table, and the amendment was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. SNELL of Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the County Attorney for the County of Somerset. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in certain ponds and streams in Kennebec and Somerset Counties;

Bill to incorporate the Augusta Shovel Company;

Bill to incorporate the Hiram Dale Manufacturing Company;

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in the Cold Stream pond in the towns of Enfield and Lowell;

Bill to incorporate the officers and members of King Hiram Chapter at Lewiston;

Bill for the promulgation of the public laws;

Bill to prevent exorbitant taxation of blood animals;

Bill authorizing the town of Lewiston to regulate the sale of wood and bark in said town;

Bill to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve authorizing a cistern near the State House;

Resolve in favor of George K. Smith;

Resolve authorizing the continuation of the geological and agricultural survey of the State; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read once and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to increase the capital stock of the State Bank;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Bucksport Bank;

An Act additional to article first, section eighth, of the school laws, approved August 27, 1850;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the election of Major General of the Second Division of the Militia, assigned for 12 o'clock this day, was postponed to 5 minutes before 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Bill to legalize the doings of school district No. 8, in Camden, was taken up and recommitted, with instructions to report a statement of facts. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Ferry Company, was taken up and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the acting Quarter Master General to dispose of certain military property, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred a list of the names of Inspectors of Fish in commission the past year, with their returns, that of 123 Inspectors in commission only 41 have made returns according to law; was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Directors of the Belfast Bank, accepted in concurrence, was returned from the Senate, that body having reconsidered its vote accepting said report, and recommitted the same. The House receded and concurred.

Order from the Senate, relative to the petition of the selectmen of Belmont, that the doings of school district No. 3 in said town may be made legal, was passed in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on the petition of A. D. Ames for divorce, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Francis Caldwell and others, in aid of the petition of Daniel Bunker, jr., and others, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Glen Mills Manufacturing Company;

Bill additional to give mortgagees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire;

Bill to protect forests and timber lands from fires, and to punish the unlawful and careless kindling of fires;

Bill authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Penobscot bay at Islesborough;

Bill to incorporate the Portland Sugar Company;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill incorporating the Belfast Edge Tool Factory, was read a third time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to adjust the accounts among the lots reserved for public uses in certain cases, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson, was received from the Senate amended, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once and laid on the table.

Bill to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Laundressing Company;

Bill to incorporate the Rockland Savings Bank;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve repealing resolve in favor of William Poor, jr., approved April 17, 1854, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Lorenzo D. Stacy and others for change in the naturalization laws and for other purposes, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of E. Drisko and others of Jonesport, and of H. C. Cameron and others of Addison, for the survey of a railroad from Bangor to Calais, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. Powers and others of Addison for aid to Waterville College;

Petition of T. J. Winchester and others of Holden, for aid to Westbrook Seminary;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Holway and others of Somerset County for a reorganization of the militia, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. Sawyer and others of Biddeford, for alteration of the laws relating to trustee process, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CHENEY of Augusta.

Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to amending chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, reported a bill additional to chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes; and the same was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of Rockland,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Pillsbury and others, praying for a charter for a bank to be located at Rockland, be taken from the files of last year and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrances of W. P. Spofford and others, and of Aaron Fitz and others, against the petition of Frederic Frye and others;

Remonstrances of T. B. Keniston and others, and of Chester Weld and others, against the petition of John W. Hussey and others;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Williams and others of Webster, for change of the naturalization laws and for other purposes, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Ham and others for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to adjust the accounts among the lots reserved for public uses in certain cases; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Glen Mills Manufacturing Company;

An Act additional to the twenty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to incorporate the Auburn Block Company;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot Railroad, was read a third time, and laid on the table.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport presented the credentials of Alden Kennedy, Representative elect from the town of Jefferson. Mr. GUNNISON was appointed to conduct the member elect to the Council Chamber, that he might take and subscribe the oaths of office, and subsequently reported that he had discharged that duty, and that Mr. Kennedy had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths. Mr. Kennedy then took his seat as a member of the House.

Mr. HILL of Bangor presented the remonstrance of John Murphy, jr., against the right of Alden Kennedy to a seat in the House under the recent election in Jefferson; and the same was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, by his own request, was excused from further service on the Committee on Elections, and Mr. LINCOLN of Bath was appointed in his stead.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Alfred Lemont and others, was received from the Senate and recommitted in concurrence.

Remonstrance of O. D. Wiggin and others of Levant against the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Peleg Thomas and others, granting leave to withdraw, was taken up and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson, was taken up, read a second time, the amendments of the Senate adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Lydia Lorymere, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At the hour assigned, the House proceeded to ballot for a Major General of the second Division of the Militia. Messrs. Hobart of Edmunds, Cushman of Winthrop, Bacon of Freeport, Dike of Sebago and Hutchings of Penobscot, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes. Having performed the duty assigned them, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of votes was	94
Necessary to a choice	48
Edward Fenno had	34
Eli Jones had	32
Samuel Goodridge had	20
Isaac Gage had	5
Lot M. Morrill had	1
A. P. Morrill had	1 and
John Berry, jr., had	1

The report was accepted; and there being no choice, on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, further balloting was postponed to to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Petition of T. E. Heald and others for aid in repairing the State road in Kingsbery and Blanchard, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of extending the operation of a resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land office, approved April 20, 1854. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to appropriating a sum of money to complete a bridge partly erected in township Letter B, range 1, was passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of citizens of Westbrook, was received from the Senate accepted; and the House non-concurred, and recommitted the report. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill authorizing school districts to raise money for the support of schools, was received from the Senate indefinitely postponed; and the House non-concurred, and recommitted the bill. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills;

Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend chapter 177 of the Revised Statutes;—and said bills were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill in relation to the foreclosure of mortgages; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of William P. Leavitt and others, and of Peabody Kneeland and others, in aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others, were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco,

Ordered, That all bills laid upon the table by any member of the House, after this day, shall not be referred to any Committee, but shall be referred to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether further legislation is expedient relating to notice to be given by debtors to disclose. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to criminal proceedings and to prevent unnecessary costs to the State;

Bill defining the term of office for Clerks of Courts and County Attorneys;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill accepting the surrender of the charter of the China

Bank, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Maine Flax Company, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

At the hour assigned, the House proceeded to ballot a second time for a Major General of the Second Division of the Militia. The Committee appointed yesterday was directed to receive, sort and count the votes, and having performed that duty, reported that the whole number of votes was

	111
Necessary to a choice	56
Eli Jones had	64
Samuel Wood had	29
Samuel Goodridge had	12 and
William H. Chisam had	6

The report was accepted, and Eli Jones was declared to be elected, on the part of the House, Major General of the Second Division of the Militia.

Mr. SNELL of Fairfield, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Thomas L. Stanton and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Union Meeting-house Parish; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to frauds by treasurers of corporations, on an order relating to express men, and on an order relating to mortgages, that legislation is inexpedient; were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the same Committee, on the petitions of inhabitants of Centreville and vicinity, of the second parish in Fryeburg, of Oliver M. Pike and others, and of John W. McFadden and others, granting leave to withdraw; were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on a bill granting leave to Caroline F. Sargent to convey certain real estate, that said bill ought not to pass, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Division of Counties, on the petition of the inhabitants of Hebron, and on the petition of the inhabitants of Durham, granting leave to withdraw; were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on an order relative to the employment of competent teachers in institutions endowed by the State, that legislation is inexpedient; was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Nehemiah Ellis and others, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Bath, by leave, laid on the table a bill concerning the public schools in the city of Bath; and the same was referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George F. Emery and others for aid to Waterville College, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Miller for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters in the harbor of Belfast, was presented and referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Albert Conner and others in aid of the petition of John Creighton and others;

Remonstrance of William Haskell and others, stockholders in Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Company, against the petition of A. White and others;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of John J. Morrill and others of Hartland, and of Calvin Jewett and others of Solon, for change of the naturalization laws and for other purposes, were severally presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of Josiah Knight and others of Fryeburg, and of Barnes Walker and others of Lovell, in aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others;

Remonstrances of David R. Morse and others of Harrison, and of Jacob Hazen and others of Bridgton, against the same petition;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1855.

No chaplain was present.

On motion of Mr. HOBART of Edmunds,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate informing that body of the election of ELI JONES, on the part of the House, to be Major General of the Second Division of the Militia. Mr. HOBART was charged with the message.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, informing the House that that body had elected, on its part, SAMUEL GOODRIDGE, to be Major General of the Second Division of the Militia.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Samuel H. Blake and others, and on the petition of James S. Holmes and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SMALL of Gray, from the same Committee, on the petition of John Cameron and others, and on the petition of William Morse and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CHASE of Calais, from the same Committee, on the petition of A. C. Small and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, from the same Committee, reported that the petition of Adams Treat and others be referred to the next Legislature; and the report was laid on the table.

Bill additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Resolve for the building of a reservoir for water, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Barrett and others for an amendment of the law relating to town agencies for the sale of liquors, was received from the Senate and referred to the Joint Select Committee having the subject of the Maine Law under consideration in concurrence.

Petitions of T. S. Perry and others of Naples, and of George Small and others of Bridgton, in aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others;

Remonstrance of William A. Rust and others;
 “ of A. H. Knapp and others;
 “ of Charles M. Jones and others;
 “ of H. G. Brown and others; all of Oxford County, against the petition of Alvin Davis and others;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Nathaniel Tyler and others of Fryeburg Academy Grant against being annexed to Gilead;

Remonstrance of Peter Dunton and others against the petition of the assessors of Patricktown plantation; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of Curtis P. Howe and others, and of Darius Forbes and others, for the removal of the County buildings in Oxford County, were severally presented and referred to the joint delegation from that County. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of I. R. Chadbourne and others for the survey of a shore route for a railroad from Bangor to Calais, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves in aid of certain literary institutions, were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were read once, and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Penobscot Railroad, was taken up, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to Miss Coy, a blind girl, for a concert, next Monday evening.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of George Plaisted and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Oaklands Bank; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to set off a part of the town of Detroit and annex the same to the town of Pittsfield, was received from the

Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and Tuesday next assigned for a third reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to change the names of certain persons;

An Act to protect forests and timber-lands from fires, and to punish the unlawful and careless kindling of fires;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to change the time for the close of the financial year of the State Reform School, was taken up, read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, was returned from the Senate, that body having reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the bill and accompanying report. The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and concurred in the recommitment.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Joint Select Committee on the Maine Law, on the petition of Royal Williams and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on a bill relating to the contracts of minors, that the same ought not to pass, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, that they be discharged from the further consideration of the order relative to increasing the salary of the County Attorney of Somerset County, and that the same be referred to the joint delegation from that County, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Danville Bank, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and to-morrow, assigned for a third reading.

Remonstrance of Watson Dyer and others against the petition of S. L. Boulter and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, 11 o'clock to-morrow was assigned for the House to ballot for the election, on the part of the House, of a Major General of the Second Division of the Militia.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Otis and others, was taken up and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank, approved April 18, 1854, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to an appropriation for the repair of the Canada road, was passed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve authorizing the assessment of County taxes on the several Counties;

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Belfast Edge Tool Factory;

An Act to incorporate the Portland Sugar Company;

An Act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Penobscot bay at Islesborough;

An Act additional to give mortgagees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire;

An Act to incorporate the Atlas Insurance Company;

An Act to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company;

An Act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank, approved April 18, 1854;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, that the petition of Horace Billings and others be referred to the next Legislature, was received from the Senate accepted; and the House non-concurred and recommitted the report. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Timothy J. Chapman and others against the petition of A. G. Stiles and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

At the hour assigned, the House proceeded to ballot for a Major General of the Second Division of the Militia; and the Committee appointed on the 22d instant to receive, sort and count the votes, proceeded to perform that duty, and reported that the

Whole number of votes was	84
Necessary to a choice	43
Samuel Goodridge had	58
Samuel Wood had	23
W. H. Chisam had	1
Neal Dow had	1 and
Albert Tracy had	1

The report was accepted; and SAMUEL GOODRIDGE was declared to be elected, on the part of the House, Major General of the Second Division. Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body of the election on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it be to meet on Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

Resolve making an appropriation for the Insane Hospital, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading; and on motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais, the resolve and accompanying report were ordered to be printed.

The message from the Governor, relative to the twenty-four half townships of land set apart for public schools, was taken up and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the purchase of cavalry equipments and horse furniture, was read a second time, laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exposition of 1855, was read a second time, laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill to incorporate the Union Meeting-house Parish, was read a third time and laid on the table.

Bill for the establishment of Normal Schools, was read a third time, laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws, on an order relative to the naturalization powers of our courts, reported a bill

annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this State; and the same was read twice, laid on the table, ordered to be printed, and Thursday next assigned for a third reading.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot Railroad, was returned from the Senate, the vote of the House passing the same to be engrossed as amended non-concurred, and the bill and report recommitted. The House receded and concurred.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Ezra Totman and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the petition of Joseph Percival and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was laid on the table.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of John Short and others, and on the petition of John Creighton and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawankeag, from the same Committee, on the petition of J. A. Milliken and others, and sundry petitions in aid of the same, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrances of William Fitch and others of Sebago, and of H. C. Knight and others of Naples, against the petition of Alvin Davis and others, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill authorizing school districts to raise money for the support of schools, recommitted by the House, was returned from the Senate, that body non-concurring and adhering to its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill. The House receded and concurred.

Mr. JOSSELYN of Phillips, from the Committee on Education, on an order relative to city school committees, reported legislation inexpedient; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve making an appropriation for a fire-proof safe in the Land office;

Resolve in favor of Isaac Wilder;

Resolve for the payment of Roll of Accounts No. 35; were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally once read and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to an appropriation to complete a bridge in letter B, reported a resolve in aid of the bridge in letter B; and the same was once read and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the same Committee on an order relative to debts due the State in the Land office, reported a resolve extending the time when certain lands shall be declared forfeited to the State; and the same was once read and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of D. E. Somes and others, reported a bill to incorporate the City Bank; and the same was twice read and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company, reported a bill additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company; and the same was twice read and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on

Banks and Banking, on the petition of B. J. Herrick and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Alfred Bank; and the same was twice read and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Bill in addition to chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes;
Bill to incorporate the Lincolnville Steamboat Wharf Company;

Bill to incorporate the Novelty Bagging Company;

Bill respecting school agents;

Bill to amend chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally twice read and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Bill to prevent exorbitant taxation of blood animals;

Bill to incorporate the Oaklands Bank;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the support of schools among the Passamaquoddy Indians;

Resolve in favor of Charles Turner;

“ in favor of Thomas Goss;

“ in favor of David W. Dinsmore;

“ authorizing the Acting Quarter Master General to dispose of certain military property;— were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Danville Bank;

Bill for the promulgation of the public laws;

Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in Cold Stream pond in the towns of Enfield and Lowell;

Bill to incorporate the Augusta Shovel Company;

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill to incorporate the officers and members of King Hiram Chapter of Lewiston;

Bill authorizing the town of Lewiston to regulate the sale of wood and bark in said town;

Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in certain ponds in Kennebec and Somerset Counties.

Bill to incorporate the Hiram Dale Manufacturing' Company; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ABBOTT of Augusta.

The Speaker announced the absence of the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That, in the absence of the Clerk, BENJAMIN FREEMAN be unanimously declared to be elected Clerk pro tempore.

The Clerk pro tempore took and subscribed the necessary oaths before Noah Smith, jr., Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*.

Order from the Senate, that when the two branches of the Legislature adjourn on Monday, the 12th day of March next, they adjourn without day, was passed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve for the support of schools among the Passamaquoddy Indians;

Resolve in favor of Thomas Goss;

“ in favor of David W. Dinsmore;

“ in favor of Charles Turner;

“ repealing the resolve in favor of William Poor, jr., approved April 17, 1854;

Resolve in favor of Lydia Lorymere;

Resolve authorizing the acting Quarter Master General to dispose of certain military property; — and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Augusta Shovel Company ;

An Act to incorporate the Hiram Dale Manufacturing Company ;

An Act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

An Act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Ferry Company ;

An Act to incorporate the officers and members of King Hiram Chapter of Lewiston ;

An Act to incorporate the Rockland Savings Bank ;

An Act for the promulgation of the public laws ;

An Act authorizing the town of Lewiston to regulate the sale of wood and bark in said town ;

An Act to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Laundressing Company ;

An Act to prevent the destruction of fish in Cold Stream pond in the towns of Enfield and Lowell ;

An Act to prevent the destruction of fish in certain ponds and streams in Kennebec and Somerset Counties ;

An Act to incorporate the Danville Bank ;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Jared Smith and others of New Sharon, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the City Bank ;

Bill to incorporate the Alfred Bank ;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on an order directing an inquiry into the doings of the Somerset and Kennebec Railroad Company, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, that the petition of F. O. J. Smith be referred to the next Legislature, and ordering notice thereon, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the town of Rangely ;

Bill to set off part of the town of Levant, and annex the same to Kenduskeag ;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same were severally twice read and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Caleb Blake ;

Resolve in favor of Sumner Burnham ;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same were severally once read and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Resolve providing for a revision of the private and special laws, and of the resolves of this State, was taken up, considered, and on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, laid on the table.

Bill in addition to chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. CAME of Portland, was recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, moved to suspend the rule relating to the reception of bills, adopted by the House, on the 22d instant ; and on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 65, nays 37.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bridges, E. H. Brown, Bruce, Burpee, Butler, Came, D. K. Chase, A. Clark, Comins, Cutler, Durell, Elliot,

Fenno, Garland, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Gunnison, Hall, J. Heald, Hight, T. Hill, Hinckley, Holt, T. Hutchins, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Kennedy, J. T. Leavitt, Leighton, Mallett, McLaughlin, A. Merrill, Miller, Nason, Osgood, Pattee, Patterson, Peavey, Pike, Pillsbury, Pratt, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, Rogers, Sanderson, A. Smith, Snell, G. W. Stanton, Staples, Stillings, Titcomb, Turner, Twitchell, Wallace, Weeks, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Banton, Barker, Berry, Blake, Buck, Carr, Chapin, Charles, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Cole, Curry, Cushing, Eames, File's, Gilchrist, Goodale, Haskell, J. B. Hill, Lake, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mayo, Nickerson, Oaks, Perham, Phillips, Remick, Scammon, Small, S. Smith, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Trafton, Walker, Woodbury.

So the House refused to suspend the rule.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot Railroad, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time. Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, moved to amend the bill, pending which motion the House adjourned.

B. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tempore.*

A true transcript: Attest,

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot Railroad, was further considered, the amendment pending at the last adjournment was withdrawn, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Simonton and others against the petition of school district No. 8 in Camden, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to the petition of Samuel Whitmore and others of Deer Isle, for a law to regulate the taking of porgies, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort, the order of the House relating to bills offered by members, was suspended; and Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Eastport Steam Mill Company; and the same was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Union Meeting-house Parish, was taken up and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Messenger distribute two copies of the Rules and Orders of this House, to each member of the House, and that he deposit in the Library, for the use of the next Legislature, 165 copies of the same.

Bill to divide the town of Belmont, and to incorporate the northerly part of said Belmont into a new town by the name of Morrill, was taken up, read twice, and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Remonstrances of the selectmen of Norridgewock and others, and of John S. Tenney and others, against the petition of Willoughby Prescott and others, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House passed in concurrence an order fixing the time of adjournment without day; and the motion was laid on the table and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Guy and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve making an appropriation for building a bridge across Crystal Stream and for repairing a road in township No. 4, range 5, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read once and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to effect certain exchanges of public documents, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill for the preservation of pickerel in Matthews' Pond and its tributary streams, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, and sundry petitions in aid of the same, was taken up. Mr. OSGOOD of New Gloucester moved that the House non-concur the vote of the Senate accepting the report; and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 69, nays 36.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Barrows, Blanchard, Bray, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Butler, Charles, D. K. Chase, A. Clark, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Elliott, Furbish, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Gunnison, Haines, Haskell, S. Heald, Hight, T. Hill, Holt, E. Hutchings, Johnson, Kennedy, Libby, Mallett, McGilvery, McLaughlin, Miller, Nason, Nichols, Oaks, Osgood, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pike, Pillsbury, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Ricker, Rogers, Sanderson, Skolfield, Small, S. Smith, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Stillings, Stone, Trafton, Turner, Twitchell, Walker, Wasson, Whitcomb, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Berry, Buck, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chapin, Josiah Chase, Comins, Cushing, Cushman, Durell, Fenno, Files, Garland, Hall, J. Heald, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Mayo, A. Merrill, Nickerson, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Porter, Pratt, Scammon, A. Smith, Titcomb.

So the House non-concurred.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Calais, the report was amended by striking out the words "leave to withdraw," and inserting "leave to bring in a bill"; and as amended, the report was accepted.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, Bangor, and moved that the order of the House be suspended, so that the bill may be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. On this question, on motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, the yeas and nays were ordered; and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 63, nays 53.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Banton, Blanchard, Bridges, Bruce, Burpee, Butler, Came, D. K. Chase, A. Clark, Cushman, Durell, Elliott, Fenno, Garland, S. Gilman, Gunnison, Haines, Hall, Ham, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hight, T. Hill, Hinckley, Hobart, Holt, T. Hutchins, Ingersoll, Josselyn, Kennedy, J. T. Leavitt, Libby, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, Miller, Nichols, Norris, O'Brien, Osgood, Patterson, Pike, Pratt, Purrington, Rawson, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, Sanderson, A. Smith, Snell, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Stillings, Titcomb, Wallace, Wasson, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Baker, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blake, Bradbury, Bray, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Buck, Carr, Chapin, Charles, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Curry, Cushing, Dike, Doble, Files, Furbish, Gilchrist, Goodale, J. B. Hill, E. Hutchings, Johnson, Jones, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, R. G. Lincoln, Main, McGilvery, W. Merrill, Nickerson, Pattee, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Porter, Remick, Rogers, Scammon, Skolfield, Small, S. Smith, G. W. Stanton, W. P. Stevens, Trafton, Walker, Weeks, Whitcomb, Woodbury.

So the House refused to suspend the rules. Mr. Ingersoll, at his own request, had leave to withdraw the bill.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary, was taken up. Mr. FENNO of Augusta moved that the bill be laid on the table. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 48, nays 76.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Baker, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Blake, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, Burpee, Carr, Chapin, Charles, A. Clark, Comins, Curry, Cutler, Fenno, Getchell, Gunnison, Hanscom, Haskell, Ingersoll, Josselyn, Kennedy, S. R. Leavitt, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Mallett, Means, A. Merrill, Nason, Norris, O'Brien, Osgood, Pattee, Perham, Purrington, Sanderson, S. Smith, Snell, Stone, Sweat, Walker, Wallace, Wasson, Whitcomb, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbott, Bachelder, Berry, Bradbury, Bray, Bridges, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Butler, Came, D. K. Chase, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Cushing, Cushman, Dike, Doble, Durell, Elliott, Files, Furbish, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Haines, Hall, S. Heald, Hight, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hinckley, Hobart, Holt, E. Hutchings, Johnson, Jones, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, Leighton, Main, Mayo, McGilvery, McLaughlin, W. Merrill, Miller, Nichols, Nickerson, Patterson, Peavey, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Pratt, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Ricker, Rogers, Scammon, Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, G. W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stillings, Thomas, Titcomb, Trafton, Turner, Twitchell, Weeks, Woodbury.

The bill was amended as on sheet annexed marked A; and the question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Kennebunkport, the bill was laid on the table and to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta, to-morrow at 10 o'clock, was assigned for the consideration of the resolve in aid of certain literary institutions.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to prevent exorbitant taxation of blood animals;
 An Act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes;
 An Act authorizing the Methodist Society in Hallowell to repair and remodel their meeting-house;

An Act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot Railroad;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Maine Medical Association, reported a bill for the promotion of medical science in the State of Maine, which was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HILL of Greene, from the joint delegation of Androscoggin County, on the petition of Charles W. Goddard, reported a bill to establish the salary of the County Attorney of Androscoggin; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. H. Neil and others in aid of the petition of Willoughby Prescott and others;

Remonstrance of James S. Glidden and others against the petition of Josiah Bruce and others;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Perez Thomas and others;
 “ of John M. Deshon and others;
 “ of B. Marston and others; all against the removal of the County buildings in Oxford County;—were severally presented and referred to the joint delegation from that County. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of John Black and others, stockholders of the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Company, against the petition of S. P. Dannel and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan,

Ordered, That the daily morning session of this House commence at nine o'clock, until otherwise ordered; that the first hour of each morning's session be set apart for the disposal of morning business; and that whenever any matter shall be taken up during the morning hour, on which any member may express a desire to speak, it shall be laid aside, without debate or motion, until the hour expire, or until the undebatable matters be disposed of.

On motion of Mr. COMINS of Eddington,

Ordered, That the Messenger of this House be authorized and directed to preserve order in the aisle in rear of the seats of members; to prevent all persons, whether members or visitors, from collecting in groups in said aisle for conversation, or from leaning over the backs of seats during the sessions of this House.

Bill relating to criminal proceedings and to prevent unnecessary costs to the State, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill to protect mackerel fishery on the coast of Maine, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and laid on the table.

Bill relating to corporations, was received from the Senate recommitted, and was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relative to the repeal of the usury laws, was received from the Senate accepted, and was laid on the table.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary, was taken up, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed as amended. The question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative, yeas 86, nays 48.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Banton, Barrows, Berry, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burpee, Came, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, Gunnison, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hinckley, Holt, E. Hutchings, Ingersoll, Jones, Kennedy, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McKenney, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Nickerson, Norris, Osgood, Pattee, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Purrington, Remick, Scammon, Small, A. Smith, Snell, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell, Walker, Wallace, Weeks, Whitcomb, Woodbury, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Barker, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bray, Bridges, Burgess, Butler, Carr, Chapin, Charles, D. K. Chase, Josiah Chase, Coombs, Eames, Elliott, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Haines, Hobart, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, Josselyn, J. T. Leavitt, McGilvery, McLaughlin, Means, Miller, Nason, Nichols, O'Brien, Peavey, Perham, Pike, Pratt, Rawson, Raynes, Ricker, Rogers, Sanderson, Skolfield, S. Smith, Stillings, Trafton, Turner, Wasson, Winslow.

Mr. COMINS of Eddington was excused from voting.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Steam Mill Company at Eastport, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence..

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Mark P.

Smith and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted a bill to abolish the February term of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot, reported a bill to change the terms of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Bath Bank;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, Bangor;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient, on an act extending the time for the Franklin Bank to commence suits; on an order relating to the official conduct of J. C. Cochran; on a resolve additional authorizing County taxes; on an order respecting the support of paupers by Counties instead of towns; all referred from the last Legislature;—was received from the Senate accepted, excepting so much as relates to the Franklin Bank, and that part of the report recommitted. The House non-concurred, and accepted the report as made by the Committee. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson;

Bill to unite the Calais and Baring Railroad with Lewy's Island Railroad;

Bill giving further powers to cities and towns;

Bill defining the term of office for Clerks of the Courts and County Attorneys;

Bill to incorporate the Brunswick Paper Manufacturing Company;

Bill making further provision for the administration of police in the city of Portland;—were received from the

Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve authorizing the Governor to subscribe for the publications of the Maine Historical Society, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Reports of the Committee on Agriculture, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of D. A. Fairbanks and others, and on the petition of Amasa Stetson, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, that they be discharged from the further consideration of a bill to incorporate the Augusta and New York Navigation Company, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Directors of the Bank of Winthrop, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel Whitmore and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Frederic Frye and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that a bill relative to the foreclosure of mortgages ought not to pass, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Gooch ; on the petition of

Mordecai Mitchell and others; on the petition of Nathaniel Chamberlain and others; on the petition of Samuel Tainter and others; on the petition of John Potter and others; on the petition of the selectmen of Bowdoin; and on the petition of Ephraim Flint and others;—was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient, on an order relative to making void all paper discounted by any bank on which more than six per cent. interest is taken; on a bill additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes; on sundry petitions for the repeal of the law exempting one month's wages from trustee process; on sundry petitions for an insolvent law;—were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. PORTER of Strong, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred a bill to amend chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, reported that the bill ought to pass; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve in aid of certain literary institutions, was taken up, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and laid on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to incorporate the Oaklands Bank; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve for payment of Roll of Accounts number thirty-five, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Jairus K. Harmon and others of Paris;
 “ of William Thompson and others of Canton;
 “ of Leonard Russell and others of Buckfield;
 “ of Thomas Rowe and others of Buckfield
 and Sumner; all against the removal of the County build-

ings in Oxford County; were severally received from the Senate and referred to the joint delegation from that County in concurrence.

Bill in relation to bankrupt plaintiffs ;

Bill respecting judicial proceedings ;

Bill to regulate the business of pawnbrokers ; — were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Currier and Dunnell, with such as the House may join, a Committee to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the relief of indigent persons residing on the St. John river in the County of Aroostook, was passed in concurrence ; and Messrs. Pattee of Fort Fairfield, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Scammon of Saco, Lincoln of Bath, Buck of Bucksport, Gunnison of Eastport and Thomas of Portland, were joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. GARLAND of East Livermore,

Ordered, That a Select Committee of three be appointed to inquire what members of this House have been detained from their seats by sickness during the present session, and what sums have been by them expended whilst members of this House, in consequence of such sickness ; and said Committee shall be authorized to report a resolve providing for the payment thereof. Messrs. Garland of East Livermore, Blanchard of Cumberland and Stevens of Springfield, were appointed said Committee.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of John Bird and others, reported a bill to incorporate the North Fire and Marine Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred a bill to authorize the extension of the steamboat wharf in Searsport into the tide waters of Penobscot bay, reported that the bill ought to pass; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to Mattawamkeag bridge, reported a resolve to provide for the shingling of the Mattawamkeag bridge; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on sundry petitions that the doings of town officers may be made valid, reported a bill making valid the doings of cities, towns, plantations and districts; and the same was read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, from the committee on Education, to which was referred a bill concerning the public schools; in Bath, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Mark Trafton, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Gardiner, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported that the petition of A. C. Buffum and others be referred to the next Legislature; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the petition of Hiram Peavey, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Barnard Morse and others, on the petition of Daniel Stewart and others, on the petition of the selectmen and town clerk of Stoneham, on the petition of the selectmen and clerk of Sweden, and on the petition of the selectmen of Scarborough, reported leave to withdraw; and the reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend the fiftieth chapter of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the City Bank;

An Act to incorporate the Alfred Bank;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relating to roads in Indian township, reported a resolve making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in Washington County; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. STANTON of Poland, from the Committee on Change of Names, on the petition of N. D. Emery, reported a bill to change the name of Nathaniel Davis Emery; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. NICKERSON of Belfast, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of the mayor and aldermen of Belfast, reported a bill to authorize the city district in Belfast to raise money for the support of schools therein; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to divide the town of Belmont and to incorporate the northerly part thereof into a new town by the name of Morrill, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Bluehill Horticultural Society;

Bill to regulate billiard rooms;

Bill to incorporate the Spring Brook Manufacturing Company;

Bill to amend chapter 27 of the laws of 1853;

Bill to incorporate the Maine Medical Association;

Bill to amend chapter seventy-seven of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to authorize the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport, to accept a bequest made by Joseph^o R. Folsom;

Bill accepting the surrender of the charter of the China Bank; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve in aid of certain settlers on the St. John River, was received from the Senate, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once, the rules suspended, the resolve read a second time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

The Secretary of State came in with a message from the Governor, announcing that on the 28th day of February he approved

An Act for the promulgation of the public laws ;

An Act additional to give mortgagees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire ;

An Act to protect forests and timber lands from fires, and to punish the unlawful and careless kindling of fires.

The Clerk communicated the same by message to the Senate.

Mr. CUSHMAN of Winthrop moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday accepted in concurrence the report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Directors of the Bank of Winthrop ; and the motion was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Taylor, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Directors of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Company, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Willoughby Prescott and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of the owners of the free meeting-house in Hartford, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, that the bill to authorize the business of banking be referred to the next Legislature, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns,

ordering notice returnable to the next Legislature, on the petition of S. L. Boulter and others; on the petition of Luther Hapworth and others; on the petition of Mark Scott and others;—were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Joshua Hubbard, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of John H. Spring and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus Phenix and others in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of David Dyer and others against the repeal of the law exempting wages from trustee process, was presented and laid on the table.

Petition of Nathaniel Dummer and others of Weld, for change of the naturalization laws, was presented and referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Abigail O'Brien, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of certain literary institutions, was taken up, and amended as on sheets annexed marked B, C and D. Mr. HILL of Bangor moved that the same be indefinitely postponed. On this question, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 63, nays 60.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Barker, Berry, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bray, Bridges, L. Brown, Bruce,

Burgess, Butler, Chamberlain, D. K. Chase, Josiah Chase, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Eames, Elliott, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Haines, Hall, J. Heald, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, Hobart, Holt, E. Hutchings, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, J. T. Leavitt, Mayo, McGilvery, McLaughlin, Means, Miller, Oaks, O'Brien, Patterson, Peavey, Phillips, Pike, Pillsbury, Pratt, Raynes, Ricker, Rogers, Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, S. Smith, G. W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Trafton, Turner, Wasson, Weeks, Winslow, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Banton, Barrows, Blake, Buck, Burpee, Came, Carr, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Comins, Cutler, Dike, Durell, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Getchell, Gunnison, Hanscom, Haskell, Hinckley, Hobbs, Ingersoll, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McKenney, A. Merrill, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Osgood, Pattee, Perham, Poor, Porter, Purrington, Rawson, Remick, Snell, W. Stanton, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell, Walker, Wallace, Whitcomb, York.

So the resolve as amended was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1855.

No Chaplain was present.

On motion of Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Assistant Clerk, William T. Johnson be appointed Assistant Clerk pro tempore.

Bill accepting the surrender of the charter of the Atlantic Bank, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the

bill read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN of Phillips, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to the distribution of school money, reported a bill additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of the year 1854, entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in aid of certain settlers on the St. John river;

Resolve for the payment of Roll of Accounts No. 35;— and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Union Meeting-house Parish;

An Act to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin;

An Act to divide the town of Belmont, and to incorporate the northerly part thereof into a new town by the name of Morrill;

An Act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Atlantic Bank;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the Warren Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill to establish the easterly line of Patricktown plantation;

Bill to amend the 76th chapter of the Revised Statutes;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Tomer Lewy, reported a

resolve on the petition of Tomer Lewy; and the same was read once and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. SNELL of Fairfield, Friday next at 10 o'clock was assigned for the further consideration of the bill to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph Percival and others, was taken up and recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of S. F. Hersey and another, reported a resolve in favor of Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall; and the same was read once and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Directors of the Bank of Winthrop, was taken up and decided in the affirmative. The report was then amended so as to grant leave to bring in a bill; and bill to increase the capital stock of the Bank of Winthrop, was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported that a bill to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad Company ought not to pass; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PATTEE of Fort Fairfield, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of John Taber, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SMALL of Gray, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported that the petition of Elbridge Harris

be referred to the next Legislature; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Militia, on the petition of the Portland Cavalry Guards, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan;

Bill to change the name of Kirkland;— were severally received from the Senate and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 88 of the statutes of 1844, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill additional to an act incorporating the city of Biddeford, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill for the protection of mackerel fishery on the coast of Maine, was taken up, read a third time, amended as on sheet annexed marked P, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE of Rockland, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported a bill to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of stock in corporations; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of the Penobscot Railroad Company, reported a bill additional to an act additional to an act to establish the Bangor and Orono Railroad, approved August 21, 1850; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the assessors of Patricktown plantation, was taken up, and amended so as to grant leave to bring in a bill; and bill to set off parts of Whitefield and Jefferson, and annex the same to Patricktown plantation, was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to set off a part of Detroit and annex the same to Pittsfield, was taken up and Thursday next assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exposition of 1855, was read a third time; and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 24, nays 75.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Bachelder, Barker, Burpee, Came, Carr, H. T. Clark, Coombs, Cushman, Cutler, Gunnison, Hanscom, Hinckley, Hobart, E. Hutchings, Jones, Josselyn, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Norris, Pratt, Purrington, Stone, Titcomb.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. H. Andrews, Bacon, Berry, Blake, Blanchard, Bruce, Buck, Burgess, Butler, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, Comins, Cushing, Dike, Doble, Durell, Elliott, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Haines, Hall, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, Hobbs, Holt, Ingalls, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Mayo, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Miller, Nason, Nickerson, O'Brien, Osgood, Pattee, Peavey, Perham, Pike, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Ricker, Rogers, Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, Trafton, Turner, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

So the resolve was refused a passage. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for a revision of the public laws of this State; was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for a revision of the private and special laws and of the resolves of this State, was read a second time and laid on the table, and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill to set off part of Levant and annex the same to Kenduskeag, was laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its third reading.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Militia, on the petition of George F. Tinker and others, reported a resolve for the repair of the gunhouse at Bowdoinham; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. PATTEE of Fort Fairfield, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Charles F. A. Johnston and another, reported a resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the same Committee, on the petition of Jonas Drury, reported a resolve in favor of Jonas Drury and others; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. GUNNISON of Eastport, from the same Committee, on the petition of Israel Glidden and others, reported a resolve to provide for the repair of roads and bridges in Patricktown plantation; and the same was read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday postponed indefinitely the resolve in aid of certain literary institutions; on

which motion Mr. HILL of Bangor raised a point of order, that a motion having previously been made by Mr. CUSHMAN of Winthrop to reconsider the same vote, the motion of Mr. SMITH was not in order. The Speaker decided, that Mr. CUSHMAN'S motion having been withdrawn, the motion of Mr. SMITH was in order. From this decision, Mr. HILL took an appeal; and the question being, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House?" it was decided in the affirmative. So the House sustained the decision of the chair. The motion of Mr. SMITH to reconsider was laid on the table and Wednesday next assigned for its consideration.

Resolve making an appropriation for the Insane Hospital;
Resolve making appropriation for chaplain and assistant physician for the Insane Hospital;— were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company, was read a third time and laid on the table.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on a bill relating to actions of review; on a bill relating to the transfer of actions in new counties; on a bill granting appeals from the decisions of County Commissioners of two or more Counties; on a bill in relation to the set-off of demands; on an order relating to the salary of the Attorney General;— were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Amos M. Roberts and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Ephraim Paulk and others; on the petition of John Winn and others; on the petition of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company; on

the petition of Seth Paine and others;— were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, that the petition of William Moor and others, be referred to the next Legislature, was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Kendall and others, was received from the Senate accepted; and the House non-concurred, amended the report so as to refer the petition to the next Legislature, and accepted the report as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, that a bill to establish an experimental farm, referred from the last Legislature, ought not to pass, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, that a resolve for building a reservoir for water, ought not to pass, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1855.

No Chaplain was present.

Mr. HILL of Bangor, after the reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings, moved to amend the same by inserting at the commencement of the day's proceedings as follows: "Mr. CUSHMAN of Winthrop made a motion that the vote whereby the House yesterday indefinitely postponed the resolve providing for the endowment of certain literary institutions be reconsidered, upon which motion the yeas and nays were ordered on taking the question. Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell moved to lay the motion on the table, upon which motion the question was taken, and it appeared that there was not a quorum voting. A return of the House was thereupon ordered, and had, and it appeared that there was a quorum present; and before the question was again taken on the motion to lay upon the table, the motion to reconsider was withdrawn by the mover."

On the question of amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 57, nays 19.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Banton, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, Buck, Burgess, Butler, Came, Josiah Chase, Cole, Curry, Cushing, Dike, Elliot, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Hall, J. B. Hill, Hobart, Holt, E. Hutchings, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, McGilvery, Means, Miller, Nickerson, O'Brien, Pattee, Peavey, Pillsbury, Poor, Pratt, Rawson, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, Rogers, A. Smith, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, Staples, Sweat, Titcomb, Trafton, Wasson, Weeks, Winslow, Woodbury, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Bacon, Barrows, Burpee, Carr, Comins, Durell, Fenno, Files, Haskell, Hinckley, Hobbs, Josselyn, Leighton, McLaughlin, A. Merrill, Nason, Porter, Turner, Walker.

So the House ordered the journal to be amended as proposed.

The Secretary of State came in with a message from the Governor, informing the House, that on the third day of March he approved the following acts:—

An Act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes;
 An Act to prevent exorbitant taxation of blood animals;
 An Act to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin.

The Clerk communicated the same by message to the Senate.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta moved that the 55th rule of the House be suspended for the remainder of the session; which motion, by the rules, lies over one day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Eastport Steam Mill Company;
 An Act additional to an act incorporating the city of Biddeford;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve making an appropriation for the Insane Hospital;
 Resolve making appropriation for chaplain and assistant physician for the Insane Hospital;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, the vote whereby the House on Saturday concurred with the Senate in indefinitely postponing a resolve authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan, was reconsidered, and tomorrow assigned for its further consideration.

The Secretary of State came in and laid on the table the following message from the Governor:—

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith lay before you a copy of resolutions passed by the General Assembly of Rhode Island, at its late session.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Augusta, March 5, 1855. }

The message was read and referred to the Joint Select Committee having under consideration the subject of the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire at what time the Legislature may adjourn without day, that the two Houses may adjourn without day on Monday the 12th instant, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. FENNO of Augusta moved a reconsideration of the vote, accepting said report in concurrence; and the motion was laid on the table and Friday next assigned for its consideration.

Petition of Knott Crockett and others for increase of the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank, was received from the Senate and referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of E. Harris in behalf of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Christopher Young and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Ira B. Delano, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. CHASE of Calais, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company, was taken up, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to change the terms of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot;

Bill to incorporate the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of the year 1854, entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Bank of Winthrop;

Bill to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of stock in corporations;

Bill additional to an act additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor and Orono Railroad, approved August 21, 1850;

Bill authorizing the Penobscot Lumbering Association, or Daniel White, Benjamin P. Gilman and others, to make a cut or canal across a point on the easterly side of Orson Island;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Tomer Lewy;

Resolve extending the time when certain lands shall be declared forfeited to the State;

Resolve in favor of Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall;— were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the preservation of pickerel in Matthews' pond and its tributary streams;

Bill giving further powers to cities and towns to pass by-laws and ordinances;

Bill defining the term of office of Clerks of the Courts and County Attorneys;

Bill making further provision for the administration of police in the city of Portland;

Bill to incorporate the Brunswick Paper Manufacturing Company;

Bill to unite the Calais and Baring Railroad with Lewy's Island Railroad;

Bill to amend chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to authorize the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Folsom;

Bill to amend chapter 27 of the laws of 1853;

Bill to establish the easterly line of Patricktown plantation;

Bill to incorporate the Warren Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill to incorporate the Bluehill Horticultural Society;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Governor to subscribe for the publications of the Maine Historical Society;

Resolve in favor of Isaac Wilder;— were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill additional to an act entitled an act giving to laborers on lumber a lien thereon;

Bill additional to chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to authorize the owners of meeting-houses to sell or remove or repair the same;

Bill to incorporate the Canton Bank;

Bill to incorporate the Waterville Library Association;

Bill to regulate the business of pawnbrokers;

Bill to incorporate the Swift River Dam Company;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the

same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve for the repair of the Canada road ;

Resolve authorizing the purchase of certain national medals ;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same were severally read once and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

✓ Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported a bill additional respecting banks ; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the selectmen of Cutler, reported a resolve to diminish the State valuation of the town of Cutler ; and the same was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HALL of Alfred, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Jefferson Moulton and another, reported a bill to set off a part of the town of Lyman and annex the same to the town of Alfred ; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

✓ Mr. OSGOOD of New Gloucester, from the Committee on Education, to which was recommitted a bill in relation to truant children, reported a bill to amend section 14 of article 1 of an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850 ; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

✓ Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to assessing taxes on mortgaged property, referred from the last Legislature, reported legislation inexpedient ; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CHASE of Calais, from the Committee on Railroads

and Bridges, reported that an order relating to the repeal of an act additional incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company, be referred to the next Legislature; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the same Committee, reported that the petition of E. B. Pierce and others, be referred to the next Legislature; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARROWS of Harrison,

Ordered, That this House, on and after Thursday next, hold two sessions each day, commencing at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and half-past 2 afternoon, during the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, the vote passing the foregoing order was subsequently reconsidered, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, by leave, laid on the table a resolve providing for the publication of the journal of the House of Representatives for the present year; and the same was read once and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. FENNO of Augusta,

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to Doctor George H. Dadd, on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, for the purpose of lecturing on veterinary surgery.

Bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, that the petition of Adams Treat and others be referred to the next Legislature, was taken up and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1855.

No Chaplain was present.

Bill to incorporate the Maine Medical Association;

Bill accepting the surrender of the charter of the China Bank;

Bill to incorporate the Novelty Bagging Company;

Bill respecting school agents;

Bill to incorporate the Lincolnville Steamboat Wharf Company;

Bill to incorporate the Spring Brook Manufacturing Company;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to effect certain exchanges of public documents;

Resolve in favor of George K. Smith;

Resolve in favor of Caleb Blake;

Resolve making an appropriation for a fireproof safe for the Land Office;

Resolve authorizing a cistern near the State House;

Resolve in favor of Sumner Burnham;— were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the town of Rangely, was read a third time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city district in Belfast to raise money for the support of schools therein;

Bill to change the name of Nathaniel Davis Emery;

Bill to authorize the extension of the Steamboat wharf in Searsport into the tide waters of Penobscot bay;

Bill to incorporate the North Fire and Marine Insurance Company;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the continuation of the Geological and Agricultural survey of the State, was read a second time and laid on the table.

Resolve in aid of bridge in Letter B, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of A company of cavalry, first division, was read a second time and indefinitely postponed. Subsequently, Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor moved a reconsideration of the vote indefinitely postponing the resolve; and the motion was laid on the table and Thursday next assigned for its consideration.

Bill to annex certain territory to the town of Wales, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and Friday next assigned for a third reading.

Bill to regulate billiard rooms, was read a third time, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence. ✓

Bill additional to chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, was taken up, and read a third time. Mr. RAWSON of Waldoborough moved that the bill be postponed indefinitely. Mr. CAME of Portland moved that the bill be amended as on sheet marked A. Mr. NICKERSON of Belfast moved to amend the amendment as on sheet marked B. Pending these amendments, the bill was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act for the preservation of pickerel in Matthews' pond and its tributary streams; ✓

An Act to protect mackerel fishery on the coast of Maine; ✓

An Act to establish the easterly line of Patricktown plantation;

An Act to amend chapter 27 of the laws of 1853; ?

An Act to incorporate the Bluehill Horticultural Society;

An Act defining the terms of office of Clerks of the Courts and County Attorneys;

An Act to incorporate the Warren Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

An Act to amend chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to authorize the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest by Joseph R. Folsom;

An Act to incorporate the Brunswick Paper Manufacturing Company;

An Act to unite Calais and Baring Railroad with Lewy's Island Railroad;

An Act making further provisions for the administration of police in the city of Portland;

An Act giving further power to cities and towns to pass by-laws and ordinances;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve authorizing the Governor to subscribe for the publications of the Maine Historical Society;

Resolve in favor of Isaac Wilder;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this State, was read a third time; and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and before taking the question, the bill was laid on the table.

Resolve providing for the publication of the journal of the House for the present session, was taken up, amended, and passed in the following form:—

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be authorized to procure 600 copies of the journal of this House to be printed. Each member of this House shall be entitled to receive two copies of the same; one copy shall be distributed to each member of the next House of Representatives on the

first day of the session thereof; and the remaining copies shall be deposited in the Library for the use of the State, provided that the expense shall not exceed six hundred dollars.

Order that the House hold two sessions a day on and after Thursday next, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and half-past two in the afternoon, during the remainder of the session, came up by assignment, and was passed.

Remonstrance of Richard Robinson and others, and memorial of Rufus C. Counce, against the passage of a bill relative to the Rockland Water Company, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, a message was sent to the Senate, requesting that body to return to the House a resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exposition of 1855. The message was delivered by the Clerk.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, returning the said resolve.

The rules were suspended; the vote whereby the House refused the resolve a passage was reconsidered; the resolve was amended as on sheet annexed marked A; Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, moved further to amend, and pending this motion the resolve was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. RAWSON of Waldoborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the State valuation of the town of Waldoborough, by reason of the late disastrous fire by which five hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed.

Order from the Senate, relative to repairing the road through township No. 9, range 5, was passed in concurrence.

Mr. ANDREWS of Biddeford, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday voted to amend

the journal as moved by Mr. HILL of Bangor, and the motion was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its consideration.

Bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner, was taken up, read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. BURGESS of Gardiner.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, the motion to suspend the 55th rule for the remainder of the session, made by Mr. FENNO of Augusta, on the 5th instant, was taken up and adopted.

Bill to incorporate and endow the Maine State Agricultural Society, and more fully prescribing the powers and duties of agricultural and horticultural societies ;

Bill to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters of Damariscotta river ;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and pay the claims of Edward Kent, Lot M. Morrill and John Rand, commissioners appointed by resolve to revise the Judiciary system, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read, once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred a resolve in favor of James Simonds, reported that the resolve

ought to pass; and the same was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill to amend an act in relation to the returns of railroad corporations, reported that the bill ought to pass; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on an order relative to the admission of witnesses, reported a bill for the admission of interested witnesses; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill providing for a standard and inspection of gas meters, and for preventing fraud in the admeasurement of gas, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John H. Williams, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve making an appropriation for a fireproof safe for the Land Office;

Resolve in favor of Sumner Burnham;

“ in favor of George K. Smith;

“ authorizing a cistern near the State House;

“ in favor of Caleb Blake;

“ authorizing the Secretary of State to effect certain exchanges of public documents;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Maine Medical Association;

An Act respecting school agents;

An Act accepting the surrender of the charter of the China Bank;

An Act to incorporate the Spring Brook Manufacturing Company;

An Act to incorporate the town of Rangely;

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner;

An Act to incorporate the Lincolnville Steamboat Wharf Company;

An Act to incorporate the Novelty Bagging Company;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John M. Wood and others, reported legislation inexpedient; and on motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Portland, the report was amended so as to grant leave to bring in a bill; and bill to abolish the municipal court and to establish a police court in the city of Portland, was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill to amend section 14 of article 1 of an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish a municipal court in the city of Biddeford, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted an order relative to the repeal of the usury laws, reported a bill in addition to chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. PHILLIPS of Shirley, from the Committee on State

Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Ephraim Packard and others, reported a resolve making appropriations to be expended on roads in Kingsbery, Blanchard and Shirley; and the same was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill additional respecting divorces, reported the same in a new draft; and the bill was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

The motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, to reconsider the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed a resolve in aid of certain literary institutions, came up by assignment. On the question of reconsideration, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 55, nays 66.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barrows, Blake, E. H. Brown, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chapin, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Comins, Cutler, Fenno, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, Gunnison, Hanscom, Haskell, Hinckley, Hobbs, Ingersoll, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Mallett, McKenney, A. Merrill, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Osgood, Pattee, Patterson, Porter, Rawson, Remick, Snell, Stone, Sweat, Thomas, Titcomb, Walker, Wallace, Whitcomb, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bridges, Bruce, Buck, Burgess, Butler, Chamberlain, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Dike, Durell, Eames, Files, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Hall, Ham, J. Heald, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, Holt, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, J. T. Leavitt, Main, McLaughlin, Means, Miller, Nichols, Oaks, O'Brien, Perham, Phillips, Pike, Pillsbury, Poor, Raynes, Richards, Rogers, Sanderson, Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, S. Smith, G. W. Stanton, Staples,

R. S. Stevens, Trafton, Turner, Wasson, Weeks, Winslow, Woodbury, Woodman.

So the House refused to reconsider the vote whereby the resolve was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to set off part of the town of Levant and annex the same to the town of Kenduskeag, was taken up and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend the 76th chapter of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time, the amendments of the Senate marked A and B adopted in concurrence, and the bill further amended as on sheet annexed marked C, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Bill additional respecting banks, was read a third time and laid on the table.

Resolve authorizing the continuation of the Geological and Agricultural survey of the State, was taken up and re-committed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, was taken up, and with the pending amendments, was referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Buck of Bucksport, Wasson of Franklin, Berry of Gardiner, Gunnison of Eastport, Rawson of Waldoborough, Means of Surry and Hobart of Edmunds, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. Sent up for concurrence.

The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred, and had joined Messrs. Thorndike, Hichborn and Barker to the Committee.

Bill making valid the doings of cities, towns, plantations and districts, was taken up, read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' hall be

granted to Doctor George H. Dadd this evening, for the purpose of lecturing on veterinary surgery.

The Secretary of State came in and laid on the table the following message from the Governor :

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

A vacancy exists in the office of Major General of the eighth division of the militia of Maine, occasioned by the decease of Major General Enoch C. Belcher. The duty of filling the vacancy devolves upon you.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
March 7, 1855. }

The message was read and sent up.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That to-morrow at 10 o'clock be assigned for the election of a Major General of the eighth Division of the Militia, on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HYDE of Gardiner.

Bill to incorporate the Waterville Library Association, was read a third time, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed as amended bill to amend the 76th chapter of the Revised Statutes, was reconsidered; and the bill was further amended as on sheet annexed marked D, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, reported pursuant to a vote of the House, was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

At the hour assigned, the House proceeded to ballot for a Major General of the eighth division of the Militia. Messrs. Smith of Mattawamkeag, Carr of Dexter, Banton of Lagrange, Hinckley of Georgetown and Turner of Cutler, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes. Having attended to that duty, they reported that

The whole number of votes was	120
Necessary to a choice,	61
Hannibal Belcher had	65
John Heald had	47
Elbridge G. Savage had	4 and
Joseph C. Kinsman had	4

The report was accepted; and Hannibal Belcher was declared to be elected, on the part of the House, Major General of the eighth Division; and Mr. HILL of Bangor was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body of the election on the part of the House.

Bill to incorporate the Swift River Dam Company, was read a third time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve extending the time when certain lands shall be declared forfeited to the State;

Resolve in aid of bridge in letter B;

“ on the petition of Tomer Lewy;

“ providing for a revision of the public laws of this State;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed bills, entitled

An Act to incorporate the North Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

An Act to regulate billiard rooms.

An Act to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of stock in corporations;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Bank of Winthrop in Winthrop;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the Canton Bank;

Bill additional to chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters in Damariscotta river;

Bill to regulate the business of pawnbrokers;

Bill additional to an act entitled an act giving to laborers on lumber a lien thereon;—were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the owners of meeting-houses to sell or remove or repair the same, was read a third time, the amendments of the Senate adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Ezra Totman and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was amended so as to grant leave to bring in a bill, and as amended was accepted.

Bill to incorporate the Fairfield Bank, was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve making an appropriation for building a bridge across Crystal Stream and for repairing a road in township numbered 4, range 5;

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and pay the claims of Edward Kent, Lot M. Morrill and John Rand, Commissioners appointed by resolve to revise the Judiciary system;—were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill additional respecting banks, was taken up and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional respecting divorces;

Bill to amend an act in relation to the returns of railroad corporations;

Bill in addition to chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to set off a part of the town of Lyman and annex the same to the town of Alfred;—were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to diminish the State valuation of the town of Cutler;

Resolve to provide for the shingling of the Mattawamkeag bridge;

Resolve for the repair of the gunhouse at Bowdoinham;

Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder.

Resolve to provide for the repair of roads and bridges in Patricktown plantation;

Resolve in favor of Jonas Drury and others;

Resolve making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in Washington County;

Resolve making appropriations to be expended on roads in Kingsbery, Blanchard and Shirley;—were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Oliver Dow and others, reported a bill to incorporate the West Buxton Bank; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, to which was referred a bill to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, Bangor, reported that the bill ought to pass; and

the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for a revision of the private acts and resolves, was taken up; and on motion of Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, the same was referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Titcomb of Augusta, Leavitt of Skowhegan and Ingersoll of Bangor, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, with instructions to ascertain and report as soon as may be; first, the probable expense of preparing, publishing and binding, in convenient and suitable volumes, with proper indexes, 1000 copies of all private and special laws and resolves passed by the Legislature of this State; secondly, of all such laws and resolves as are, in the opinion of said Committee, of a general and public nature, and the estimated number of volumes, and the size thereof; thirdly, whether, in the opinion of said Committee, it is expedient to publish an abstract of said laws and resolves, and if so, the estimated number and size of volumes required for such abstract; fourthly, the number of perfect sets of such laws and resolves already published, now remaining in the State Library or elsewhere belonging to the State; fifthly, whether in the opinion of said Committee it is expedient to publish such laws and resolves in any form; and to recommend such action, if any, in the premises, as they shall think proper. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of James Simonds, was read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported that a bill to incorporate the Bath Bank be referred to the next Legislature; and the report was laid on the table.

Bill for the admission of interested witnesses, was read a third time and laid on the table.

Mr. NASON of Kenduskeag, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Oakes Thompson and others and on the petition of Heman Wood and others, reported leave to withdraw; and said reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported that a bill additional respecting railroads ought not to pass; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Bath, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of John Murphy, jr., against the right of Alden Kennedy of Jefferson to a seat in the House, made a report exhibiting the facts in the case; and the same was read and laid on the table.

Bill to set off a part of Detroit and annex the same to Pittsfield, was taken up; Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, moved to amend as on sheet marked A; and on the question of adopting the amendment the yeas and nays were ordered. Before taking the question, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill to set off a part of Detroit and annex the same to Pittsfield, was further considered; and the question on the adoption of the amendment marked A, in the following words:—"Provided, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect any suit, action or indictment now pending, or the legal rights or powers of any town or person heretofore accrued;"—was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative, yeas 17, nays 78.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, Bacon, Bradbury, Burgess, Carr, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Cutler, Gunnison, Ingersoll, J. T. Leavitt, Norris, Sander-son, A. Smith, G. W. Stanton, Staples, Stone.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Baker, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, Bridges,

E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Butler, Chamberlain, Charles, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Doble, Durell, Eames, Files, Garland, Getchell, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Haines, Hall, Hanscom, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hight, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hinckley, Hobbs, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Libby, R. G. Lincoln, Mayo, A. Merrill, Nichols, Nickerson, Oaks, Patterson, Perham, Pillsbury, Porter, Pratt, Raynes, Ricker, Rogers, Skolfield, Small, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stillings, Trafton, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, moved to amend the bill by adding the following words:—"When satisfactory evidence is produced to the Treasurer of the State, that a suitable bridge has been built over the Sebasticook river, by the towns of Detroit and Pittsfield, as formed by this bill, on the line of road leading from Pittsfield to Troy, as laid out by the joint County Commissioners of Somerset and Waldo, he shall pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six hundred dollars as follows: two hundred to the town of Detroit, and four hundred to the town of Pittsfield, for aid to said towns in constructing said bridge; and the same to be finished within two years from the passage of this bill." On the adoption of this amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 7, nays 104.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Gunnison, Ingersoll, J. T. Leavitt, Nason, A. Smith, Staples, Sweat.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Baker, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, Bridges, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Butler, Carr, Chamberlain, Charles, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Eames, Files, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Haines, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, J.

Heald, S. Heald, Hight, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, Hobbs, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Kennedy, Lake, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, A. Merrill, Nichols, Nickerson, Norris, Pattee, Patterson, Peavey, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Pratt, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Rogers, Sanderson, Skolfield, Small, S. Smith, Snell, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Turner, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodbury, Woodman, York.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of John Murphy, Jr., against the right of Alden Kennedy of Jefferson, to a seat in the House, was taken up and accepted.

Mr. RAWSON of Waldoborough offered the following resolve :

Resolved, That in the Jefferson district for members of this House, there is a vacancy ; and that the proceedings, at the election in said district held in February, 1855, were void.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the resolve was laid on the table.

Mr. LINCOLN of Bath, introduced the following resolve :

Resolved, That Alden Kennedy is not elected a Representative to this Legislature from the town of Jefferson, and is not entitled to a seat therein ; but that John Murphy, Jr. is duly elected and entitled to a seat in this House as Representative from that town.

And the question being on the passage of the resolve, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 63, nays 52.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, Austin, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Carr, Chamberlain, Charles, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell,

Files, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, Hall, Hanscom, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McLaughlin, W. Merrill, Nason, Nickerson, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Remick, S. Smith, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Bachelder, Baker, Bradbury, Bridges, Bruce, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Butler, Came, Chapin, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Cushman, Fenno, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Gunnison, Ham, J. Heald, Hight, Hobbs, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, Mayo, A. Merrill, Nichols, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Peavey, Pike, Pratt, Rawson, Raynes, Ricker, Rogers, Sanderson, Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, Stillings, Titcomb, Turner, Woodbury.

So the resolve was passed.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ASPINWALL of Gardiner.

Mr. HASKELL of Hodgdon, from the Committee on Education, on a bill additional in relation to public schools, reported legislation inexpedient; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DURELL of Oxford, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of James Cushing and another, reported a resolve in favor of James Cushing and Alonzo S. Mason; and the same was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. BRADBURY of Standish, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the Augusta and New York Navigation Company, reported that the same ought to pass; and the bill was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to the repair of the road across township No. 9, range 5, reported a resolve for the repair of the road in township numbered 9, in the 5th range; and the same was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. STONE of Kennebunkport, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of S. Royal and others, reported a bill for the regulation of bowling alleys; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GARLAND of East Livermore, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the expenses of members from sickness, reported a resolve in favor of Isaac Park; and the same was read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LINCOLN of Bath offered the following resolve:—

Resolved, That the Committee on the Pay Roll make up the pay of Alden Kennedy, the late sitting member in this House from the town of Jefferson, from the time of his subscribing to the oaths of office, up to and including to-day; also the travelling expenses of said Kennedy.

On the passage of this resolve, Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, moved the previous question, which was seconded by the House; and the main question was ordered to be put, and the resolve was passed.

Bill to incorporate the Gardiner Market Company, was received from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; and the House non-concurred,

and the bill was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the purchase of certain national medals;

Resolve for the repair of the Canada road;— severally assigned for their second reading on Wednesday of next week under the 55th rule, were taken up, the rule having been suspended, and were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the clerk of school district No. 8, in Camden, to amend his records, was received from the Senate amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, the amendment of the Senate was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That while the House holds two sessions each day, the Speaker shall, without motion therefor, adjourn the House at a quarter before one o'clock in the forenoon session and at 5 in the afternoon.

Petition of Solomon Coy and others for the repeal of the statutes relating to the surveying of lumber and the scaling of logs, was presented and referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STONE of Kennebunkport, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to notice to debtors to disclose, reported that legislation is inexpedient; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, from the same Committee, to which was referred a bill relative to bankrupt plaintiffs, reported that the same ought to pass; and the bill was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill for the suppression of drinking houses and tipping shops, was received from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and this afternoon assigned for a third reading.

Bill to amend the tenth section of an act concerning the assessment of taxes;

Bill to amend chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, on marriage;

Bill to regulate the fees of officers in certain cases;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to settle certain claims against the United States;

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, announcing that that body, on its part, had elected HANNIBAL BELCHER as Major General of the 8th Division of the Militia.

Mr. WINSLOW of Nobleborough announced that JOHN MURPHY Jr., Representative elect from the town of Jefferson, was present, and ready to take and subscribe the oaths of office; and Mr. WINSLOW was appointed to conduct the member elect to the Governor and Council for that purpose, and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him, and that Mr. MURPHY had taken the necessary oaths. Mr. MURPHY then took his seat as a member of the House.

Bill to annex certain territory to the town of Wales;

Bill to incorporate and endow the Maine State Agricultural Society, and more fully prescribing the powers and duties

of agricultural and horticultural societies;— were severally read a third time and laid on the table.

Bill to abolish the municipal court in the city of Portland, and to establish a police court in said city, was taken up, amended as on sheets annexed marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I, and 12 o'clock noon, this day, assigned for its third reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Canton Bank;

An Act to set off a part of the town of Detroit and annex the same to the town of Pittsfield;

An Act additional to an act entitled an act giving to laborers on lumber a lien thereon;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and pay the claims of Edward Kent, Lot M. Morrill and John Rand, commissioners appointed by resolve to revise the Judiciary system; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was read a third time. Mr. HUTCHINS of Lexington moved to amend by adding the following section:

“This act shall not take effect, nor have any force, except for the purpose set forth in this section, until the said towns have, in their respective corporate capacities, and at legal meetings held for that purpose, by a majority of the legal voters present at such meetings, accepted the provisions of this act. Said meetings shall be held within three months after the passage of this act; and the vote shall be taken by ballot, on which is written the word “yes,” or “no;” and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes so cast, in each town, shall be in favor of the acceptance of the act, it shall

then take effect in all its provisions; but if a majority of the votes, in either town, shall be opposed to the said acceptance, then this act shall not take effect, but be void."

And the question being on the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 32, nays 91.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Burgess, Burpee, Butler, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, Durell, Eames, Elliott, Gilchrist, Haines, Hight, Hobart, T. Hutchins, Johnson, Jones, J. T. Leavitt, Miller, Nichols, O'Brien, Peavey, Pike, Raynes, Ricker, Sanderson, Skolfield, A. Smith, S. Smith, Staples, Stillings.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Came, Carr, Chamberlain, Chapin, Charles, H. T. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Garland, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hinckley, Hobbs, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Pattee, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Poor, Rawson, Remick, Richards, Scammon, Small, Snell, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Trafton, Turner, Twitchell, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman.

The House then adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was further considered. The question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 94, nays 25.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barker,

Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chamberlain, Charles, D. K. Chase, A. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Eames, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Garland, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, T. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Means, A. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Rawson, Remick, Sanderson, Scammon, Small, Snell, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Trafton, Twitchell, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Bridges, Burgess, Butler, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Cushing, Elliot, Gilchrist, Hight, Hobart, T. Hutchins, J. T. Leavitt, Miller, Nichols, O'Brien, Pike, Raynes, Ricker, Rogers, Skolfield, A. Smith, S. Smith, Stillings.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of certain literary institutions was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote passing the same to be engrossed, proposing a conference, and appointing Messrs. Dunnell, Thorndike and Dennett, conferees on the part of the Senate. The House insisted on its former vote, concurred in the proposed conference, and appointed Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Berry of Gardiner and Stevens of Paris, conferees on the part of the House.

Order from the Senate, relative to bill granting appeals from joint boards of County Commissioners, was passed in concurrence.

Bill to abolish the municipal court in the city of Portland, and to establish a police court in said city, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to authorize the clerk of school district No. eight in Camden to amend his records;

An Act to authorize the extension of the Steamboat wharf in Searsport into tide waters of the Penobscot bay;

An Act to authorize the city district in Belfast to raise money for the support of schools therein;

An Act to change the name of Nathaniel Davis Emery;

An Act to change the time for the close of the financial year of the State Reform School;

An Act additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of the year 1854, entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth;

An Act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford;

An Act authorizing the owners of meeting-houses to sell or remove or repair the same;

An Act to incorporate the Swift River Dam Company;

An Act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters in Damariscotta river;

An Act additional to chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to regulate the business of pawnbrokers;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of Isaac Park;

Resolve authorizing the purchase of certain national medals;

Resolve for the repair of the Canada road;

Resolve making an appropriation for building a bridge across Crystal Stream, and for repairing a road in township numbered four, range five;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan, was taken up; and the question being on con-

curring in the indefinite postponement of the resolve, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 35, nays 75.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, L. Andrews, Bacon, Barker, Berry, E. H. Brown, Bruce, Chamberlain, A. Clark, Comins, Curry, Cutler, Fenno, Garland, S. Gilman, Greenleaf, Ham, T. Hill, Hinckley, Jones, J. T. Leavitt, J. M. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McLaughlin, Means, Nason, Norris, O'Brien, Remick, Snell, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. H. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Banton, Barrows, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bray, L. Brown, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Butler, Came, Carr, Chapin, Charles, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Coombs, Cushing, Durell, Eames, Elliot, Files, Furbish, Gilchrist, Goodale, Hall, Haskell, S. Heald, Hight, J. B. Hill, Hobart, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Libby, Miller, Nichols, Nickerson, Oaks, Osgood, Peavey, Perham, Phillips, Pike, Pillsbury, Rawson, Raynes, Ricker, Rogers, Sanderson, Scammon, Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, S. Smith, G. W. Stanton, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stillings, Stone, Turner, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

So the House non-concurred; and the resolve was read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1855.

No Chaplain was present.

Report of the Committee on the State Prison, that legislation is inexpedient, on an order relative to allowing convicts a portion of their earnings, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Bill to set off parts of Whitefield and Jefferson and annex the same to Patricktown plantation, passed to be engrossed in the House, was returned from the Senate amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the House receded from its former vote, concurred in the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill authorizing the Penobscot Lumbering Association, or Daniel White, Benjamin P. Gilman and others, to make a cut or canal across a point on the easterly side of Orson Island, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B, and passed to be engrossed as amended; and the House receded from its former vote, concurred in the amendments, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to settle certain claims against the government of the United States, was read a second time and laid on the table.

Bill to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of James H. Holden and others; on the petition of Haskell Fuller and others; on the petition of Abraham Andrews and others; and on the petition of Isaac R. Clark;— were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the same Committee, that a bill providing for a standard and inspection of gas meters, and also petitions of the Rockland Water Power Company, and of the City Council of Rockland, be referred to the next Legislature, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice fourteen days before the first day of January next, on a bill to establish a police court and abolish the municipal court in Augusta, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, that a bill to establish a municipal court and abolish the police court in Belfast, ought not to pass, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of Abner Weeks and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of A. D. Atwood and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, that a bill additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850, be referred to the next Legislature, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to set off part of Levant and annex the same to Ken-

duskeag, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate indefinitely postponed; and the House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, accepted by the House, was returned from the Senate amended so as to grant leave to bring in a bill; and the House receded and concurred.

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Bill relating to Bridgton Centre Village Corporation;

Bill to set off certain lands from West Bath, and annex the same to the city of Bath;

Bill to set off certain territory from Brewer to Eddington;

Bill to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company;

Bill to incorporate the Maine Flax Company;

Bill to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wiscasset to lay out a road over tide waters;

Bill to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Resolve in relation to Passamaquoddy Indian lands;

Resolve in favor of Valentine Ripley;

Resolve in favor of certain members of the Maine Board of Agriculture;

Resolve in relation to the payment of the State debt;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read once and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. SNELL of Farfield, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to lotteries, reported a bill relating to lotteries; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Augusta and New York Navigation Company;

Bill in relation to bankrupt plaintiffs;—were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the repair of the road in township numbered 9 in the 5th range;

Resolve in favor of James Cushing and Alonzo S. Mason; were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to an act to establish the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company, amended and passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate, further amended as on sheet annexed marked B, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the House receded from its former vote, concurred in amendment marked B, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill to regulate the fees of officers in certain cases;

Bill to amend chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, on marriage;—were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to annex certain territory to the town of Wales, was taken up and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exposition of 1855, was taken up, the pending amendment re-

jected, and the resolve was further amended as on sheet annexed marked B, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Amos P. Messer and others;

Report of the same Committee, that the petition of Benson J. Mitchell and others be referred to the next Legislature, and ordering notice thereon;—were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, on an order relative to reducing the State valuation of the town of Waldoborough, reported legislation inexpedient; and the report was accepted.

Bill for the promotion of medical science in the State of Maine, was read a third time and laid on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson;

An act to incorporate the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall;—and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it be to meet on Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

Bill for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, was read a third time, considered and laid on the table.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1855.

The Speaker announced the absence of the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Clerk, BENJAMIN FREEMAN be unanimously declared to be elected Clerk pro tempore.

The Clerk pro tempore took and subscribed the necessary oaths before FRANKLIN CLARK, Esq. authorized by *dedimus potestatem*.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the order which passed this House fixing the day of adjournment of this Legislature on the 12th of March instant, be hereby rescinded, the Senate concurring. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Belfast,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be hereby authorized and required to pre-pay the postage on all documents furnished to cities, towns and plantations in this State. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Fairfield Bank, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the House receded from its former vote, concurred in the amendment, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act authorizing the Penobscot Lumbering Association, or Daniel White, Benjamin P. Gilman and others, to make a cut or canal across a point on the easterly side of Orson Island;

An Act to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company ;
 An Act to set off parts of Whitefield and Jefferson, and annex the same to Patricktown plantation ;
 An Act to annex certain territory to the town of Wales ;
 An Act to regulate the fees of officers in certain cases ;
 An Act additional to an act establishing the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company ;
 An Act making valid the doings of cities, towns, plantations, and districts ;
 An Act additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor and Orono Railroad, approved August 21, 1850 ;
 An Act to incorporate the Waterville Library Association ;
 An Act to amend chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, on marriage ;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Reform School ; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Manufacturing Company of Waterville, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was twice read and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve to correct the State valuation of the town of Belmont, and to establish that of the town of Morrill, was received from the Senate amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed ; and the same was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Revolutionary Monument Association ;

Bill to amend the 113th chapter of the Revised Statutes ; were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same were severally twice read and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve setting apart certain townships for settlement, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Abner Oakes and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Piscataqua Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to set off the town of Detroit from the County of Somerset, and annex the same to the County of Penobscot, was taken up, the vote of the Senate passing the same to be engrossed was non-concurred, and the bill referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of certain members of the Maine Board of Agriculture, was read a second time and on motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, laid on the table.

Mr. LEAVITT of Skowhegan, offered the following order:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that on the adjournment of both branches of the Legislature next Thursday, it be without day.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the order was laid on the table.

Bill to set off certain lands from West Bath and annex the same to the city of Bath, was read a third time and laid on the table.

Bill for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, was taken up and further considered; and before disposing of the same, the House adjourned.

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tempore*.

A true transcript: Attest,

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, laying before the Legislature an abstract of the returns of the several railroad companies in pursuance of law; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort, from the Joint Select Committee on that part of the Governor's message which relates to change in the naturalization laws, reported a bill regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens; also a bill regulating the formation of military companies;—and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported that a bill to authorize the town of Wiscasset to loan its credit to the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad be referred to the next Legislature; and the report was laid on the table.

Bill for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, was further considered; and the House having refused to amend the first section by striking out the word "may," and inserting "shall," so as to require that agents "shall" be appointed in each town, Mr. RAWSON of Waldoborough moved a reconsideration of the vote rejecting the amendment. On this question, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 25, nays 84.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, E. H. Brown, Bruce, Burpee, Carr, Curry, Cushman, Cutler, Elliot, Garland, Getchell, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Hall, Johnson, Main, Miller, Oaks, Patterson, Remick, Rogers, Sanderson, Twitchell.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbot, L. Andrews, Bacon, Banton, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, Bradbury, L. Brown, Buck, Burgess, Came, Chapin, Charles, D. K.

Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Cushing, Dike, Doble, Durell, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Goodale, Hanscom, Haskell, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Mayo, McKenney, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Nason, Nichols, Nickerson, Norris, Pattee, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Rawson, Raynes, Richards, Scammon, Skolfield, Small, S. Smith, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Sweat, Thomas, Titcomb, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodbury, York.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor moved to amend by striking out the last five lines of the 25th section, as follows:—
 “Whenever a verdict is rendered against any defendant tried under any of the provisions of this act, and he shall offer a bill of exceptions, if the Judge before whom the trial is had, shall be of opinion that they are frivolous and intended for delay, he shall so certify, and shall proceed to pass sentence upon said defendant.” On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 45, nays 56.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bradbury, Burgess, Burpee, Came, Carr, D. K. Chase, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, Cutler, Eames, Fenno, Furbish, Garland, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, Leighton, R. G. Lincoln, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, Miller, Nichols, Nickerson, Oaks, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Rogers, Sander-son, A. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Stone, Titcomb, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbott, Bacon, Banton, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Chapin, Charles, Joseph Chase, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Dike, Doble, Durell, Hanscom, Haskell, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McKenney, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Perham,

Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Purrington, Richards, Scammon, Small, S. Smith, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Thomas, Twitchell, Whitcomb, York.

Mr. CAME of Portland moved to amend section 2, by striking out of the fourth line the words, "and be imprisoned thirty days." On the adoption of this amendment the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 37, nays 70.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, Bradbury, Buck, Burgess, Came, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Cushman, Cutler, Durell, Eames, Elliot, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Hall, Ingalls, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, Leighton, Means, A. Merrill, Miller, Nichols, Pattee, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Rogers, Sanderson, A. Smith, G. W. Stanton, Stone, Wasson.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Burpee, Carr, Chapin, Charles, A. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Dike, Doble, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, Hanscom, Haskell, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingersoll, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McKenney, McLaughlin, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, O'Brien, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Porter, Purrington, Richards, Scammon, Skolfield, Small, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell, Wallace, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, York.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the House adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Bill additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate and recommitted in concurrence.

Bill in addition to chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate refused a passage; and the House receded and concurred.

Reports of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of E. C. Spinney, and on the petition of J. C. Newton, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. W. Stiles and others, and on the petition of Robert Hussey and others, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Sargent, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to amend the tenth section of an act entitled an act concerning the collection of taxes;

Bill to incorporate the Maine Flax Company;

Bill to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wiscasset to lay out a road over tide waters;

Bill to set off certain territory belonging to the town of Brewer, and annex the same to the town of Eddington;

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company;

Bill relating to Bridgton Centre Village Corporation ;
Bill to incorporate the Revolutionary Monument Association in Buckfield ;

Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Manufacturing Company of Waterville ;

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the New York City and Portland Exchange Granite Company ; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, was read a third time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the People's Bank, was read a third time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to Passamaquoddy Indian lands, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve to correct the State valuation of the town of Belmont, and to establish that of the town of Morrill, was read a second time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the payment of the State debt, was read a second time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill for the regulation of bowling alleys, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed ; and the House receded from its former vote, adopted the amendment of the Senate, further amended the bill as on sheet annexed marked B, and as

amended passed the same to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Piscataqua Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

Bill regulating the formation of military companies;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of James Simmons, was taken up and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the liability of railroad corporations and other passenger carriers for loss of life in certain cases, was received from the Senate amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to amend chapter 187 of the public laws of 1846, relating to coroners;

Bill to dispense with the criminal business of the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Waldo County;

Bill authorizing the selectmen of the town of Frankfort to appoint surveyors of lumber;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve directing the printing of certain documents, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. BURPEE of Rockland, from the Committee on the State Prison, on an order relative to the pay of the inspectors of the State Prison, reported a bill to amend an act in relation to the affairs of the State Prison, approved April 1, 1853; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time and laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of Valentine Ripley, was read a second time and laid on the table.

Bill to provide for the adoption of children, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, that a bill to authorize the town of Wiscasset to loan its credit to the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad be referred to the next Legislature, was taken up and amended so as to grant leave to bring in a bill; and the said bill was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to provide for the repair of roads and bridges in Patricktown plantation, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate refused a passage, and was laid on the table.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to which was referred a bill to amend chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was received from the Senate accepted, and was laid on the table.

Bill to incorporate the town of Reed, was received from the Senate amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and the amendment of the Senate was adopted. Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort moved to amend as on sheet marked B; and pending this motion, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill to incorporate the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, was read a third time and laid on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolves making appropriations to be expended on roads in Kingsbery, Blanchard and Shirley;

Resolve to diminish the State valuation of the town of Cutler;

Resolve in favor of James Cushing and Alonzo S. Mason;

Resolve for the repair of the gun-house in Bowdoinham;

Resolve making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in Washington County;

Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exposition of 1855;

Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill for the suppression of drinking-houses and tippling-shops, was further considered, and the amendments of the Senate marked B, C, D, E, F, H and J, were adopted; the Senate's amendments marked A, G, I and K, were non-concurred; and the bill was further amended as on sheets annexed marked O, P, Q, R and S. The question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 90, nays 29. ✓

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chapin, Charles, A. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Fenno, Files, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, G. Gilman, Hall, Hanscom, Haskell, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingersoll, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Mayo, McKenney, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Purrington, Rawson, Remick, Scammon, Skolfield, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens,

W. P. Stevens, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell, Walker, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Bradbury, Bridges, Burgess, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Eames, Elliott, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Greenleaf, Haines, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, Miller, Nichols, O'Brien, Pattee, Payson, Pike, Raynes, Rogers, Sanderson, A. Smith, Sweat, Turner, Woodbury.

Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort, was excused from voting.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill to incorporate and endow the Maine State Agricultural Society, and more fully prescribing the powers and duties of agricultural and horticultural societies, was taken up, the amendment of the Senate adopted, the bill further amended as on sheets annexed marked A, B, C and D, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act relating to Bridgton Centre Village Corporation;

An Act in addition to an act entitled an act incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company;

An Act to incorporate the People's Bank;

An Act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford;

An Act to change the terms of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot;

An Act to amend section fourteen of article one of an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850;

An Act additional to an act to incorporate the New York

City and Portland Exchange Granite Company;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company, was taken up and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Valentine Ripley, was taken up and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, that a bill to incorporate the Bath Bank be referred to the next Legislature, was taken up, and amended so as to grant leave to bring in a bill; and the said bill was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Secretary of State came in with a message from the Governor communicating the following list of public acts approved by him, March 8, 1855:—

An Act making further provision for the administration of police in the city of Portland;

An Act to amend chapter 27 of the laws of 1853;

An Act additional to an act incorporating the city of Biddeford.

Also the following list of public acts approved by the Governor, March 12, 1855:—

An Act defining the terms of office of Clerks of the Courts and County Attorneys;

An Act to amend chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to regulate billiard rooms;

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner;

An Act to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of stock in corporations;

An Act additional to an act entitled an act giving to laborers on lumber a lien thereon.

The Clerk communicated the same by message to the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, was taken up; and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 55, nays 48.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Blanchard, Burgess, Charles, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, A. Clark, Cole, Coombs, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Eames, Furbish, Getchell, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hight, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, Johnson, Libby, Means, Nichols, Nickerson, Oaks, Patterson, Payson, Perham, Phillips, Pike, Pillsbury, Raynes, Richards, Sanderson, Skolfield, S. Smith, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stillings, Stone, Twitchell, Walker, Wasson, Whitcomb, Woodbury, Woodman.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Berry, E. H. Brown, Buck, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chamberlain, Curry, Cushman, Durell, Garland, S. Gilman, Greenleaf, Hall, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, Ingersoll, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, J. M. Lincoln, Mallett, McLaughlin, A. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Norris, O'Brien, Poor, Porter, Remick, Scammon, A. Smith, Snell, Thomas, Titcomb, Turner, Wallace, Weeks, Winslow, York.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SKEELE of Hallowell.

Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts No. 35;

Resolve in favor of the town of Richmond;—were received from the Senate, passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to amend the 35th section of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill additional to an act establishing a municipal court in the city of Biddeford;

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Rockland;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill additional relating to corporations, was taken up, the vote of the Senate recommitting the same non-concurred; and the bill read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the admission of interested witnesses, was taken up and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SNELL of Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be authorized to deliver to the chairman of the Committee on Change of Names certain private papers, the property of Thomas Marsh. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitting a bill additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, reported the bill in a

new draft; and the same was read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill authorizing the selectmen of the town of Frankfort to appoint surveyors of lumber, was read a third time, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the liability of railroad corporations and other passenger carriers for loss of life in certain cases, was read a third time, the amendment of the Senate adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a resolve for furnishing Registers of Deeds with the laws and resolves; and the same was read twice and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves relating to the veto of the French Spoliation bill, were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and were read twice; and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed in concurrence, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 98, nays 19.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Bacon, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, Bradbury, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chamberlain, Chapin, Charles, D. K. Chase, A. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Eames, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, G. Gilman, Greenleaf, Hall, Hanscom, Haskell, S. Heald, Hight, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Jones, Joselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McGilverly, McKenney, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Nichols, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Rawson, Remick, Scammon, Skolfield,

S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodbury, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Baker, Bridges, Burgess, Butler, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, S. Gilman, Haines, J. Heald, J. T. Leavitt, O'Brien, Payson, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, Sanderson, A. Smith, Stillings, Turner.

Resolve directing the printing of certain public documents, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to dispense with the criminal business of the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Waldo County;

Bill to amend chapter 187 of the public laws of 1846, relating to coroners;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. STANTON of Poland, from the Committee on Change of Names, on the petition of George Carll, Jr., reported a bill to change the name of George Carll, Jr.; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend an act in relation to the affairs of the State Prison, approved April 1, 1853, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the promotion of medical science in the State of Maine, was taken up, and amended as on sheets annexed marked A, B and C. The question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 45, nays 63.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Barker, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Came, Chapin, D. K. Chase, Josiah Chase, Cole, Comins, Cushing, Charles, Durell, Furbish, Garland, Hinckley, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Jones, S. R. Leavitt,

Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, W. Merrill, Nickerson, Oaks, Patterson, Perham, Poor, Rawson, Skolfield, Snell, R. S. Stevens, Stone, Sweat, Thomas, Titcomb, Turner, Twitchell, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. H. Andrews, Banton, Berry, Blanchard, Bridges, Bruce, Butler, Carr, Joseph Chase, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Coombs, Curry, Cutler, Doble, Files, Getchell, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Greenleaf, Haines, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Hight, J. B. Hill, E. Hutchings, Johnson, Josselyn, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, Leighton, McKenney, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, Miller, Murphy, Nason, Nichols, Norris, O'Brien, Payson, Phillips, Pillsbury, Porter, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Ricker, Scammon, A. Smith, S. Smith, W. Stanton, W. P. Stevens, Walker, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

So the bill was refused a passage. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to amend the tenth section of an act entitled an act concerning the assessment of taxes ;

An Act to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wiscasset to lay out a road over tide waters ;

An Act to incorporate the Maine Flax Company ;

An Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Manufacturing Company of Waterville ;

An Act to set off certain territory belonging to the town of Brewer, and annex the same to the town of Eddington ;

An Act to incorporate the Revolutionary Monument Association in Buckfield ;

An Act to incorporate the Augusta and New York Navigation Company ;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, Bangor ;

An Act to incorporate the West Buxton Bank ;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in relation to the payment of the State debt; ✓

Resolve to correct the State valuation of the town of Belmont, and to establish that of the town of Morrill;

Resolve in favor of Valentine Ripley;

Resolve in relation to Passamaquoddy Indian lands;—
and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill for the suppression of drinking-houses and tipping shops, passed to be engrossed as amended by the House, was returned from the Senate, the amendments of the House concurred in, and the Senate receding from its amendments marked A, G and K, but insisting on its amendment marked I, and as thus amended passing the bill to be engrossed. ✓
The House receded and concurred.

Mr. LINCOLN of Bath, by leave, laid on the table a resolve for the purchase and distribution of the Maine Register; and the same was read twice and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to set off certain lands from West Bath and annex the same to the city of Bath, was taken up, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this State, was taken up; and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 82, nays 30. ✓

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Banton, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burpee, Came, Carr, Chamberlain, Chapin, Charles, A. Clark, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cutler, Dike, Durell, Eames, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, G. Gilman, Greenleaf, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingersoll, Jones,

Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McKenney, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Rawson, Remick, Scammon, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell, Walker, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Bachelder, Baker, Bradbury, Bridges, Burgess, Butler, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, J. Heald, Hight, Ingalls, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, McGilvery, Miller, Nichols, O'Brien, Payson, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, Sanderson, Skolfield, A. Smith, Stillings, Sweat, Turner, Woodbury.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves relating to slavery, were received from the Senate amended as on sheets annexed marked A, B, C and D, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the same were read twice and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. MURPHY of Jefferson,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, requesting him to return to this House a bill entitled an act to set off parts of Whitefield and Jefferson, and annex the same to Patricktown plantation.

The Clerk delivered the message.

The Secretary of State came in with a message from the Governor, returning the aforesaid bill.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill to regulate the suffrage of naturalized citizens, was read a third time, and amended as on sheet annexed marked A. The question being on passing the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 89, nays 26.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burpee, Carr, Chamberlain, Charles, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cutler, Dike, Doble, Durell, Eames, Fenno, Garland, Getchell, G. Gilman, Greenleaf, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, Ingersoll, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McGilvery, McKenney, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Murphy, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Remick, Scammon, Skolfield, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell, Walker, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodman, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Burgess, Butler, D. K. Chase, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Haines, J. Heald, Hight, T. Hutchins, Ingalls, J. T. Leavitt, Miller, Nichols, O'Brien, Payson, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, A. Smith, Stillings, Woodbury.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to dispense with the criminal business of the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Waldo County;

An Act additional to an act establishing a municipal court in the city of Biddeford;

An Act to amend chapter 187 of the public laws of 1846, relating to coroners;

An Act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company;

An Act additional respecting banks;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve to provide for the shingling of Mattawamkeag Bridge;

Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts No. 35;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, was received from the Senate amended as on sheets annexed marked A, B, D, E, F and G, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, the amendments marked A and G were adopted in concurrence, and the amendments marked B, D, E, and F non-concurred; and the bill was further amended as on sheet annexed marked R, and laid on the table.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Belfast Bank, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. GARLAND of East Livermore, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the expense incurred by members in consequence of sickness, reported a resolve in favor of certain members of the Legislature; and the same was read twice and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, was taken up, and amended as on sheets annexed marked B, C, D and E; and the question being on passing the bill to be engrossed as amended, without taking the question, the House adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CONE of Hallowell.

Mr PATTEE of Fort Fairfield, by leave, laid on the table a resolve in relation to the purchase of the Eaton and Plymouth grants; and the same was read twice and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to lotteries, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The House receded and concurred.

Resolve concerning the special acts and resolves in this State, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to amend the 76th chapter of the Revised Statutes, passed to be engrossed as amended by the House, was returned from the Senate further amended as on sheet annexed marked E, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the House receded, adopted the Senate's amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed as thus amended in concurrence.

Bill to change the name of the Danville Bank, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill in addition to chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred a bill to facilitate the detection and prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank

bills, reported that the bill ought to pass; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to repeal all laws granting appeals from County Commissioners, was received from the Senate and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill to abolish the police court for the city of Bangor, and establish a municipal court for said city, with enlarged jurisdiction, was received from the Senate amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The bill was read three times, the rules having been suspended, the amendment was non-concurred, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to adjournment without day, was laid on the table.

Mr. WASSON of Franklin, from the minority of the Select Committee on the bill to amend chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, made a report, which was read and Mr. BRUCE of Patricktown, moved that the same be indefinitely postponed. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 67, nays 41.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Bray, E. H. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burgess, Chamberlain, Chapin, D. K. Chase, Josiah Chase, Comins, Curry, Cushman, Doble, Durell, Eames, Garland, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Greenleaf, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, Ingersoll, Johnson, Jones, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McGilvery, McKenney, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Miller, Nickerson, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Perham, Rawson, Raynes, Scammon, Skolfield, A. Smith,

S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens. Stillings, Stone, Wallace, Winslow, Woodbury, Woodman.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Banton, Barker, Berry, Blanchard, L. Brown, Burpee, Butler, Came, Charles, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Coombs, Cushing, Dike, Fenno, Getchell, Goodale, Haines, Hall, J. Heald, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Josselyn, Murphy, Nichols, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Ricker, Staples, Thomas, Titcomb, Turner, Twitchell, Walker, Wasson, Whitcomb, York.

So the report was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill entitled an act to set off parts of Whitefield and Jefferson, and annex the same to Patricktown plantation, returned by the Governor in compliance with a message from the House, was taken up; and Mr. MURPHY of Jefferson moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed to be enacted. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 43, nays 69.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Chamberlain, A. Clark, Comins, Curry, Dike, Fenno, Getchell, Hall, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, McLaughlin, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Nickerson, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Thomas, Titcomb, Walker, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Winslow, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbott, Baker, Bradbury, Bray, Bruce, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Butler, Came, Chapin, Charles, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, H. T. Clark, Cole, Coombs, Cushing, Cushman, Doble, Durell, Eames, Furbish, Garland, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Haines, Ham, Haskell, J. Heald, S. Heald, J. B. Hill, Ingalls, Ingersoll, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn,

Lake, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Main, Mallett, McGilvery, Means, Miller, Nichols, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Payson, Pike, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, Scammon, Skolfield, A. Smith, S. Smith, W. Stanton, W. P. Stevens, Stillings, Stone, Turner, Twitchell, Woodbury, Woodman.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. INGERSOLL of Bangor,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, returning the bill to him.

The Clerk delivered the message; and the bill was returned to the Governor.

Resolves relating to slavery, were taken up; the amendments of the Senate marked A, B and D, were adopted, and the amendment marked C non-concurred.

Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort moved to amend by adding the following resolve:—

Resolved, That the constitution of the United States should be so amended, that representation in the national House of Representatives may be based and apportioned upon the number of free persons in the several States; and that the provision in said constitution allowing three-fifths of persons deemed and held as chattels personal, to be added to the free population, in determining the proportion of representation in that House, is grossly and manifestly unjust.

The question on the adoption of the amendment was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 26, nays 79.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Banton, Berry, Charles, Cushing, Cushman, Dike, Durell, Fenno, Getchell, G. Gilman, Hanscom, J. Heald, S. Heald, Hinckley, Leighton, R. G. Lincoln, Main, W. Merrill, Pillsbury, Porter, Thomas, Wallace, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Baker, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bray, Bridges, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Came, Chapin, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, Cole,

Comins, Curry, Eames, Furbish, Garland, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Hall, Ham, Haskell, J. B. Hill, E. Hutchings, Ingalls, Johnson, Jones, Lake, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, McGilvery, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, Miller, Murphy, Nason, Nichols, Nickerson, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Patterson, Payson, Perham, Phillips, Poor, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Ricker, Scammon, Skolfield, A. Smith, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, W. P. Stevens, Stillings, Stone, Titcomb, Turner, Walker, Woodbury.

The resolves were further amended as on sheet annexed marked R; and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 78, nays 29.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Banton, Barker, Barrows, Berry, Blanchard, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Burpee, Chamberlain, Chapin, Charles, A. Clark, Cole, Coombs, Curry, Cushing, Cushman, Dike, Durell, Fenno, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, G. Gilman, Greenleaf, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, Haskell, S. Heald, Hinckley, Ingersoll, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Pattee, Patterson, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Rawson, Remick, Scammon, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Thomas, Titcomb, Walker, Wasson, Weeks, Whitcomb, Woodbury, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Bridges, Buck, Burgess, Butler, Came, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Eames, Gilchrist, S. Gilman, Goodale, J. Heald, J. B. Hill, Ingalls, J. T. Leavitt, McGilvery, Miller, O'Brien, Payson, Pike, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, Skolfield, A. Smith, Stillings, Turner.

So the resolves as amended were passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to amend the thirty-fifth section of the twenty-fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Belfast Bank;

An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Frankfort to appoint surveyors of lumber;

An Act to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad;

An Act for the regulation of bowling alleys;

An Act in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Rockland;

An Act relating to corporations;

An Act to amend the fiftieth chapter of the Revised Statutes;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve directing the printing of certain documents;

Resolve in favor of the town of Richmond;—and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine Register, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate indefinitely postponed; and the House non-concurred, and insisted on its former vote. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to abolish the municipal court in the city of Portland, and establish a police court in said city, passed to be engrossed as amended by the House, was returned from the Senate, the amendment of the House marked I non-concurred, the other amendments of the House adopted, and the bill further amended as on sheets annexed marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and passed to be engrossed as thus amended. The

House receded from its former vote, adopted the amendments of the Senate, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, was taken up; and the House reconsidered its vote adopting the amendment of the Senate marked A, amended the same as on sheet annexed marked M, and adopted the same as amended, and further amended the bill as on sheet annexed marked S.

The question being on passing the bill to be engrossed as amended, Mr. SNELL of Fairfield moved the previous question, which was seconded by the House, and the main question was ordered to be now put. On this question, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 62, nays 42.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Banton, Berry, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bray, E. H. Brown, Bruce, Burgess, Burpee, Came, Chapin, Josiah Chase, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Cole, Cushing, Durell, Eames, Fenno, Furbish, Garland, Getchell, Gilchrist, Goodale, Haines, Ham, Hanscom, J. Heald, Hinckley, Ingalls, Ingersoll, J. T. Leavitt, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, McLaughlin, Means, A. Merrill, Nason, Nickerson, Norris, O'Brien, Patterson, Perham, Pike, Pillsbury, Poor, Porter, Snell, R. S. Stevens, Stillings, Stone, Thomas, Titcomb, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Whitcomb.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Baker, Barker, Barrows, L. Brown, Buck, Butler, Charles, Joseph Chase, Comins, Coombs, Curry, Cushman, Dike, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Hall, J. B. Hill, E. Hutchings, Johnson, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Mallett, McGilvery, Murphy, Pattee, Payson, Phillips, Raynes, Remick, Ricker, Scammon, Skolfield, A. Smith, S. Smith, Staples, Turner, Walker, Winslow, Woodbury, York.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in relation to the purchase of the Eaton and Plymouth grants ;

Resolve relating to the veto of the French Spoliation bill ; and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to change the name of the Danville Bank ; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1855.

Mr. MEANS of Surry, from the Committee on the State Prison, presented the report of the sub-committee appointed to visit the State Prison, accompanied by a resolve in favor of the State Prison ; and the resolve was read twice, laid on the table, and 11 o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

Order from the Senate, that when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, the sixteenth instant, they adjourn without day, was taken up, amended by striking out "Friday, the sixteenth," and inserting "Monday the nineteenth," and passed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the promotion of medical science in this State, indefinitely postponed by the House, was returned from the Senate referred to the next Legislature ; and the House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, that legislation is

inexpedient on a bill for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Penobscot river, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve for the exchange of documents ;

Resolve in favor of Alvin Barden ;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed ; and the same were severally read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution relating to the elective franchise, was received from the Senate amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed ; and the same was read twice, the amendments of the Senate non-concurred, and the resolve amended as on sheet annexed marked M, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE of Rockland, by leave, laid on the table a resolve in favor of certain members of the Legislature who visited the State Prison ; and the same was read twice and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve for the repair of the road in township numbered nine in the fifth range ;

Resolve concerning the special acts and resolves of this State ;— and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to abolish the municipal court in the city of Portland, and to establish a police court in said city ;

An Act to amend the 76th chapter of the Revised Statutes ;

An Act to change the name of George Carll, jr. ;

An Act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes;

An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Market Company;

✓ An Act for the suppression of drinking-houses and tippling shops;

✓ An Act in relation to bankrupt plaintiffs;

✓ An Act to amend an act in relation to the returns of railroad corporations;

An Act concerning the liability of railroad corporations and other passenger carriers for the loss of life in certain cases;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the continuation of the geological and agricultural survey of the State, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed as reported in a new draft; and the same was read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to change the name of the town of Kirkland;

Bill to amend chapter 145 of the private and special laws of the year 1853;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill for the amendment of the records of the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation, was taken up and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize plantations to raise money for the support of schools, was received from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, the rules having been suspended, the amendments of the Senate were adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Resolve to provide for the repair of roads and bridges in Patricktown plantation, was taken up; the vote of the Senate refusing it a passage was non-concurred; and the

House insisted on its former vote, proposed a conference, and appointed Messrs. Smith of Mattawamkeag, Buck of Bucksport and Jones of China, conferees on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred in the proposed conference, and had appointed Messrs. Eaton, Cushing and Ruggles, conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. CUSHMAN of Winthrop, by leave, laid on the table a bill further to protect personal liberty; and the same was referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell, Cushman of Winthrop, Fenno of Augusta, Garland of East Livermore, and Wasson of Franklin, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. Sent up for concurrence.

The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred, and had joined Messrs. Willis, Cushing and Ruggles to the Committee.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Alvin Davis and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell and convey certain islands near Swan Island, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Bath City Greys;

Resolve providing for the annual appropriation for the State Reform School;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of Eliphalet Greeley and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve setting apart certain townships for settlement, was read a second time, and amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B. The question being on passing the resolve to be engrossed as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 56, nays 41.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, Bachelder, Banton, Barker, Berry, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Chapin, Cole, Comins, Cushing, Cushman, Dike, Durell, Eames, Fenno, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Hall, Haskell, J. Heald, J. B. Hill, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingersoll, Jones, Lake, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, Main, McGilvery, McLaughlin, Means, Nason, Oaks, Pattee, Perham, Pike, Porter, Rawson, Raynes, Ricker Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Thomas, Woodman.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. L. Andrews, Baker, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bray, Butler, Came, Charles, Joseph Chase, A. Clark, Coombs, Curry, Garland, Getchell, Goodale, Greenleaf, Ham, Hanscom, Ingalls, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Mallett, A. Merrill, Miller, Murphy, Nichols, Nickerson, Norris, Patterson, Payson, Remick, S. Smith, Stillings, Stone, Titcomb, Wasson, Whitcomb, Winslow, Woodbury, York.

So the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of John Murphy, jr., from the 7th day of February last to the close of the session.

Resolve in favor of certain members of the board of agriculture, indefinitely postponed by the House, was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed; and the House receded and concurred.

Report of the Joint Select Committee that legislation is

inexpedient on a bill to amend the 125th chapter of the Revised Statutes, was taken up and accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill to establish a Court of Common Pleas, was received from the Senate and refused a passage in concurrence.

Bill to modify and limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court, was received from the Senate, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Albert T. Wheelock;

Resolve in favor of schools in certain islands;— were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up therein seventy-five dollars to each of the Reporters of the House as full compensation for their services during the present session.

Mr. TITCOMB of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill authorizing George Smith, guardian of John Rogers, to convey the estate of said Rogers to John Owen Rogers; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the resolve in aid of certain literary institutions, was received from the Senate amended by striking out the words "of the Maine State Seminary in the sum of eight thousand dollars," and as amended accepted; and the House non-concurred the amendment, and refused to accept the report. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. YORK of Temple, from the Committee on Leave of

Absence, reported that Mr. Ingalls of Denmark have leave of absence from and after to-morrow; and the report was accepted.

Mr. RAWSON of Waldoborough, from the Select Committee of the House on the petition of Lydia Cushman, reported a resolve in favor of Lydia Cushman; and the same was read twice, amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the appointment of a commissioner to settle certain claims against the United States, was taken up and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill relating to criminal proceedings and to prevent unnecessary costs to the State, was taken up, read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. GARLAND of East Livermore, from the Select Committee on the expenses of members incurred by sickness, reported a resolve in favor of H. P. Osgood; and the same was read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to set off certain lands from Porter to Brownfield;

Bill authorizing plantations Letter G, H, No. 11, range 5, and Crystal, to raise money to repair the roads in said plantations; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and the same were severally read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

✓ An Act relating to lotteries;

An Act to amend the records of the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation;

An Act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction;

An Act to amend chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve providing for the annual appropriation for the Reform School; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote indefinitely postponing the same; and the House adhered to its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARROWS of Harrison,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be allowed the same pay for extra services that was allowed for similar services last year.

Resolve setting apart certain townships for settlement, amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate, the amendment marked A concurred in, and the amendment marked B amended, and as amended adopted, and the resolve as thus amended passed to be engrossed. The House receded and concurred.

Petition of John H. Small for a title to certain lands, was presented and referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the town of Reed, was taken up, and the pending amendment was withdrawn. Mr. BERRY of Gardiner moved that the bill be referred to the next Legislature. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the negative, yeas 32, nays 66.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Banton, Barker, Berry, E. H. Brown, L. Brown, Charles, A. Clark, Comins, Fenno, E. Hutchings, Lake, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, McLaughlin, Murphy, Nason, Nickerson, Oaks, Perham, Phillips, Pillsbury, Staples, R. S. Stevens, Thomas, Walker, Wasson, Whitcomb, Winslow, York.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Abbott, Baker, Blanchard, Bradbury, Bridges, Bruce, Buck, Burgess, Burpee, Butler, Came, Chapin, Joseph Chase, Josiah Chase, Cushing, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Durell, Eames, Furbish, Garland, Gilchrist, G. Gilman, S. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Hanscom, Haskell, S. Heald, Hinckley, Ingersoll, Johnson, J. T. Leavitt, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Main, McGilvery, Means, A. Merrill, Miller, Nichols, Norris, O'Brien, Pattee, Payson, Pike, Porter, Rawson, Raynes, Remick, Richards, Ricker, Scammon, Skolfield, Small, A. Smith, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, Stillings, Stone, Sweat, Titcomb, Turner, Woodbury.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the resolve in aid of certain literary institutions, rejected by the House, was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote accepting the report as amended, and proposing a further conference. The House non-concurred, and adhered to its former vote.

On motion of Mr. JONES of China,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it adjourn to meet at half past 7 o'clock this evening.

Adjourned.

EVENING.

(Bill to set off part of Lyman and annex the same to Alfred, was taken up, and referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed and put up in pamphlet form, section 10 to 22 inclusive, of the statute, chapter 205 of the year 1846, and the act entitled. an act for the suppression of drinking-houses and tippling shops, passed by the present Legislature; and that 1500 copies be furnished and sent to the members of the Legislature; and that 500 copies be sent to the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations, postage paid; and that 500 copies be deposited in the Library for future distribution. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of the members of the House of Representatives for their travel and attendance up to and including Monday, the 19th of March instant.

Resolve in favor of the State Prison, was taken up and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON of Franklin,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of the Messenger at three dollars per day, and each of the Assistant Messengers at two and a half dollars per day, including three days to open and fit up the hall; also to make up the pay of the Page at one dollar per day.

Report of the joint delegation from the County of Oxford, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Henry R. Parsons and others, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill further to protect personal liberty, (reported in a new draft;)

Bill relating to criminal proceedings; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill authorizing George Smith, guardian of John Rogers, to convey certain estate, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate amended, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the House receded from its former vote, adopted the Senate's amendment, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve for the purchase and distribution of the Maine Register, passed to be engrossed by the House, was returned from the Senate amended, and as amended passed to be engrossed; and the House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the resolve providing for the repair of roads and bridges in Patricktown plantation, recommending that each House adhere to its former vote, was received from the Senate accepted; and the House concurred, and adhered to its former vote.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary;

An Act regulating the formation of military companies;

✓ An Act annulling the naturalization powers of Courts in this State;

An Act to set off certain lands from West Bath, and annex the same to the city of Bath;

An Act to incorporate the Bath Bank;

✓ An Act to authorize plantations to raise money for schools;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve setting apart certain townships for settlement; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the lot re-

served for the future disposition of the Legislature in the town of Brownville;

Resolve relating to the State Library;

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate;

Resolve for the encouragement of flax growing; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to provide for the relief of paupers having no legal settlement in this State, was received from the Senate and referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed the resolve in favor of A Company of Cavalry, 1st Division, was taken up and decided in the negative. So the resolve was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, amended by the House, so as to grant leave to bring in a bill, was returned from the Senate, that body non-concurring the amendment and insisting on its former vote accepting the report. The House non-concurred, and adhered to its former vote. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the establishment of Normal Schools, indefinitely postponed by the House, was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed. The House non-concurred and insisted on its former vote. -Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1855.

Mr. THOMAS of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill to provide in part for the expenditures of government; and the same was read three times, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The bill was subsequently returned from the Senate, amended by striking out the appropriation for printing the journals of the two Houses, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The House non-concurred, and insisted on its former vote. Sent up for concurrence.

The bill was again returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote amending the bill and passing the same to be engrossed as amended. The House non-concurred, and adhered to its former vote. Sent up for concurrence.

The bill was again returned from the Senate, that body receding from its former amendment, amending the bill by striking out the appropriation for printing the journal of the Senate, and passing the bill to be engrossed as amended. The House receded from its former vote, adopted the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton, by leave, laid on the table a resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State; and the same was read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

✓ Bill to provide for the adoption of children, was taken up, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BARROWS of Harrison, from the Committee on the

Pay Roll, reported the pay roll of the House of Representatives, accompanied by a resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives; and the resolve was read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the establishment of Normal Schools, indefinitely postponed by the House, was returned from the Senate amended, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The House adhered to its former vote. Sent up for concurrence. ✓

Mr. GARLAND of East Livermore, from the Select Committee on the expenses of members incurred by sickness, reported a resolve in favor of certain members of the House of Representatives, which was read twice, the rules having been suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve respecting Normal Schools, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read and indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed with the public laws passed during this session, in the several newspapers which shall publish said laws, the resolves relating to slavery, to the veto of the French spoliation bill, and to the amendment of the State Constitution in relation to the elective franchise. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act further to protect personal liberty; ✓

An act for the admission of interested witnesses;

An act to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills; ✓

An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens; ✓

An act to set off certain lands from Porter to Brownfield;

An act relating to criminal proceedings, and to prevent unnecessary costs to the State;

An act to incorporate the town of Reed;

An act to incorporate the Piscataqua Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

An act to change the name of the town of Kirkland to Hudson;

An act to amend an act in relation to the affairs of the State Prison, approved April 1, 1853;

An act to amend chapter 145 of the private and special laws of the year 1853;

An Act authorizing plantations Letter G, H, number 11, range 5, and Crystal, to raise money to repair the roads in said plantations;

An Act relating to criminal proceedings;

An Act to incorporate and endow the Maine State Agricultural Society, and more fully prescribing the powers and duties of agricultural and horticultural societies;

An Act to abolish the police court for the city of Bangor, and to establish a municipal court for said city, with enlarged jurisdiction;

An Act authorizing George Smith, Guardian of John Rogers, to convey certain real estate;

An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;

An Act to provide for the adoption of children;—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of James Simmons;

Resolve in favor of certain members of the Legislature who visited the State Prison;

Resolve for the encouragement of flax growing;

Resolve for the exchange of documents;

Resolve in favor of the Bath City Greys;

Resolves relating to slavery;

Resolve in favor of Alvin Barden ;

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the lot reserved for the future disposition of the Legislature in the town of Brownville ;

Resolve in favor of certain members of the Legislature ;

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate ;

Resolve for furnishing Registers of Deeds with the Laws and Resolves ;

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to settle certain claims against the government of the United States ;

Resolve relating to the State Library ;

Resolve in favor of schools on certain islands ;

Resolve in favor of Albert T. Wheelock ;

Resolve for the purchase and distribution of the Maine Register ;

Resolve in favor of certain members of the Maine Board of Agriculture ;

Resolve in favor of the State Prison ;

Resolve authorizing the continuation of the Geological and Agricultural survey of the State ;

Resolve in favor of H. P. Osgood ;

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State ;

Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives ;

Resolve in favor of certain members of the House of Representatives ; — and the same were severally finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution relating to the elective franchise ; and the question being on the final passage of said resolve, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 75, nays 18.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Abbott, H. Andrews, L. Andrews, Bachelder, Barker, Berry, Blan-

chard, Bradbury, Bray, E. H. Brown, Bruce, Buck, Burpee, Came, Chamberlain, Chapin, A. Clark, H. T. Clark, Comins, Coombs, Cushman, Cutler, Dike, Durell, Eames, Fenno, Furbish, Garland, G. Gilman, Goodale, Greenleaf, Hall, Ham, Hanscom, S. Heald, Hinckley, E. Hutchings, Ingersoll, Jones, Josselyn, Lake, S. R. Leavitt, Leighton, Libby, J. M. Lincoln, R. G. Lincoln, Main, Mallett, Means, A. Merrill, W. Merrill, Murphy, Nason, Nichols, Nickerson, Norris, Oaks, Pattee, Patterson, Pillsbury, Porter, Remick, Scammon, Small, S. Smith, Snell, W. Stanton, W. P. Stevens, Titcomb, Trafton, Turner, Twitchell, Walker, Whitcomb, Woodman.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Banton, Burgess, Josiah Chase, S. Gilman, J. B. Hill, T. Hutchins, J. T. Leavitt, McGilvery, Miller, O'Brien, Perham, Raynes, Richards, Ricker, Skolfield, A. Smith, Thomas, Woodbury.

So the resolve was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing that when the two Houses next adjourn, they adjourn without day.

The House concurred in the proposition; and Mr. HILL of Bangor was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Torsey, Willis and Downes, with such as the House may join, a Committee to wait on the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have acted upon all the business before them, and are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Jones of China, Leavitt of Skowhegan, Comins of Eddington, Bradbury of Standish, Cushman of Winthrop, and Snell of Fairfield, were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. HILL subsequently reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate to both

Houses forthwith by message, and after that had no further communication to make.

The Secretary of State came in with a message from the Governor, communicating a list of the acts and resolves approved by him during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. LEAVITT, of Skowhegan, rose and said :

Mr. SPEAKER: This hour of our final parting is one of the occasions in the intercourse of men, when all contests and rivalries are merged in a mutual sentiment of regard and kindness. When those of differing views, have long mingled together, in labors to promote the interests of their local constituency, as well as of the great State they represent, it is no ways surprising that opposite opinions may have produced temporary alienations, which will no longer be regarded at this moment of our final separation. Being now assembled for the last time, we may well review the past; and happy will it be for us, if we feel satisfied with what we have done.

The legislation of the present is not unlike that of former years, in protecting, advancing and developing the great interests of our State. Those interests have been fairly and completely represented here by their friends, who I believe, whether disappointed or not, by our action, will at least say they have been fully and deliberately heard. And I think we may well aver, that some great measures of public concern have this session been embodied in our legislation, which, whether for good or ill, will be deeply stamped on our institutions. Whatever we have done, has gone into the past, and the just responsibility of the whole is upon us.

One merit, Mr. Speaker, I trust we may justly claim; and that is, taking into account the variety and importance of the subjects of legislation brought to our notice, we have, within a reasonable time, accomplished what our duties required us to do. And, in this connection, permit me to say,

that the members of this House, composed generally of those who have had no great experience in legislation, have been led by the desire to discharge honestly the great trust reposed in them, and whilst guided by the precedents of former Legislatures, have followed them only where they pointed to just and proper ends.

We are, Mr. Speaker, now here together for the last time in our lives. No possible contingencies can ever again bring us all into these halls. That we have been here together in honorable and responsible stations; that we have dealt with great questions of State policy, and have endeavored to leave correct examples to such as may follow us, will be one of the grateful memories of the past.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, we can all say, the session has been pleasant. To myself, individually and personally, it has been greatly so. I part from gentlemen here, with whom I have become acquainted, with the regret which interrupted friendship always causes. But I part in perfect kindness with all, and I may be permitted to express to you, Mr. Speaker, my great sense of gratitude for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me by yourself, and by all other gentlemen in this House; and whilst uttering my own gratification, I believe I am only saying what every other member here feels in common with myself.

He then offered the following Resolve:—

Resolved; That the thanks of this House be presented to the Hon. SIDNEY PERHAM, for the able, urbane and impartial manner with which he has presided over the deliberations of this body.

And the question on the passage of the same being taken by rising, the resolve was unanimously passed.

The Speaker addressed the House as follows:—

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I tender you my sincere thanks for this new token of your favor. Called, unexpectedly, to preside over your deliberations, without legislative experience or time for preparation, I had good reason to suppose that my duties would be not

only arduous but exceedingly perplexing. In this, I have been happily disappointed.

Through your assistance, my duties have been made pleasant and agreeable. And I feel most sensibly that whatever of success has attended my effort is, in no small degree, to be attributed to your uniform kindness and coöperation. Your courtesy and indulgence will be gratefully remembered by me while memory is permitted to retain the past.

The session now about to close, though not long, has been a laborious one. And the promptness with which the members have met their duties and responsibilities, both in Committee and on this floor, is deserving the highest praise. Active business men at home, as most of you are, you have brought to this hall, if not so much experience as some former legislators, that close application and persevering industry, combined with a good share of real, working, legislative talent, which has enabled you to dispose of all the business before you and adjourn at this early day.

In parting, it is pleasant to reflect that our intercourse with each other has been characterized with so much harmony and personal respect. We met as strangers; we part with the remembrance of many pleasant associations; and standing on the broad platform of human brotherhood, we feel more intimately connected by the golden chain of friendship, and a sense of our dependence on each other.

May our doings here result in the highest good to our beloved State. And may the Spirit of all good watch over you, and secure your safe return to your constituents and the loved ones in your several family circles.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the thanks of this House be presented to HENRY K. BAKER, Esquire, for the faithful and assiduous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during this session.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the thanks of this House be presented to

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, Esquire, for the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Topsfield,

Ordered, That the thanks of this House be extended to B. B. THOMAS, Esquire, Messenger of this House, and to the Assistant Messengers and Page, for the faithful and gentlemanly manner in which they have discharged the duties of their several positions.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the House adjourned without day.

H. K. BAKER, *Clerk*.

TITLES OF ACTS

Passed by the Legislature of 1855.

- AN ACT to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Franklin.
- “ to amend “an act respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland,” approved April first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.
- “ in addition to an act entitled an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc.
- “ to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company.
- “ to amend the fourteenth section of chapter forty-four of the Revised Statutes.
- “ additional to an act to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of the Lewy’s Island Railroad.
- “ to authorize the Lewy’s Island Railroad Company to alter its location.
- “ to amend the thirty-eighth section of the one hundred and fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- “ additional to an act to incorporate Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society.
- “ to amend chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two.
- ✓ “ additional to an act for the assessment and collection of taxes in unincorporated places.
- “ to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Aroostook.
- “ to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Aroostook.
- “ additional to an act to incorporate the Proprietors of Martin’s Point Bridge.
- “ repealing chapter twenty-eight of the public laws approved March 29, 1853.
- “ to incorporate the city of Biddeford.

- AN ACT to incorporate the Augusta and Hallowell Gas Light Company.
- “ to authorize the Free Will Baptist Society of Wayne to sell their meeting-house on the line between Winthrop and Wayne.
- “ to allow the construction of a dike across Pigeon Hill Marsh Creek in the town of Millbridge.
- “ in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Allegash Dam Company, approved June 3, 1851.
- “ to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a tax of two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars fifty-four cents, for the year 1855.
- “ to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association.
- “ to provide in part for the expenditures of government. —
- “ to authorize the city of Bangor to extend further aid to the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad.
- “ to amend certain acts passed by the last Legislature.
- “ additional relating to the Merchants' Bank of Portland.
- “ to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank. §
- “ making further provisions for the conveyance of property of married women.
- “ to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank.
- “ in addition to an act in relation to elections, approved October 2, 1840.
- “ making further provisions for the protection of public ways.
- “ to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin.
- “ additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath.
- “ to increase the capital stock of the Ocean Bank.
- “ to incorporate the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- “ additional to and explanatory of the act authorizing the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, passed and approved April 14, 1854, and of the act in addition to amend an act authorizing the city of Calais to aid in construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, passed January 29, 1855.
- “ to extend the charter of the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association.
- “ authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Castine river.

- AN ACT to incorporate the Gray Mutual Benefit and Library Association.
- “ to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Hallowell.
- “ to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Slate Company.
- “ to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company.
- “ to increase the capital stock of the Ticonic Bank.
- “ to annex certain territory to the town of Weston.
- “ to incorporate the Brooksville Bridge Company.
- “ to amend chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes and chapter 136 of the public laws for the year 1849.
- “ authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the city of Augusta.
- “ further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers.
- “ in amendment of the ninety-first chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- “ to incorporate the pewholders of the first Congregational Church in Searsport.
- “ additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath.
- “ to set off certain land from Chelsea and annex the same to Pittston.
- “ to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society.
- “ to increase the capital stock of the Bucksport Bank.
- “ to increase the capital stock of the State Bank.
- “ additional to article first, section eighth of the school laws, approved August 27, 1850.
- “ ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and their appurtenances.
- “ to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- “ to incorporate the Mechanics' Association.
- “ to incorporate the master, wardens and members of Key Stone Lodge.
- “ to amend an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850.
- “ to authorize Seward Merrill and others to construct a wharf in the tide waters of Portland Harbor.
- “ to incorporate the Auburn Block Company.
- “ additional to the twenty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- “ to incorporate the “Glen Mills” Manufacturing Company.
- “ to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

- AN ACT to incorporate the Portland Sugar Company.
- “ additional to give mortgagees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire.
- “ in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank.
- “ to incorporate the Hiram Dale Manufacturing Company.
- “ for the promulgation of the public laws.
- “ to incorporate the Belfast Edge Tool Factory.
- “ authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Penobscot bay at Islesborough.
- “ to protect forests and timber lands from fires and to punish the unlawful and careless kindling of fires.
- “ to incorporate the Atlas Insurance Company.
- “ to change the names of certain persons.
- “ to incorporate the Rockland Savings Bank.
- “ to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Laundressing Company.
- “ in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Ferry Company.
- “ authorizing the town of Lewiston to regulate the sale of wood and bark in said town.
- “ to prevent the destruction of fish in certain ponds and streams in Kennebec and Somerset Counties.
- “ to incorporate the Danville Bank.
- “ to prevent the destruction of fish in Cold Stream pond, in the towns of Enfield and Lowell.
- “ to incorporate the officers and members of King Hiram Chapter of Lewiston.
- “ in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- “ to incorporate the Augusta Shovel Company.
- “ to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot Railroad.
- “ to divide the town of Belmont and to incorporate the northerly part thereof into a new town by the name of Morrill.
- “ authorizing the Methodist Society in Hallowell to repair and rebuild their meeting-house.
- “ additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes.
- “ to prevent exorbitant taxation of blood animals. ✓
- “ to incorporate the Oaklands Bank.
- “ to incorporate the City Bank.

- AN ACT to incorporate the Union Meeting-house Parish.
- “ to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin.
- “ to incorporate the Alfred Bank.
- “ accepting the surrender of the charter of the Atlantic Bank.
- “ additional to an act incorporating the city of Biddeford.
- “ making further provision for the administration of police in the city of Portland.
- “ to amend chapter 27 of the laws of 1853.
- “ to establish the easterly line of Patricktown plantation.
- “ accepting the surrender of the charter of the China Bank.
- “ to unite Calais and Baring Railroad with Lewy’s Island Railroad.
- “ to protect mackerel fishery on the coast of Maine. ✓
- “ to authorize the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport, to accept a bequest by Joseph R. Folsom.
- “ to incorporate the town of Rangely.
- “ to incorporate the Novelty Bagging Company.
- “ to incorporate the Brunswick Paper Manufacturing Company.
- “ defining the terms of office of Clerks of the Courts and County Attorneys.
- “ to amend chapter seventy-seven of the Revised Statutes.
- “ to regulate billiard rooms. ✓
- “ to incorporate the Lincolnville Steamboat Wharf Company.
- “ to amend an act entitled “an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner.”
- “ to increase the capital stock of the Bank of Winthrop in Winthrop.
- “ to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of stock in corporations. ✓
- “ to incorporate the North Fire and Marine Insurance Company.
- “ additional to an act entitled an act giving to laborers on ✓ lumber a lien thereon.
- “ to set off a part of the town of Detroit and annex the same to the town of Pittsfield.
- “ to regulate the fees of officers in certain cases.
- “ to incorporate the Swift River Dam Company.
- “ to authorize the clerk of school district No. 8, in Camden, to amend his records.

- AN ACT to make valid the doings of cities, towns, plantations and districts.
- “ to incorporate the Warren Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- “ additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of the year 1854, entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth.
- “ to change the time for the close of the financial year of the State Reform School.
- “ to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson.
- “ to incorporate the Eastport Steam Mill Company.
- “ giving further powers to cities and towns to pass by-laws and ordinances.
- “ to incorporate the Bluehill Horticultural Society.
- “ to incorporate the Maine Medical Association.
- “ respecting School Agents.
- “ to incorporate the Spring Brook Manufacturing Company.
- “ to establish a municipal court in the city of Biddeford.
- “ for the preservation of pickerel in Matthews' pond and its tributary streams.
- “ to regulate the business of pawnbrokers. ✓
- “ to authorize the city district in Belfast to raise money for the support of schools therein.
- “ to incorporate the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- “ to incorporate the Waterville Library Association.
- “ to amend chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes on marriage.
- “ additional to an act additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor and Orono Railroad, approved April 21, 1850.
- “ to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company.
- “ to incorporate the Fairfield Bank.
- “ to amend section 14 of article 1 of an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850.
- “ to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford.
- “ to incorporate the People's Bank.
- “ in addition to an act entitled an act incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company.
- “ relating to Bridgton Centre Village Corporation.
- “ additional to an act establishing a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford.
- “ to incorporate the Canton Bank.
- “ additional to chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes.

- AN ACT to change the name of Nathaniel Davis Emery.
- “ to authorize the extension of the Steamboat Wharf in Searsport into the tide waters of Penobscot Bay.
- “ additional to an act to establish the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company.
- “ additional to an act to incorporate the New York City and Portland Exchange Granite Company.
- “ to incorporate the Revolutionary Monument Association of Buckfield.
- “ to incorporate the Mechanics’ Manufacturing Company of Waterville.
- “ to authorize the selectmen of the town of Wiscasset to lay out a road over tide waters.
- “ to incorporate the Maine Flax Company.
- “ to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company.
- “ to change terms of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot.
- “ to incorporate the West Buxton Bank.
- “ to incorporate the Augusta and New York Navigation Company.
- “ to increase the capital stock of the Belfast Bank.
- “ to change the name of the Danville Bank.
- “ to abolish the Municipal Court in the city of Portland, and to establish a Police Court in said city.
- “ additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes.
- “ to change the name of George Carll, junior.
- “ to incorporate the Gardiner Market Company.
- “ concerning the liability of railroad corporations and other passenger carriers, for loss of life in certain cases.
- “ to amend the 35th section of the 25th chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- “ relating to corporations.
- “ authorizing the Penobscot Lumbering Association, or Daniel White, Benjamin P. Gilman and others, to make a cut or canal across a point on the easterly side of Orson Island.
- “ to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters of Damariscotta river.
- “ to set off certain territory belonging to the town of Brewer and annex the same to the town of Eddington.
- “ additional respecting banks. ✓
- “ to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, Bangor.

- AN ACT to dispense with the criminal business of the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Waldo County.
- “ for the suppression of Drinking-houses and Tippling Shops.
- “ for the regulation of Bowling Alleys. ✓
- “ authorizing the selectmen of the town of Frankfort to appoint surveyors of lumber.
- “ to amend the 15th chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- “ to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad.
- “ to amend the 76th chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- “ in relation to bankrupt plaintiffs. ✓
- “ to amend an act in relation to the returns of railroad corporations. ✓
- “ to annex certain territory to the town of Wales.
- “ to authorize the owners of meeting-houses to sell, or remove or repair the same.
- “ in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Rockland.
- “ relating to lotteries. ✓
- “ for the amendment of the record of the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation.
- “ additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction.
- “ to authorize plantations to raise money for schools.
- “ to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary.
- “ annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this State. ✓
- “ to set off certain lands from West Bath and annex the same to the city of Bath.
- “ to incorporate the Bath Bank.
- “ regulating the formation of military companies.
- “ to amend the tenth section of an act entitled an act concerning the assessment of taxes. ✓
- “ to amend chapter 187 of the public laws of 1846, relating to coroners.
- “ to facilitate the detection and prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills.
- “ for the admission of interested witnesses.
- “ further to protect personal liberty.
- “ to change the name of the town of Kirkland.
- “ to amend chapter 145 of the private and special laws of 1853.
- “ relating to criminal proceedings and to prevent unnecessary costs to the State.

AN ACT relating to criminal proceedings.

- “ to amend an act in relation to the affairs of the State prison, approved April 1, 1853.
- “ authorizing plantations letter G, H, number 11, range 5, and Crystal, to raise money to repair the roads in said plantations.
- “ to incorporate the Piscataqua Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company.
- “ authorizing George Smith, guardian of John Rogers, to convey certain estate.
- “ to abolish the Police Court for the city of Bangor and to establish a Municipal Court for said city with enlarged jurisdiction.
- “ to incorporate and endow the Maine State Agricultural Society and more fully prescribing the powers and duties of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies. ✓
- “ to set off certain land from Porter to Brownfield.
- “ regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens. ✓
- “ to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
- “ to provide for the adoption of children.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

Passed by the Legislature of 1855.

- RESOLVE authorizing a loan in behalf of the State.
- “ in favor of Peol Sokis.
- “ authorizing the Treasurer of State to balance certain accounts for taxes.
- “ providing for the promulgation of the laws of the State.
- “ in favor of the New York Law Institute.
- “ in favor of John Newell and Joseph Loler Selmore.
- “ in favor of a commission to prepare a Judiciary system.
- “ to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians.
- “ directing the State Treasurer to balance accounts with the Washington County and St. Croix Banks.
- “ in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.
- “ in favor of Luther Curtis.
- “ in favor of Peter S. Folsom.
- “ in aid of roads in the Counties of Aroostook and Penobscot.
- “ in favor of Dan Pineo.
- “ authorizing the State Treasurer to adjust the accounts among the lots reserved for public uses in certain cases.
- “ in favor of Lydia Lorymere.
- “ authorizing the assessment of County taxes in the several Counties.
- “ in favor of A. B. Thompson.
- “ repealing the resolve in favor of William Poor, jr., approved April 17, 1854.
- “ in favor of Thomas Goss.
- “ authorizing the acting Quartermaster General to dispose of certain military property.
- “ for support of schools among the Passamaquoddy Indians.
- “ in favor of David W. Dinsmore.

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