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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Thursday, April 10, 1856. }

ORDERED, That the Clerk of the House be authorized to procure the printing of 500 copies of the Journal of this House. Each member of this House shall be entitled to receive one copy 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.

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Augusta, Wednesday, January 2, 1856. }

This being the day designated by the Constitution for the meeting of the Legislature, the Members elect of the House of Representatives assembled in Convention in the Hall of the House, and were called to order by Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, was chosen Chairman of the Convention.

Messrs. Irish of Union, Cochran of Waldoborough, Scammon of Saco, Hobart of Edmunds, and Moore of Ellsworth, were appointed a Committee on credentials, who subsequently reported a quorum present.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, that the Members elect were assembled in Convention, and ready to take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office.

Thereupon, the Governor and Council attended the Convention, and the members were qualified.

Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Blanchard of Yarmouth, Eaton of Plymouth, Brown of Benton, Moore of North Anson, Sweat of Parsonsfield, and Emerson of Orland, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Clerk of the House of Representatives, who subsequently reported,

That the whole number of votes was	148
Necessary for a choice,	75
David Dunn has	88
Benjamin Freeman has	56
Freeman H. Morse has	4
And there is one blank.	

DAVID DUNN was thereupon declared to be duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Thereupon, DAVID DUNN appeared and was qualified as Clerk of the House of Representatives, before LEWIS D. MOORE, Esquire, authorized by *dedimus potestatem*, and entered upon the discharge of his official duties.

Messrs. Lyman of Portland, Dennett of Kittery, Sawyer of Stoneham, Brown of Windham, Miller of Howland, Scammon of Saco, and Cannell of Naples, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Speaker, who subsequently reported,

That the whole number of ballots is	148
Necessary for a choice,	75
Josiah S. Little has	87
Freeman H. Morse has	60
John C. Talbot, Jr., has	1

And JOSIAH S. LITTLE was declared to be duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On taking the Chair, Mr. LITTLE addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:—

I thank you for the honor of being selected to preside over your deliberations. In accepting the position which you have assigned to me, I shall mainly rely on your aid and co-operation in my efforts to sustain the Rules of this House, preserve order, and promote the prompt dispatch of such Legislation as may come before us.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, was charged with a message to inform the Governor and Council of the organization of the House by the election of Speaker and Clerk.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, was charged with a similar message to the Senate.

Messrs. Morrow of Searsmont, Webster of Orono, Gregg of Freeport, Baker of Gorham, and Mayo of Mt. Desert, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Assistant Clerk, who subsequently reported,

That the whole number of ballots is	148
Necessary to a choice,	75
William L. Putnam has	86
Charles Hewins has	62

Thereupon, WILLIAM L. PUTNAM was declared to be duly elected Assistant Clerk of the House, and he appeared and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Messrs. Pike of Topsfield, Reed of Hallowell, Morton of Friendship, Fisher of Arrowsic, and Chase of Buckfield, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for a Messenger, who subsequently reported,

That the whole number of ballots is	148
Necessary for a choice,	75
Samuel Chadbourne has	86
Benjamin B. Thomas has	61
Scattering,	1

SAMUEL CHADBOURNE was declared to be duly elected Messenger of the House of Representatives.

Messrs. Titcomb of Kennebunk, Merrill of Rockland, Lancaster of Farmingdale, Cushman of Hebron, and Felker of Concord, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for a Chaplain, who subsequently reported,

That the whole number of ballots is	114
Necessary for a choice,	54
William E. Armitage has	88
O. B. Cheney has	9
W. A. Drew has	2
B. Tappan has	1
Joseph Fessenden has	1
John H. Ingraham has	1
Stephen Allen has	1

And there are eleven blanks.

The Rev. WILLIAM E. ARMITAGE was declared to be duly elected Chaplain of the House.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Messenger of the House be authorized to employ such assistants as may be necessary.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of the last House be adopted as the Rules and Orders of this House until otherwise ordered, and that the Messenger furnish to each member a copy of the same.

A message was received from the Senate, through the Hon. Mr. Hodsdon, Senator from Somerset, to inform the House of the organization of that branch by the election of LOT M. MORRILL for President, and WILLIAM G. CLARK for Secretary.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

Ordered, That the Journals of the House of Representatives, deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, be deposited with the Clerk of the House for the use of the same.

On motion of Mr. MORROW of Searsmont,

Ordered, That the returns of the votes for Governor at the last annual election be referred to a Joint Select Committee of one from each County, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Messrs. Morrow of Searsmont, Swazey of Bucksport, Sweat of Parsonsfield, Ham of Lewiston, Andrews of Bridgton, Vaughan of New Vineyard, Pishon of Vassalborough, Dana of Wiscasset, Sawyer of Stoneham, Eaton of Plymouth, Gilman of Sebec, Patten of Richmond, Moore of Anson, Duren of Calais, and Hewes of Masardis, were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate fixing the time of the adjournment of both branches till to-morrow at half-past two o'clock, was passed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

Attest:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1856.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, presented the credentials of FREEMAN H. MORSE, Representative elect from the City of Bath.

Mr. MORSE appeared and was qualified.

The SPEAKER appointed the Monitors of the House, as follows:

1st Division,	Mr. Curtis of Nobleborough.
2d "	Mr. Lancaster of Farmingdale.
3d "	Mr. Pike of Topsfield.
4th "	Mr. Cushman of Hebron.
5th "	Mr. Hobart of Edmunds.
6th "	Mr. Owen of Leeds.
7th "	Mr. Trickey of Cape Elizabeth.
8th "	Mr. Leach of Raymond.

The SPEAKER announced the Standing Committees of the House, as follows:

On Elections.

Messrs. Fuller of Augusta,
Blanchard of Yarmouth,
Eaton of Plymouth,
Ham of Lewiston,
Duren of Calais,
Moore of Ellsworth,
Came of York.

On Finance.

Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston,
Scammon of Saco,
Todd of Portland,
Foster of East Machias,
Patten of Richmond,
Swazey of Bucksport,
Barker of Exeter.

On County Estimates.

Messrs. Dana of Wiscasset,
Andrews of Bridgton,
Bean of Brooks,
Emerson of Orland,
Reed of Hallowell,
Cushman of Hebron,
Archer of Fairfield.

On Bills in the Third Reading.

Messrs. Wedgewood of Cornish,
Lunt of Bowdoinham,
Walton of Gardiner,
Hodgdon of Alton,
Pishon of Vassalborough,
Pearson of Machias,
Sawyer of Stoneham.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Stanwood of Augusta,
Pike of Topsfield,
Lindsay of Norridgewock,
Titcomb of Kennebunk,
Deering of Hampden,
Trickey of Cape Elizabeth,
Chase of Buckfield.

On the Pay Roll.

Messrs. Baker of Gorham,
Pool of Bristol,
Felker of Concord,
Frost of Norway,
Wall of St. George,
Silsby of Amherst,
Darling of Greenville.

On Leave of Absence.

Messrs. Chandler of Fryeburg,
 Stinson of Swan Island,
 Davis of Milford,
 Merrill of Buxton,
 Burkett of Appleton,
 Owen of Leeds,
 Lancaster of Farmingdale.

On Change of Names.

Messrs. Stanton of Poland,
 Goodale of Wells,
 Chesley of Patten.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, from the Joint Select Committee to examine the votes given for Governor at the last annual election, reported as follows:

That the whole number of votes given in was	110,447
Necessary for a choice,	55,239

That no person has received the requisite number to constitute a choice.

That Anson P. Morrill had	51,441
Samuel Wells had	48,345
Isaac Reed had	10,610
Freeman H. Morse had	11
Ezekiel Holmes had	11
Scattering,	59

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STANWOOD of Augusta,

Ordered, That Messrs. Stanwood of Augusta, Morse of Bath, Record of Danville, Cannell of Naples, and Elden of Waterville, be a committee to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of this House.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, this House hold one session each day, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Message was received from the Senate, that vacancies existed at the Senate Board, as follows:

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

In the Ninth Senatorial District, there are three vacancies; and Allen Crane, Leonard Jones, Jonas Weston, William R. Hersey, Abner R. Hallowell and Lyndon Oak, are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Tenth Senatorial District, there is one vacancy; and Philip S. Lowell and John Elliot are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

And that the Senate propose a Convention of both branches to be held in the Hall of the House, at one-quarter before four o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of filling said vacancies, and ask the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred.

IN CONVENTION.

Ezekiel D. French was duly elected to fill the vacancy in the Eighth Senatorial District.

Allen Crane, Leonard Jones and Jonas Weston, were duly elected to fill the vacancies in the Ninth Senatorial District.

Philip S. Lowell was duly elected to fill the vacancy in the Tenth Senatorial District.

The Convention was then dissolved.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

Ordered, That the rules be suspended, and that twenty minutes before 5 o'clock be assigned as the time for this House to go into election, by ballot, of two persons from the persons having the four highest number of votes on the list for Governor, and make return thereof to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough,

Messrs. Cochran of Waldoborough, Todd of Portland, Brown of Carroll, Britton of Winslow, and Goodwin of Detroit, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the selection of two out of the four highest candidates for Governor,

the names so selected to be sent to the Senate from which the Senate is to choose the Governor.

The committee subsequently reported,

That the whole number of ballots is	149
Necessary for a choice,	75
Samuel Wells has	88
Isaac Reed has	90
Anson P. Morrill has	60
Freeman H. Morse has	46
Ezekiel Holmes has	9

The report of the committee was accepted, and Samuel Wells and Isaac Reed was declared as duly elected.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of the late Messenger and his assistants, for travel and five days attendance, the same as at the last session.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Union,

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have this day, by ballot, from the four persons having the highest number of votes for Governor on the list, elected Samuel Wells and Isaac Reed to be returned to the Senate, of whom the Senate is, by ballot, to elect one who shall be declared Governor for the current political year.

Message from the Governor returning with his objections: Bill "An Act to set off a part of Whitefield and Jefferson, and to annex the same to Patricktown Plantation," was laid upon table.

Message from the Governor returning with his objections: Bill "An Act in addition to chapter seventy-nine of the Revised Statutes," was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Message was received from the Senate that the Hon. SAMUEL WELLS had been duly and constitutionally elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State deliver to the Messen-

ger of this House, one hundred and fifty-two copies of the printed journal of the last House of Representatives, to be distributed to the members of this House and the Clerk; and that the Secretary of State distribute the remaining copies according to the provisions of the resolve of the House, passed March 6, 1855, as they may be called for by the persons who are entitled to them by the said resolve.

Order from the Senate that Francis G. Butler, Phineas Barnes and John M. Goodwin, be a committee, with such as the House may join, to notify the Hon. SAMUEL WELLS of his election as Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year, was passed in concurrence.

Messrs. Talbot of Lubec, Morrow of Searsmont, Lyman of Portland, Irish of Union, and Winslow of Westbrook, were joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1856.

Message from the Governor as to votes on Constitutional Amendments, was laid upon the table.

Mr. BLAKE of Bangor, presented the remonstrance of Moses Woodman against the right of A. B. Weed to a seat in this House—Referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. STANWOOD of Augusta,

Ordered, That six hundred copies of the Rules and Orders hereafter to be adopted for the government of this House during the present session, with the constitutions of the United States and of this State; the census of this state for 1840 and 1850; the population of each State by the census of 1840 and 1850; the last apportionments of this State for members of the

Legislature and members of Congress; the presidential vote for 1852; with an index, be printed for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco,

Message from the Governor as to votes on Constitutional Amendments, was taken up, and the accompanying report read. Message and report were again laid upon the table.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Joint Select Committee to wait on the Hon. SAMUEL WELLS, and inform him of his election as Governor, reported: That said committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor elect signified his acceptance of the trust, and his willingness to be qualified at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Message from the Governor transmitting the report of Doct. A. T. Wheelock, Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, was laid upon the table.

Message was received from the Senate proposing a Convention at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of qualifying the Governor elect.

The House non-concurred, and proposed to the Senate to hold said Convention for said purpose at quarter before twelve o'clock, and asked the concurrence of the Senate.

Message was received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate concurs in the proposition of the House.

IN CONVENTION.

The Hon. SAMUEL WELLS, the Governor elect, appeared, and was duly qualified, and thereafterwards delivered an Address, as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

WE assemble together by the favor of Divine Providence from whose beneficent hand we receive all our possessions. Our hearts should expand with grateful emotions to Him for the abundant products of the earth, for exemption from pestilence and wasting disease, and especially for the blessings of a free government,—a government of the people, without kings, lords or nobles, and in which there is ample scope for every industrial pursuit incident to man.

But although our government is founded upon the principle of representation, in a more perfect form than was ever before understood by any nation ancient or modern, it cannot be preserved without constant vigilance, without honesty and sincerity of purpose, and a practical ability, which justly appreciates the true mode of conducting public affairs. If we are negligent of our political rights, and do not exercise over them a perpetual and constant care, we may find when we awake to our true condition, that it is too late, and that all is lost by our supineness and inattention.

The subject of slavery in the southern states and territories continues to engross a large share of the public mind at the north. Although we are happily relieved from the existence of slavery among us, yet many of our citizens are more engaged in examining and discussing its policy and merits, than any other question of a public nature. In our estimation slavery is a great evil, the removal of which from the entire limits of our common country would be highly gratifying to every patriotic citizen. But it is not the part of wisdom in order to remove one evil, to bring upon ourselves an avalanch of evils. The true law of progress is slow, but sure and certain, not destructive but beneficial in its operations and results. By a prudent observance and willing obedience to this law, our form of government has been preserved, and there has not been a period since its institution, when it was in a more vigorous condition, and when the American people were more powerful and abounding in all the elements of wealth and strength, than at the present moment. When the people of the United States adopted their constitution, they were thirteen feeble colonies, just come out of a long and harrassing war; they were literally poor, a large portion of their property having been spent to secure their independence. Now we have thirty-one states, extending from the St. John to the Rio Grande, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, possessing immense resources and all the means of greatness. Nor are primitive virtue and courage and aptitude for self-defense wanting.

The different States should be bound together in perfect friendship and amity, like the members of one common family. If reproach, abuse and vituperation are bestowed upon each other, such language will in the end produce its legitimate effects, engendering hatred and ill will, and at length breaking out in destructive action.

All the colonies participated in fighting the battles of the revolution. The patriots who had hazarded their lives in defence of liberty, after the war was over, sat down together and framed the constitution. Slavery then existed in nearly every colony. Each state being sovereign and

independent, was under no obligations but those of patriotism to come into the confederacy. They severally possessed the right to regulate their own domestic institutions without interference of any one, and if this independence of individual states had not been conceded, the constitution could not have been formed, and the hope of a free and enlightened government of the people, on this continent, would have expired. The slave population at that time, as at present, constituted about one-sixth part of all the inhabitants.

It was undoubtedly expected, in the early days of the republic, that slavery would not continue many years. And there have been periods when there was a prospect of the adoption of measures to accomplish its removal. But we have reason to believe that it has been retarded by the agitation of the subject in the free states. A class of persons have labored assiduously for a quarter of a century to excite the feelings and prejudices of the people against the south and its institutions. They have enlisted the sympathies of those who are ignorant of the true condition of the slaves, and organized political parties with the avowed purpose generally of acquiring power to ameliorate their condition, but without any distinct and well defined object or course of action of a practical character. The history of their efforts demonstrates the weakness and inutility of them. They have accomplished nothing worthy of their professions. They have liberated but few, if any, slaves, and have not removed slavery from a single rod of territory. Discretion would indicate a change of measures, the cultivation of charity and kindness, and a broader range of social duties towards those whose political welfare and destiny are so closely united with ours.

If the owners of slaves should be willing to emancipate them, provided they could be distributed among the people of the several states in proportion to their population, it would give one slave to every six or seven free persons. Many of the slaves would be incapable of labor through age, infirmity, and childhood, and would require support as paupers. The residue would be at liberty to seek such subsistence as their wants might demand, in the same manner as free blacks usually do. The inhabitants of the north and west would not be benefited by an accession to their population of their proportion of three and a half millions of blacks. It requires no great degree of foresight to perceive, that nearly every city and town in the free states would refuse their admittance.

When those who are most deeply interested in negro slavery, and have reflected most upon the subject, shall desire to relieve themselves of it, they will probably adopt a gradual mode of emancipation. The relation between master and slave cannot be suddenly dissolved with

safety to either, while the number of slaves is so large. They might be freed after having arrived at a certain age, and sent to Africa, the land of their origin, with habits of industry, and a degree of knowledge and civilization which they never could have obtained in their native country. If the negro race is capable of self-government, and possess the inherent power of advancement in self culture, ample scope is now presented for the exercise of it on the continent of Africa. As evidence of a highly satisfactory character that negroes do possess this power, it is already shown in the colony of Liberia, that those who have been taught in the school of slavery, can sustain a firm and stable government, and defend themselves against barbarian and hostile tribes. The increase of the colony will constantly add to its reputation, and when its commerce shall be expanded, and its flag respected, and a growing marine exist, the eyes of the colored race will be turned towards it, and there will flow into it a constant tide of emigration. No reason appears to exist why it may not surpass in vigor and wealth, and much more in a good government, the nations which have flourished on the northern coast of that continent. Some of our national vessels might be fitted and employed in carrying to that colony all who are willing to be transported thither. And the expenditure would appear to be equally legitimate, as the employment of national vessels to guard the coast. An extended line of settlement of hardy colonists, capable of bearing arms, would prove quite effective in checking the slave trade.

The southern people are subjected to the burden of slavery, they know how to treat it better than we do, and it is alike alien to patriotism, and a true sense of religious duty, to inflame the minds of southern citizens and aggravate their condition by a constant course of censure and an unnecessary interference with their affairs.

The Missouri compromise line was an arrangement between different sections; it cooled the passions and allayed the prejudices of contending parties. It had remained in force a third of a century, and its repeal gave offense to many true friends of the Union, and occasion to the uprising of a wilder spirit of abolitionism than had ever before infested the country. Men, who had been loyal to their constitutional obligations, in a moment of resentment broke away and united with vicious political associations, that threatened, for a time, to destroy the very foundations of the Republic. But whatever opinions may be entertained of the policy of that measure, it has passed, and the principle is adopted, that each territory may determine the character of its own institutions. In itself considered, this is unquestionably most in accordance with the basis of American govern-

ment and the true idea of the liberty of communities. Those who wander far from the places of their birth, lay the foundation of new states and endure all the hardships and privations of infant settlements, merit the right of making their own laws, for the government of their homes and firesides. They can appreciate their necessities and interests better than their former associates, whom they have left at a great distance behind them. All the territories wherever situate, are open to a free competition of institutions; there is no longer any line to check expressly or by implication the establishment of such legislation as is congenial to the habits of the people. And the time will probably soon come when very few will desire the restoration of that line, and an end will be put to the constant and bitter conflict of opinion arising from that subject.

The regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors will claim the early attention of the legislature. The laws upon that subject have undergone frequent changes, and with the light of experience, a new one may be framed, which will suit the wants of the community. The liability to abuse and excess in the consumption of such liquors, calls upon society to restrain the sale as far as is consistent with the liberty of the citizen. Intemperance is a great evil, the parent of many sorrows, vices and crimes, and every legitimate and proper means should be used to prevent it. But the true foundation of temperance must be laid in education. Fines and imprisonment terrify and restrain to some extent, but they rarely reform. Every man capable of managing his affairs has the right to determine for himself what shall be eaten or drank in his own house, and any attempt by law to control him in the exercise of it, cannot be justified. But when one undertakes to act upon society, by selling liquor, the law can properly prescribe rules for his government, he then makes himself amenable to the will of others. Society, in the employment of a proper discretion, may protect itself. The use of stimulants containing the intoxicating principle, has prevailed among all nations from the earliest times, and it is not probable, that it will ever be entirely abandoned.

Whether a person will or will not use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is a question for his own determination. One may persuade another as to what he shall do in relation to himself in morals or religion, but coercion in respect to such action is persecution. It is founded in the sentiment, that one knows what is better for his neighbor, than the neighbor knows for himself, and a unity of will must be made by compulsion. An attempt of this kind is at war with the very elements of civil liberty. The wants of the community will be satisfied with a very restricted sale, by granting licenses in each city, town

and plantation, to no more sellers than will conveniently accommodate the purchasers. It is a desirable object to place the traffic in the hands of respectable citizens. Innholders by furnishing liquors to their guests and travelers alone, would stand in the same situation as the heads of families. Importers under the laws of the United States should be allowed to sell in the original packages. And there are some classes of persons to whom sales should be prohibited, those whose habits show them unfit to be trusted with what they are sure to use improperly.

The public good requires that no intoxicating liquors should be allowed to be drank in the shops where they are sold. Such practices lead to breaches of the peace, and other conduct injurious to society. It does not accord with wise and consistent laws to forbid the manufacture of an article which is permitted to be sold. No doubt the legislature will enact a law, with suitable penalties, that will receive the approbation of the people, and will accomplish all that legislation can be expected to do in promoting the cause of temperance.

Although many well meaning persons have approved of the existing law on this subject, believing it to be the best instrumentality to advance a good cause, it seems to me that they have done so without a thorough examination and understanding of it, and that no rational and unprejudiced man, who has studied it attentively, can sanction its tyrannical details, and recommend it, as a rule of government, to a free people.

Ever since the organization of the state, there has been an intermediate court between justices of the peace and the supreme judicial court, until the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, when the district court was abolished. The smallest causes may now be carried by appeal from the decision of a justice of the peace to the supreme court. Courts of final resort, where the life, liberty and property of every person may be brought into controversy, ought not to be required to engage in the investigation of causes of small magnitude. They should be exempt from the hurry and confusion of an ordinary business court. The mind wearied with painful attention in hearing a multiplicity of motions, adjusting and disposing of numerous small actions, turns with diminished vigor to the trial of larger ones.

At present all the actions to be heard and decided are in one court, and the number for trial on the dockets in the several counties is understood to be greater than usual. When so many actions stand for trial, especially in the large counties, great expense is occasioned to suitors by delay, and in the difficulty of knowing when to be prepared for trial. A party must wait term after term the slow action of the

law before his turn will come. Not unfrequently witnesses are summoned and attend court at a great expense, and it is found that the court cannot sit long enough to reach the cases in which they are to testify, or that they must wait many days, and the consequence is that the actions are continued. These evils are more or less incident to all courts, but more especially to the present organization. It is the duty of the state to provide a sufficient number of courts, so that there should be no unnecessary expense or delay in the administration of justice. In my judgment, the establishment of a court of common pleas would improve the condition of the judiciary, and be a measure of utility and economy to our citizens. If another court is formed, it will be necessary to diminish the number of the judges of the supreme court. A reduction can be made to the desired number as fast as vacancies may occur.

It is somewhat remarkable that in the changes our judiciary has gone through, the highest court for the decision of legal questions should not be formed in a strictly legal manner. By the present law, four judges are designated to decide questions of law and equity, and for the trial of capital offenses, leaving four to attend jury trials. The four last named are not precluded in express terms from acting with the former, but such is the evident implication. Three of the members so designated as a law court, may hear all questions which may come before the court, but a majority may decide them. Two judges out of eight can determine all questions of law.

By the constitution of this state, there is no subordination of one judge of the supreme judicial court to another. They all stand upon the same footing of equality; their powers are the same. The constitution does not even provide for a chief justice. The judges together constitute the judicial power of the state and a distinct department of the government. The legislature makes the laws and prescribes the jurisdiction of the court, but the justices construe and expound them. The title given to the court, "supreme judicial court," by the constitution, implies that each member of it belongs to a tribunal of final jurisdiction. No power is given to the legislature to apportion their labor. When called upon by the governor, council, senate or house of representatives, in the language of the constitution, "to give their opinions upon important questions of law and upon solemn occasions," a majority of the whole number can determine them. If those who are not embraced in the law court should insist upon uniting with those who are, and in taking part with them, who could prevent it? If the legislature may prescribe their respective duties, it might say that some of them should try one class of cases

and some another; some should confine their attention to actions originating with justices of the peace, while others should examine cases of more importance. The preservation of the distinct and separate powers of the government forbids that one branch should exercise over another a supervision not contemplated by the constitution. It does not seem to fall within the province of the legislature, but belongs to the several members of the court alone to divide and arrange their labors among themselves, each one having equal authority to act as a member of a tribunal possessing final jurisdiction, whether presiding at jury trials or aiding in deciding questions of law.

No one can be insensible to the absolute necessity of an upright and intelligent administration of justice. Our judges should be uninfluenced by passion or prejudice in the discharge of their duties, looking only to what is legal and just, irrespective of the persons whose causes are brought before them. It should be the aim and endeavor of good men of all parties sedulously to exclude from our courts all partizan bias and not allow them to be moulded or influenced by party politics. All classes of citizens should have confidence in the impartiality and fidelity of both judges and jurors. And any designed, or improper omission to place the names of suitable persons upon the lists of jurors, or changing the form and jurisdiction of legal tribunals in order to give the control of them to men of peculiar views upon any particular subject, cannot, under any circumstances, be justified. Where it may appear that such acts have been done, a corrective should be applied, as far as it falls within the power of the legislature.

An act was passed by the last legislature requiring persons, who had been naturalized, to exhibit their naturalization papers, three months at least before the day of election, to entitle them to vote. When an alien becomes an American citizen, he is such fully and effectually in all respects. He is entitled to all the rights and privileges of citizenship. No particular duty can be required of him that is not required of other citizens. And laws should be uniform in their operation, capable of affecting all classes alike, and those which are made exclusively for some and cannot in any event apply to others, are not the laws contemplated by the constitution. The essence and nature of a law in a free government is a rule of action for all the people. It is such only that the legislature can enact. If the legislature has power to provide, that all the electors in the state should furnish evidence of their right to vote, three months before election, the act in question is not of that general character and must therefore be invalid.

The constitution of this state requires a residence of three months

next preceding any election, to entitle a person to vote for state officers. Can the legislature add another prerequisite to the constitution, and say that the electors should do other acts at certain prescribed times before election? If it can, then the constitution may be so far changed as to add new qualifications by statute to the elective franchise.

The law requiring the names of voters to be entered upon the lists, authorizes it to be done down to the time of voting. If it precluded a person from exhibiting evidence at the polls of his right to vote, and from having his name then put upon the lists, it would appear to be a requirement additional to the constitution, and not within the power of the legislature.

The act under consideration is amenable to both of the foregoing objections, and in my judgment is unconstitutional.

The act of the same legislature, forbidding the courts of the state from exercising jurisdiction in relation to naturalization, may not be liable to the charge of being unconstitutional, but it is extremely illiberal, and bears with unnecessary severity upon persons of foreign birth. The exercise of this jurisdiction by the state courts has been coeval with the organization of the government. Under this law, those who desire to become citizens must be subjected to increased expense and trouble, and travel a great distance with their witnesses to reach the courts of the United States.

The true policy of our state is to encourage the introduction of foreign labor. At the last census Maine had a population of five hundred and eighty-three thousand, one hundred and sixty-nine. Of these persons only thirty-one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five were born in foreign countries. Every full grown person, who is able and willing to labor, adds very much to the riches of a state. And the census shows that no just ground of apprehension can be entertained from the amount of foreign population. Our experience teaches that it soon amalgamates with our native population, and after a few years cannot be distinguished from it. It is not creditable to us, who in tracing our ancestry for two or three generations find them to be persons born in foreign lands, to awaken prejudices against foreigners. This country was made for the down-trodden and oppressed of all nations. By liberal laws we have invited foreigners to our shores, and there are hardships enough incident to their exile from their native homes, without the imposition of new and onerous regulations, causing unnecessary disquiet and vexation in their efforts to avail themselves of the benefit of those laws.

There is another act passed by the last legislature, which must tend to continue the irritation already existing on the subject of slavery.

Its purport is to prevent any one holding office under this state from aiding in the apprehension of fugitive slaves. This law would probably have no practical effect, for a fugitive slave has never been retaken in this state, and if one should come hither, the expense of following him at so great a distance would be very likely to deter an owner from the pursuit. But in any event, all such laws are objectionable. They indicate a disposition to escape from our constitutional obligations. We ought not to expect to enjoy all that is agreeable in our national relations, while we repudiate what is uncongenial to our tastes. We should never give our consent to a law, which is not required by strong necessity, when it is directly calculated to create an animosity between the inhabitants of different states.

The strength of a republic consists in the integrity and intelligence of its people. In their hands are all the powers of government. If they are vicious and ignorant, they cannot long retain their liberty. It is the duty of the legislature to promote the education of the great body of the people. It is true, that towns and districts exercise a watchful care over the schools within their limits, and we must look to them as the immediate and constantly active guardians of education. The legislature can increase their means, and enable them to impart instruction in a more perfect and thorough manner, and to a greater extent. The instruction of teachers appears to be a measure of direct practical benefit. The increase of knowledge on their part enables them to communicate more abundantly to others, and thus the way is prepared for a broader field of information.

The legislature is moreover bound by the constitution suitably to endow literary institutions of a higher grade than common schools. If those who engage in the various and ordinary occupations of life, could receive a liberal education, such as may be obtained in our colleges, it would not only be beneficial to them personally, but would greatly increase their ability for usefulness.

Under the favoring auspices of the union, Maine must ever be a great commercial state. Her long line of sea coast, with numerous safe and commodious harbors, invites commerce to her shores. The building of a greater number of ships than any other state of the Union, the merchant service upon the ocean, the fisheries, and the mechanic arts, engage the attention and furnish employment to a large number of persons. But three hundred thousand, at least, of our whole population are directly supported by agriculture; and all are dependent for subsistence on those who cultivate the earth. The improved culture of every farm adds to the real wealth of the state. The distribution of a well written treatise on agricultural chemistry, to the

several towns and plantations, it is believed, would prove a judicious expenditure; and every encouragement, dictated by a wise legislation, should be given to actual settlers upon the lands of the state.

The report of the land agent will show the condition of the land office, and the present state of the public lands. It is believed by me to be the true policy of the state, not to sell any timber lands, unless it is in want of the money, and not to give credit upon the sales. It is better to sell them at a less price for immediate payment, than a larger one on credit, with the hazard of loss in the end, or great delay and expense in collecting the debts. Many difficulties would be avoided in the administration of the affairs of the land office, if the powers of the agent were limited to its immediate duties, and the sale of settling lands only; and commissioners, chosen by the legislature, or appointed by the governor and council, could superintend the sales of timber lands, and give the necessary deeds, upon the payment of the purchase money into the treasury. This course would appear best calculated to prevent favoritism, and inspire public confidence in that department of the government. Such sales could be made at public auction, after due notice, and in such quantities as would suit the wants of purchasers.

The treasurer's report will furnish the necessary information in relation to the finances of the state. I have had no opportunity to examine either that or the report of the land agent. It may be necessary for the legislature to make further provision for the keeping of the money of the state, when there shall be a large accumulation, not needed for immediate disbursement. If deposits are made in banks, the amount in any one should depend upon its capital, and when they pay interest on them, it should be received by the state.

It is gratifying to learn that the reform school is in a flourishing condition, and that it meets the just expectations of the public. The old system and mode of treatment of boys of tender age, who had violated the laws, when their minds were immature, and judgments unformed, by confining them in jails and prisons, at a time they most needed kindness and the peculiar care incident to children, has at length yielded to a more enlightened and rational treatment.

In this school the boys are instructed in the usual branches of knowledge commonly taught in other schools; they learn some useful trade and work upon the farm, while their religious and moral culture is not neglected. They also acquire habits of industry, so necessary to be possessed by every person who desires to obtain the means of subsistence and to live happily. A love of labor, without which no one can accomplish much, must be implanted in early life by diligent

training. The object of this school is to reform those who are inclined to go astray, and prepare them for the active duties of society. It is much less expensive to teach the young and erring to walk in the paths of virtue and fit them for usefulness, than to allow them to grow up in vice and crime, and then punish them for their misconduct. The difference in value to the state between a good and bad citizen, cannot be estimated by money.

This institution is really deserving the care of the legislature, and there can be no doubt will receive it. It is now nearly full, and some measures must be taken to furnish further accommodations, unless a part of the least vicious are allowed to be returned to their parents before the expiration of their sentence.

The trustees should be permitted to exercise their discretion as to the time those sent to the school should remain. If some such reduction does not take place, it will become necessary to enlarge the accommodations at the present location, or establish another school in some other part of the state. The present number, which is about two hundred, in the school, may seem large, but when we estimate the whole number of male minors in the state that are old enough to commit offenses, the per cent. will be found very small. The care, protection and instruction of the young and inexperienced, is not only a duty dictated by the highest benevolence, but the security and safety of the community demand its exercise on the part of the government.

While our republic, from the nature of its organization, is unfitted to be a military one, nor is such the purpose or desire of our people, yet we should at all times be prepared to defend ourselves against internal commotions and foreign aggressions. It is our true policy to cultivate peace with all nations. But we have no reason to expect that wars will cease, while the disposition of men remains as it is, and we should be wanting in a proper care of ourselves, if we should neglect the ordinary precautions of protection. It may be sufficient if a knowledge of military tactics is possessed by a portion of the community, who would be able, in a short time, to communicate the necessary information to those who might be needed to act in defense of their country. This object may be accomplished by extending the favor of the state, more fully than the laws have done, to volunteer companies, and encouraging the formation of a greater number of them, and a higher proficiency in military discipline. Such men will form a body of soldiery possessing practically, the art of war, and from them others unskilled can receive instruction, when called into the public service.

As we are the agents of the people, who have confided to us important trusts, it will doubtless be gratifying to every member of the

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government to discharge them in such a manner as to meet the approbation of those from whom he has derived his authority.

It will afford me the highest satisfaction to co-operate with you in making such laws as will most effectually promote the true interests of the state.

The Convention was dissolved.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That the usual number of copies of the Governor's Message be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing a Convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House of Representatives to-morrow at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of electing seven Councilors to advise the Governor in the Executive Department of the government for the ensuing political year.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1856.

Order from the Senate adopting the Joint Rules of the last Legislature until otherwise ordered, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough,

*Ordered*, That the usual number of copies of the Governor's Message returning the Bill to set off a part of Whitefield and Jefferson to Patricktown Plantation, be printed for the use of the House.

Message was received from the Senate that the Senate does not concur in the proposition of the House to hold a Convention this day for the choice of Councilors.

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On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That the credentials of members be referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL of Phillips,

*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 number of their seats, with their boarding-places; 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, fixing the next adjournment of both branches until Monday afternoon at half past two o'clock, was passed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1856.

Message was received from the Senate proposing a Convention of both branches in the Hall of the House, this day, at three o'clock, to choose seven Councilors to advise the Governor in the Executive Department of the government for the current political year, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred.

Remonstrance of Nathaniel Spratt against the right of George Hodgdon to a seat in this House was referred to the Committee on Elections.

#### IN CONVENTION.

Messrs. ALPHEUS S. HOLDEN, WILLIAM MCLOON, ARTEMAS LIBBEY, ABERNETHY GROVER, ROBERT ELLIOT, HASTINGS STRICKLAND and JAMES C. MADIGAN, were duly elected Councilors to

advise the Governor in the Executive Department of the government for the current political year.

The Convention was dissolved.

A report from the Commissioner of the State Treasury was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1856.

Report of the State Treasurer was received from the Senate referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Butler, Farley and Talbot, with such as the House may join.

The House concurred, and joined the Committee on Finance on the part of the House.

Communications were received and read from Messrs. Alpheus S. Holden, William McLoon, Artemas Libbey, Abernethy Grover, Robert Elliot, Hastings Strickland and James C. Madigan, Councilors elect, accepting the office and announcing their readiness to be qualified.

Message was received from the Senate proposing a Convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House, at eleven o'clock this day, for the purpose of qualifying the Councilors elect, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred.

#### IN CONVENTION.

The Councilors elect appeared and were duly qualified.

The Convention was dissolved.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Hall be tendered to Mr. Hutchinson, agent of the people of Kansas, to address the members

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of the Legislature and the citizens of Augusta, to-morrow evening, in behalf of the people of his territory.

On motion of Mr. SWAZEY of Bucksport,

*Ordered*, That two hundred copies of the act accompanying the late Governor's Message, entitled "An act in addition to chapter seventy-nine of the Revised Statutes," be printed for the use of this House.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1856.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to deposit with the Clerk five copies of the Revised Statutes, and of the Public Laws of this State from the year 1842 to 1855 inclusive, for the use of the House.

Message was received from the Senate proposing a Convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House at half past ten o'clock this forenoon, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred.

#### IN CONVENTION.

CALEB R. AYER was duly elected Secretary of State.  
The Convention was dissolved.

A list of the Joint Standing Committees on the part of the Senate was received, and having been joined on the part of the House, the Committees stand as follows:

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*On the Judiciary.*

Messrs. Barnes,  
Swasey,  
Hayden, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Talbot of Lubec,  
Morse of Bath,  
Fuller of Augusta,  
Morrow of Searsmont,  
Record of Danville,  
Wedgewood of Cornish,  
Lindsay of Norridgewock, *of the House.*

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*On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.*

Messrs. Talbot,  
Read,  
Rowell, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Blanchard of Yarmouth,  
McGilvery of Prospect,  
Blanchard of Pittston,  
Emerson of Orland,  
Titcomb of Kennebunk,  
Irish of Union,  
Coffin of Cherryfield, *of the House.*

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*On Education.*

Messrs. Goodwin,  
Bean,  
Hodsdon, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Sweat of Parsonsfield,  
Deering of Hampden,  
Pearson of Machias,  
Currier of Wilton,  
Brown of Kennebunkport,  
Trott of Woolwich,  
Gregg of Freeport, *of the House.*

*On Banks and Banking.*

Messrs. Thompson,  
Hathorn,  
Rowell, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Lyman of Portland,  
Blake of Bangor,  
Patten of Richmond,  
Reed of Hallowell,  
Swazey of Bucksport,  
Putnam of Belfast,  
Duren of Calais, *of the House.*

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*On Incorporation of Towns.*

Messrs. Burrill,  
Shepard,  
Marden, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Brown of Windham,  
Sawyer of Stoneham,  
Goodwin of Detroit,  
Cargill of Newcastle,  
Gould of Jackson,  
Pray of Lebanon,  
Smith of Kingsbery, *of the House.*

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*On Division of Towns.*

Messrs. Kezar,  
Ayer,  
Weston, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Miller of Howland,  
Burkett of Appleton,  
Watson of Corinth,  
Prince of Falmouth,  
Baker of Gorham,  
Howes of New Sharon,  
Tuttle of Canaan, *of the House.*

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*On Division of Counties.*

Messrs. Robinson,  
    Kezar,  
    Rowell, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Andrews of Bridgton,  
    Rich of Frankfort,  
    Clark of Biddeford,  
    Weed of Oldtown,  
    Came of York,  
    West of Lisbon,  
    Owen of Leeds, *of the House.*

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*On State Lands and State Roads.*

Messrs. Butler,  
    Jones,  
    Hodsdon, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Cutter of Bangor,  
    Morse of Bath,  
    Bean of Brooks,  
    Reed of Hallowell,  
    Foster of East Machias,  
    Patterson of Madison,  
    Hewes of Masardis, *of the House.*

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*On Indian Affairs.*

Messrs. Weston,  
    Junkins,  
    Barker, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Webster of Orono,  
    Goodale of Wells,  
    Wentworth of Knox,  
    Hume of Robbinston,  
    Sargent of Sedgwick,  
    Hooper of Cambridge,  
    Marr of Southport, *of the House.*

*On Agriculture.*

Messrs. Heagan,  
Burrill,  
Holland, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Morrow of Seasmont,  
Hobart of Edmunds,  
Lancaster of Farmingdale,  
Brown of Livermore,  
Lyford of Mt. Vernon,  
Shackley of Shapleigh,  
Haley of Rangeley, *of the House.*

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*On Fisheries.*

Messrs. O'Brien,  
Marden,  
Crane, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Treat of Eastport,  
Clark of Biddeford,  
Stinson of Swan Island,  
Hunt of Vinalhaven,  
Davis of Clifton,  
Wall of St. George,  
Mayo of Mt. Desert, *of the House.*

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*On Manufactures.*

Messrs. Blaisdell,  
O'Brien,  
Lowell, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Cochran of Waldoborough,  
Winslow of Westbrook,  
Wing of Brunswick,  
Pishon of Vassalborough,  
Walton of Gardiner,  
Neal of Berwick,  
Chandler of Fryeburg, *of the House.*

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*On Interior Waters.*

Messrs. Hodsdon,  
Crane,  
O'Brien, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Eaton of Plymouth,  
Russell of Phillips,  
Dakin of Carmel,  
Brown of Benton,  
Knight of Otisfield,  
Baker of Cornville,  
Nason of Lyman, *of the House.*

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*On Railroads and Bridges.*

Messrs. Farley,  
Thompson,  
Talbot, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Rich of Frankfort,  
Emerson of Orland,  
Fuller of Augusta,  
Todd of Portland,  
Chase of Buckfield,  
Elden of Waterville,  
Collins of Letter H, *of the House.*

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*On Accounts.*

Messrs. Holland,  
Read,  
Burrill *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Stanwood of Augusta,  
Pike of Topsfield,  
Trickey of Cape Elizabeth,  
Lunt of Bowdoinham,  
Ham of Lewiston,  
Leach of Raymond,  
Hysom of Windsor, *of the House.*

*On Claims.*

Messrs. Lowell,  
Ayer,  
Jones, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Milliken of Burnham,  
Barrows of Camden,  
Brown of Carroll,  
True of North Yarmouth,  
Hunton of Readfield,  
Merrill of Buxton,  
Hines of Hartford, *of the House.*

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*On the Militia.*

Messrs. Ayer,  
Thompson,  
Barker, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Foster of East Machias,  
Cochran of Waldoborough,  
Lyman of Portland,  
Moore of North Anson,  
Britton of Winslow,  
Silsby of Amherst,  
Handy of Gouldsborough, *of the House.*

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*On Military Pensions.*

Messrs. Marden,  
French,  
Shepard, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Brown of Benton,  
Hodgdon of Alton,  
Stanton of Poland,  
Felker of Concord,  
Curtis of Nobleborough,  
Cushman of Hebron,  
Archer of Fairfield, *of the House.*

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*On the Insane Hospital.*

Messrs. French,  
Robinson,  
Farley, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Merrill of Rockland,  
Sweat of Parsonsfield,  
Norton of Baldwin,  
Dennett of Kittery,  
Dingley of Auburn,  
Chamberlain of Foxcroft,  
Vaughan of New Vineyard, *of the House.*

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*On the Reform School.*

Messrs. Swasey,  
Hayden,  
Butler, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Scammon of Saco,  
Todd of Portland,  
Coffin of Harrington,  
Hammond of Sidney,  
Barker of Exeter,  
Fisher of Arrowsic,  
Hanscom of South Berwick, *of the House.*

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*On the State Prison.*

Messrs. Junkins,  
Lowell,  
Bean, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston,  
Moore of Ellsworth,  
Burley of Linneus,  
Darling of Greenville,  
Hasty of Limerick,  
Norris of Wayne,  
Pool of Bristol, *of the House.*

*On Public Buildings.*

Messrs. Hathorn,  
Heagan,  
Blaisdell, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Dana of Wiscasset,  
Frost of Norway,  
Morton of Friendship,  
Chesley of Patten,  
Woodman of Whitefield,  
Hurd of Northport,  
Foster of Newry, *of the House.*

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*On the Library.*

Messrs. Bean,  
Goodwin,  
Barnes, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Record of Danville,  
Wedgewood of Cornish,  
Gilman of Sebec,  
Johnson of Bluehill,  
Wentworth of Corinna,  
Mitchell of Pownal,  
Taylor of Byron, *of the House.*

Order from the Senate directing the Judiciary Committee to inquiry into the expediency of repealing "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction," approved March 16, 1855, was passed in concurrence.

Bill to repeal chapter 188 of the laws of 1855, regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens ; and bill to repeal chapter 176 of the laws of the same year relating to the naturalization powers of the state courts, were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah B. Woods and others for a charter for a Mechanics' Association, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco,

*Ordered*, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Reform School be referred to the Committee on the Reform School.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Militia be referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the organization of the Courts of this State be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Union,

*Ordered*, That the unfinished business of the last Legislature, which was referred to the present Legislature, be referred to the appropriate Committees.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

*Ordered*, That the Land Agent be requested to lay before the House a statement of the debts due the State for lands sold, the dates of the sales, the amount due, and the names of the parties due from.

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, introduced the following order:

*"Ordered*, That all petitions requiring order of notice, presented after the tenth day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature, without debate."

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth, the same was laid upon the table, and Tuesday next, at ten o'clock, A. M., assigned for its further consideration.

Petition of Charles Mugford for change of name;

" of James L. Crommett for the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Benjamin Bennett for repeal of chapter 521 of the special laws of 1855;

Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Bath, for power to erect City Scales—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence,

Petition of William Drummond and others for a Mutual Marine Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Portland Cavalry Guards was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Directors of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank, for increase of capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUTTER of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Sargent, Jr., be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1856.

Message was received from the Senate proposing a Convention of both branches, in the Hall of the House, this forenoon, at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred.

On motion of Mr. TROTT of Woolwich,

*Ordered*, That so much of the Governor's Message as refers to education be referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

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On motion of Mr. FULLER of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing an act entitled "An act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes," approved March 16, 1855.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUTTER of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the public lands be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing an act approved March 16, 1855, establishing a Police Court in the City of Portland, and in its place establish a Justices' Court with limited jurisdiction.

Sent up for concurrence.

### IN CONVENTION.

ISAAC REED was duly elected Treasurer of State.

The Convention was dissolved.

Bill An act to repeal an act entitled "An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens," came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The rules was suspended, the bill read three times, and the question on its passage to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 86, nays 57.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burley, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Carrier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, Felker, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Hammond, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, A.

Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, True, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, Wing—86.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, W. Brown, Britton, Chamberlain, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Chesley, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Haley, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—57.

On motion of Mr. Blake of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing an act establishing a Municipal Court in the city of Bangor, and in its stead, establish a Recorder's Court with limited jurisdiction.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of General Dingley for change of name ;

“ of Maria Dockham for the same ;

“ of William Schleetwig for the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of John F. Mereen of Phippsburg, for a donation of books, was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Robert Patterson for a pension ;

“ of William M. Quimby for the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Campbell and others of Kilmarnock and vicinity, for aid to a bridge across Piscataquis River, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of John W. Munger and others for a change in the laws for the government of the Insane Hospital, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Herman Wood and others to be set off from Hartford to Buckfield;

Petition of inhabitants of East Strong to be annexed to the town of New Vineyard;

Petition of Stephen Spalding to be set off from the town of Sumner to the town of Buckfield—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Elijah Webster and others against the petition of Ezra Merick and others to have Plantation No. 5 incorporated into a town, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jessie Craig and others for aid to a road through Township No. 4, Range 4, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Davis for compensation for land granted him, and subsequently sold by the State, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas S. Ranney and others for a boom incorporation at Log Eddy in Mattawamkeag River, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer Beard and others for the incorporation of the Maine Gold Mining Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Mr. MORSE of Bath, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to vote for the admission of Kansas into the Union.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1856.

Report of Joint Select Committee on report and accounts of the Commissioner of the Treasury, was recommitted in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Directing inquiry into the expediency of allowing parties of record to be examined as witnesses by either party;

Directing inquiry into the expediency of repealing an act further to protect personal liberty, approved March 17, 1855, were severally passed in concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal an act entitled "An act annulling the naturalization powers of Courts in this State," was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The rule was suspended, the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School, was referred to the Committee on Reform School, in concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Order was received from the Senate, appointing Messrs Junkins, Hayden and Butler of the Senate, with such as the House may join, a Committee to examine the papers relating to the business referred by the last Legislature to the present, and report what disposition ought to be made of the same.

The House concurred and joined on its part, Messrs. Scammon of Saco, Burkett of Appleton, Hasty of Limerick, Hysom of Windsor, Gilman of Sebec.

Petition of Oakes Thompson and others to be set off from Hartford to Canton, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of directors of the Merchants' Bank of Portland, for additional capital, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Proprietors of Union Wharf in Portland, for incorporation;

Petition of Eastport Atheneum for leave to transfer their library to trustees for the benefit of the inhabitants of Eastport—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the overseers of the town of Troy, to be reimbursed for aid furnished to an indigent Indian, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Rangeley, that the act incorporating that town be repealed, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of John W. Munger came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

The House receded and concurred.

Communication from Joseph A. Sanborn, Commissioner of the Treasury, laying before the Legislature sundry claims filed in his office for bounty on wild animals, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to vote for the admission of Kansas into the Union, was read and Wednesday, January 30, 1856, assigned for its further consideration by a vote of yeas and nays—yeas 76, nays 61.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Collins, R. S. Currier, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Felker, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hunton, Hunt, Irish, Knight, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, True, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, Wing—76.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Chamberlain, Chesley, J. B. Coffin, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingly, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Goodale, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Hysom, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Norton, Pearson, Pike, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—61.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the encouragement of Agriculture be referred to the Committee on Agriculture; and that so much of the same as relates to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charlotte Gordon for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Samuel H. Moulton and others for a fish company, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Justice Hathaway for two lots of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ansel Smith and others for a boom at Chesuncook Lake, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of stockholders of American Bank, Hallowell, for increase of capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Brown and others of Rockland;

“ of Thomas Hagar and others of Rockland;

“ of William G. Haines and others of Union;

“ of Joseph Spear and others of Rockland;

“ of W. J. Weston and others of Rockland;

“ of A. H. Kimball and others of Rockland;

“ of Joseph Newitt and others of Rockland;

“ of Abner Dunton and others of Hope;

“ of Charles Fish and others of Hope; all for a new County to be composed of certain towns in Lincoln and Waldo, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1856.

The Clerk being absent, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, it was

Resolved, That WILLIAM L. PUTNAM is hereby elected Clerk *pro tem.* of this House.

Thereupon William L. Putnam was qualified to discharge the duties of Clerk *pro tem.*, the necessary oaths being administered by JOHN C. TALBOT, authorized by *dedimus potestatem.*

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, WILLIAM T. JOHNSON was, by resolve, elected Assistant Clerk *pro tem*.

Bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Court and its jurisdiction was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The rule was suspended, the bill was read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal an act entitled "An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens;"

Bill An act to repeal an act entitled "An act annulling the naturalization powers of Courts in this State"—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BAKER of Cornville,

Ordered, That the hour of meeting of the House on Mondays, be at half past two o'clock P. M., until otherwise ordered.

Petition of Wendell P. Smith and others in aid of petition of Portland Cavalry Guards;

Petition of certain inhabitants of Fryeburg, for regulation of the width of winter roads—were severally referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of H. G. O. Barrows and others to prevent the use of seines in taking trout in Moosehead Lake, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Peter S. Folsom for increase of pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James S. Holmes and others in favor of Foxcroft Academy;

Communication from the Secretary of State transmitting a return of the Superintending School Committee of the town of Oldtown, agreeably to a resolve providing for the promotion of

the education of the Penobscot Indians, approved February 12, 1855—were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of County Commissioners of Piscataquis for aid to a road;

Petition of Oliver Eveleth for a road from the foot of Moosehead Lake to Chesuncook Lake—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver H. Lewis and others that the County Commissioners may be authorized to determine what roads shall be kept open in the town of North Haven under the act of 1850, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Hiram Peavey for exclusive right to navigate the Passadumkeag River for a term of years, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Richard Hinman and others for side booms and piers below Bangor Bridge, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Selectmen of Union, for repeal of so much of an act authorizing the building of Georges Canal as relates to that part of the same which is in the town of Union, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses Wolcott and others of Washington;

“ of John W. Newbit and others of Rockland;

“ of C. Noyes and others of Vinalhaven;

“ of James Brackett and others of Rockland;

“ of James Burns and others of Washington;

“ of G. J. Burns and others of Rockland; all for a

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new County from certain towns in Lincoln and Waldo, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, *Clerk pro tem.*

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MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1856.

The Speaker being absent, on motion of Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth, it was

*Resolved*, That in the absence of the Speaker of the House, JOHN C. TALBOT, Jr., of Lubec, be unanimously declared to be elected Speaker *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate informing that body that in the absence of the Speaker and Clerk, JOHN C. TALBOT, Jr., had been elected Speaker *pro tem.*, and WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, Clerk *pro tem.*

Mr. FOSTER was charged with the message.

On motion of Mr. BARKER of Exeter, the roll of the House was called, and ninety-one members answered to their names.

Bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to whom was referred the report of the Commissioner of the Treasury, was ordered to be printed, in concurrence.

Report of the Commissioners appointed under resolve of March 12, 1855, for revising the public laws of the State, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to the expediency of amending an act to incorporate the Forest Grove Cemetery;

Relative to making further provision by law so as to secure greater promptitude and accuracy in the returns of votes;

Relative to the expediency of repealing chapter 183 of the public laws of 1855—were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of Abner Lampher and others, for a specific law regulating the picking up of drift logs and lumber in Penobscot River;

Petition of H. Strickland and others, for an act for better securing logs in Penobscot River—were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DANA of Wiscasset,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of revising the fee bill of Justices of the Peace in criminal actions.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FULLER of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending "An act for the regulation of Bowling Alleys," approved March 17, 1855.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 47 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, *Clerk pro-tem*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1856.

Mr. BLAKE of Bangor, presented the depositions of James H. Burgess and 32 others, to be used in the contested election of Alden B. Weed, returned member from Oldtown.

The same were referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. PUTNAM of Belfast, by leave, laid upon the table a bill additional to chapter 298 of the statutes of 1850.

The same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of jurors and witnesses.  
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Chester Rhoades and others of West Gardiner, to be set off to Gardiner;

Petition of Samuel Smith and others, that lots 136 and 137 be set off from Wellington to Kingsbery—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Tripp and others of Belfast and Swanville, for a law regulating the flowage of the meadow on Goose River stream in said towns, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Wm. G. Clark, for additional compensation as a member of the committee of the Board of Agriculture for 1855, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Swett and others of Paris;

“ of Robert Glover and others of Hebron, in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Libbey and others of Rockland;  
“ of Wm. A. Head and others of Rockland;  
“ of John Bird and others of Rockland;  
“ of Ephraim W. Pendleton and others of Rockland;  
all in favor of a new county from certain towns in Lincoln and  
Waldo—were severally referred to the Committee on Division  
of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, *Clerk pro tem.*

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1856.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be directed to  
inquire into the expediency of preparing and furnishing each  
Supervisor, Superintending School Committee and School Dis-  
trict, with a copy of the school laws of the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Foxcroft,

*Ordered*, That the petition of J. S. Holmes and others, ask-  
ing aid for Foxcroft Academy, together with the accompanying  
papers, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee  
on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SHACKLEY of Acton was at his own request excused  
from service on the Committee on Agriculture, and Mr. CAN-  
NELL of Naples appointed instead.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, by leave, laid upon the table a  
resolve providing for the promulgation of the laws of the State.

The resolve was once read, and Mr. TALBOT moved to sus-  
pend the rules so as to allow of a second reading at the present  
time.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was lost—yeas 73, nays 55.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Carrier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, Felker, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hunt, Hysom, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth—73.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Carrier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scanmon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth—55.

Mr. TALBOT subsequently withdrew his resolve by the unanimous consent of the House.

Resolve providing for a public printer came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The same was once read and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to the repeal of chapter 282 of the laws of 1852, and the amending section 12 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes;

Relative to amending sections 65 and 75 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes—were severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Land Agent be requested to furnish the House a statement in tabular form of the number of townships

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of land purchased of Massachusetts, designating therein the number and range of each, and how much of each has since been sold and the title passed, also designating which townships were under unexpired permits from Massachusetts and when said permits will expire, and exhibiting in the same manner the number and range of all other townships and parts of townships belonging to the State, and what has been conveyed since January 1, 1853, stating by their designations on the maps all the townships and parts of townships belonging to the State.

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That all petitions requiring order of notice, presented after the 15th day of February, be referred to the next Legislature without debate.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FULLER of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for extending the privileges of the common schools to children of parents residing upon territory in this State the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, so that all personal property taken on execution may be appraised and set off in the same manner as real estate now is by the above statutes.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWAZEY of Bucksport,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay upon the Clerk's desk five additional copies of the Acts and Resolves of 1855, for the use of the House.

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On motion of Mr. HOBART of Edmunds,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to sell the land in plantation No. 14, East Division, in the county of Washington, reserved for the future disposition of the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of James Babcock and Asa Smith, for a boom at Log Eddy in Mattawamkeag River;

Petition of J. B. Foss and others in aid of same—were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Tomah Socklexis and others of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, relative to the affairs of said tribe, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel McCaine and others, for the incorporation of the Brunswick Marble Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas T. Roberts, for remuneration for land sold by the State through mistake, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William W. Thomas and others, for the incorporation of the Dirigo Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Winn, President of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad;

Petition of Waldo T. Pierce and others, for a bridge over Kenduskeag stream at Bangor;

Petition of Charles Keene and others of Sumner;

“ of George Gregg and others of Andover;

“ of Nathaniel Bartlett and others of Hartford;

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Petition of T. Durell and others of Poland and Minot, all in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, *Clerk pro tem.*

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1856.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Supervisors and Superintending School Committees of the public schools of this State to cause their reports to be printed at the expense of the city, town or plantation, and circulated among the inhabitants thereof.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Buckfield,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to communicate to this House the facts as they appear by record of Council under date of December 25, 1855, in relation to a supposed erroneous payment by the State to Nathan M. Marble, former Treasurer of the county of Oxford, on account of costs in criminal prosecutions.

On motion of Mr. MORROW of Searsmont,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish a copy of the latest edition of Colton's map of Maine for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the establishment of a State Normal School.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Order relative to petitions requiring order of notice came back from the Senate amended by striking out the words "without debate."

The House concurred in the amendment.

Order from the Senate adding the following rule to the Joint Rules and Orders, viz :

"12. Orders directing inquiry in relation to any existing statute, shall state the subject matter of such statute; also the chapter and section to which the inquiry is directed." was passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, ordering notice on petition of H. Strickland and others;

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the disposition of the business referred by the last Legislature to the present—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve providing for a public printer was read the second time.

The question on the passage of the same to be engrossed in concurrence, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 84, nays 59.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Carrier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, Felker, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Miliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Palmer, Pat-ten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Trickey, True, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth—84.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier,

Cushman, Deering, Dingly, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Howes, Hume, Hunt, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—59.

On motion of Mr. KNIGHT of Otisfield,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having a law that ox sleds which shall be used upon our highways shall be five feet in width.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the president and directors of the City Bank, Bath, for increase of capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice on petition of Oakes Thompson and others.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice on petition of James Babcock and others.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRITTON of Winslow,

*Ordered*, That the members of the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society have the same privileges of the State Library as the members of the Legislature now have.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HANSCOM of South Berwick, by leave, presented a bill to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company, and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STANWOOD of Augusta, from the Special Committee for that purpose, reported the Rules and Orders of the House.

The report was accepted.

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Petition of John Dudley and others of Waite and Tallmadge plantations, for incorporation as a town by the name of Waite ;

Petition of William Watson and others, for the incorporation of Williams College Grant and Framingham Grant into a town by the name of Littletown ;

Remonstrance of H. F. Eaton and others, against the petition of William Watson and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Bird and others, of ward No. 7 in the city of Rockland, to be incorporated into a town by themselves ;

Petition of F. Hahn and others, to be set off from the town of Bremen to Waldoborough—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Moody and others, for incorporation of School District No. 4 in Woodstock ;

Petition of the Trustees of the East Maine Conference Seminary, for endowment—were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Creighton and others, for leave to change the channel of Mill river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. P. McKenney and others of Biddeford, for the incorporation of the City Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Bickford Mathews, for re-conveyance of land forfeited to the State, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Gilchrist, for leave to extend his wharf on Georges River to low water mark, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of Joshua Dunn and others;

“ of J. H. Skillings and others;

“ of H. Hutchinson and others;

“ of Joseph Hutchinson and others—all in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Bucknam and others, to make valid the doings of a meeting in reference to the sale of a meeting-house of the First Freewill Baptist Society in Lisbon;

Petition of J. V. Putnam and others, that one term of the Supreme Court for the county of Aroostook may be abolished, and for retrenchment of county expenses;

Petition of Ezra Clark and others, for an act authorizing the appointment of Gas Meter Inspectors;

Petition of M. Gilligan and others of Bangor, for the same;

“ of William Woodbury and others of Portland, for the same—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1856.

Resolves providing for a public printer were finally passed.  
Sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice on petition of Herman Wood and others;

Report of same Committee, ordering notice on petition of Benjamin Herrick and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Petition of the proprietors of Skowhegan Bridge, for alteration of their charter, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

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Petition of David White and others, that part of Norridge-wock may be annexed to Skowhegan, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of John K. Russell, for a settlement with the State relative to lands, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Academy, for endowment, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Forbes, member of the State Agricultural Society, for an allowance for expenses, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company.

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

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the same Committee, on an order relative to increasing the fees of Justices of the Peace in criminal cases, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel S. Brown, against the right of James M. Leach to a seat in this House, was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Message from the Governor returning with his objections bill An act in addition to chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, was taken up, the question being: Shall the bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

The question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 14, nays 107.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Bean, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, Burkett, Clark, Dennett, Hanscom, Hooper, Hunt, Knight, Tuttle—14.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Blake, J. Blanchard, Britton, R. P. Brown, W. Brown, Burleigh, Chamberlain, Chandler, Charles, Chase, Chesley, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, J. W. Coffin, Collins, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Deering, Dingly, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Felker, Fisher, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Gould, Gregg, Haley, Ham, Hammond, Handy, Hasty, Hewes, Hines, Hobart, Howes, Hume, Hunton, Hurd, Hysom, Irish, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Levensaler, Lindsay, Little, Lunt, Lyford, Lyman, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, J. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norris, Norton, Owen, Patten, Pearson, Pike, Pray, Putnam, Rich, Russell, Sargent, Sawyer, Scammon, Shackley, Silsby, Smith, Stanton, Stanwood, Stinson, Sweat, Talbot, Taylor, Titcomb, Todd, Trickey, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, West, Wing, Winslow, Woodman—107.

Message from the Governor returning with his objections bill An act to set off parts of Jefferson and Whitefield and annex the same to Patricktown Plantation, was taken up, the question being: Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

This question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 8, nays 116.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. J. C. Baker, D. H. Brown, J. B. Coffin, Goodale, Hobart, Hysom, Pike, Sweat—8.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Andrews, Archer, R. M. Baker, Barker, Barrows, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, W. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chandler, Charles, Chase, Chesley, Clark, Cochran, J. W. Coffin, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Deering, Dennett, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Felker, Fisher, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodwin, Gould, Gregg, Haley, Ham, Hammond, Hanscom, Handy, Hasty, Hewes, Hines, Hooper, Howes, Hume, Hunton, Hunt, Hurd, Irish, Johnson, Knight, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Levensaler, Little, Lunt,

Lyman, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, Miller, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norris, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pearson, Pishon, Pray, Putnam, Rich, Russell, Sargent, Scammon, Shackley, Silsby, Stanton, Stanwood, Stinson, Talbot, Taylor, Todd, Trickey, Trott, Vaughan, Wall, Walton, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, West, Wing, Winslow, Woodman—116.

On motion of Mr. DANA of Wiscasset,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay upon the Speaker's table forthwith, the several County Estimates received at his office.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of Buxton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that all free bridges, the cost of which exceeds eight hundred dollars, shall be supported by the County or Counties in which the same are located.

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to specifying the offenses for which commitments may be made to the Reform School;

Relative to chapter 177 of the public laws of 1855—were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Wadleigh and others of Buckfield and Hartford;

Petition of Ephraim Atwood and others of Buckfield and vicinity;

Petition of William Small, Jr., and others, of Raymond, all in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Caroline Bell for divorce;

“ of Jonathan Garland and others of Winslow, for a law to prohibit the exhibitions of traveling circus companies;

Petition of Samuel Smiley and others of Winslow, for same—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. M. Gray and others of Matinicus;  
“ of Freeman Hall and others of Matinicus;  
“ of Robert Heard and others of Muscle Ridge;  
“ of E. P. Healey and others of Rockland;  
“ of George Thorndike and others of S. Thomaston;  
“ of J. C. Adams and others of S. Thomaston;  
“ of Ezekiel Hall and others of S. Thomaston;  
“ of Barnard Ingraham and others of S. Thomaston;  
“ of Knott Crockett and others of Rockland, all for  
a new County from Lincoln and Waldo—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

The county estimates for the County of Waldo;  
“ “ “ for the County of Kennebec—were  
severally referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Petition of Seth O'Brien, that the State refund him the amount lost by an act of the Legislature, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others, that the moneys appropriated by the last Legislature for a new road from Blanchard's Mills to Shirley Mills, be expended on the present road, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Poor, Jr., for renewal of pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. COFFIN of Harrington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to examine into the expediency of changing the present license law relating to marriage, and report thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order granting the use of the Library to the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Library.

The House concurred.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of requiring city, town and plantation clerks to register in a book kept for that purpose, the names of all naturalized persons whose papers may have been or shall be presented, and approved by the aldermen, selectmen or assessors of said city, town or plantation.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the president and directors of the Calais Bank, for increase of capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 459 of the special laws of 1855, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Credentials of John Francis, were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1856.

On motion of Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Abigail O'Brien, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Message from the Governor, laying before the House the report of Dr. A. T. Wheelock, Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, was taken up; and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

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*Ordered*, That the petition of Abigail O'Brien, with the accompanying papers be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Message from the Governor, laying before the House the report of Dr. A. T. Wheelock, Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, was taken up, and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company," was read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. EMERSON of Orland, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of James Campbell and others, reported leave to withdraw. The report was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FROST of Norway, by leave, laid upon the table a bill "to amend An act entitled an act to incorporate the Norway Mutual Insurance Company."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SILSBY of Amherst,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of establishing a model or experimental farm under the care and patronage of the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Newry,

*Ordered*, The Senate concurring, that the Chaplains of this Legislature have the same privileges in regard to the Library as members of this Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Communication from the Secretary of State transmitting the County Estimates, was referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Communication from the Secretary of State as to costs with County Treasurer of Oxford County was laid upon the table.

Mr. LEVENSALER, from the Committee on Finance, reported a "Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State."

The resolve was read once, and Monday next assigned for the second reading.

Order from the Senate relative to amending section 3, of an act approved March 30, 1853, relating to the assignment of limits to highway surveyors, was passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of John Winn, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, by leave, presented a bill for the establishment of a Normal School.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to An act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TITCOMB of Kennebunk,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to consider whether further legislation is necessary to protect the public against foreign Insurance Companies, and for the security of persons having claims against said companies.

Send up for concurrence.

Petition of Passamaquoddy Indians for a lot of land, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Pratt and others of Rockland;

“ of J. Wakefield and others of Rockland;

“ of N. A. Farwell and others of Rockland;

Petition of D. C. Haskell and others of Rockland, all for a new county from Lincoln and Waldo—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1856.

On motion of Mr. HUME of Robbinston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act passed March 30, 1853, in relation to the time of holding town meetings and the assessment of taxes, and to see if it shall be so amended as to read, in the month of March or April annually, and in relation to the assessment, it shall be so amended as to read, the first day of May annually.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal the 183d chapter of the public laws of 1855, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bill was twice read and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Communication from the Hon. ISAAC REED, accepting the office of State Treasurer and transmitting his bond, was received from the Senate.

The communication was referred to the Committee on the Report of the Commissioner of the Treasury, in concurrence.

Message was received from the Governor, that on the 16th instant he had approved and signed:

An act to repeal an act entitled "An act annulling the naturalization powers of the courts in this State";

An act to repeal "An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens"; and

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An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction.

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Topsfield,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act in addition to an act in relation to Elections, approved October 2, 1840, approved February 12, 1855.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LANCASTER of Farmingdale,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Manufactures be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, so as to allow owners of grain to pay a compensation in money instead of one-sixteenth, as now ordered by said section.

Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State as to the payment made to the County Treasurer of Oxford County, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Elbridge G. Harlow and others;

“ Leonard Swallow and others, in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of S. A. Morse and others, for a repeal or modification of the charter of the Machias River Company, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Chadbourn for arrears of pension.

“ of Rufus N. Sanborn for a pension—were severally referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the overseers of Fairfield, for remuneration for aid furnished an indigent Indian;

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Petition of William Hogan for indemnity on account of the erection of the King monument;

Petition of George W. Kendall and others, in aid of the petition of William Hogan;

Petition of Simon F. Walker, for pay for services on warrants issued from the Police Court in Bangor—were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Seth O'Brien, came back from the Senate, the reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House insisted on its former vote.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Abraham Longley and others, that Orient plantation may be incorporated into a town by the name of Orient, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Kennebec Log Driving Company, for power to erect booms, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Directors of Bath Bank, for increase of capital, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joel Richardson and others, for giving to manufacturers of boards and other lumber a lien thereon, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Davis and others, for a bridge from Hallowell to Chelsea;

Petition of Gideon Mayo and others, in relation to the Penobscot Railroad Company;

Petition of H. K. Baker and others, in aid of the petition of John Davis and others;

Petition of Ezekiel Treat and others, for a toll bridge at

Livermore Falls—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. M. Gilman and others of St. George ;

“ of John R. Willey and others ;

“ of Josiah Whitehouse and others ;

“ of Asa M. Glover and others of North Haven ;

“ of Ezekiel Jones and others of St. George ;

“ of Jonathan Woster and others of North Haven ;

“ of Levi Smalley and others of St. George ;

“ of Robert Long and others of St. George ; all for a new County from Lincoln and Waldo counties ; and

Remonstrance of N. C. Fletcher and others of Camden ;

“ of John W. K. Norwood and others of Camden—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1856.

Order relative to the use of the Library by the Chaplains of the House and Senate, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Library.

The House receded and concurred.

Petition of Mary Rockwood and others, to be set off from Manchester to Augusta, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Order from the Senate relative to so amending the Constitution that all State and County officers now elected by the people may be elected by a majority and not a plurality vote, was passed in concurrence.

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Petition of David Smith and others, for aid to a new road from Greenville to Chesuncook Lake;

Petition of Eben Pillsbury and others, for an appropriation to repair a road from Kingfield to Dead River, in the County of Franklin—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the bond of Hon. Isaac Reed, Treasurer elect, was accepted in concurrence.

Message was received from the Governor relative to the Sheriff of Cumberland county, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, was returned from the Senate, amended as per sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The House receded, the amendments were adopted in concurrence, and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Petition of Seth O'Brien was returned from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former vote.

The House receded and concurred in the reference.

Bill to make valid the draft and doings of the grand jury for the county of Penobscot;

Bill additional to an act entitled "An act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations," approved January 30, 1852—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Shephard Boody, for a turnpike corporation from Aroostook Road to Mt. Katahdin, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal the 183d chapter of the public laws of 1855, came up, the question being on its passage to be engrossed, in concurrence.

This question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 77, nays 53.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Eaton, Felker, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Trickey, True, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth—77.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Deering, Dennett, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Hume, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, Morse, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Woodman—53.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Account of the town of Winslow, for aid furnished an indigent Indian, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORROW of Searsmont,

*Ordered*, That the petition of James Miller, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters at Belfast, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Francis, Governor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, for seed in planting time and aid in the erection of buildings, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of James M. Moore and others, owners of township No. 29, for abatement of taxes, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Samuel G. Edwards, for change of the name of his minor son, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of Ammi Dunham and others, against the petition of William Bucknam and others, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Horace Libby and others, to be set off from Strong to New Vineyard, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Robert H. Drummond and others of Winslow;

“ of Samuel Doolittle and others of Waterville;

“ of Thomas Stackpole and others of Vassalborough;

“ of Alfred Marshall and others of China; all that said towns may be authorized to build and maintain a free bridge across Sebasticook River;

Petition of Joel Hall and others, in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1856.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Buckfield,

*Ordered*, That the petitions to the last Legislature praying for the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution, that the Governor and Senators may hereafter be chosen by a plurality vote, instead of a majority as they now are.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. COFFIN of Harrington,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish the Clerk with five more copies of the acts and resolves of 1855, for the use of the House.

Bill An act to repeal an act to unite Anson and North Anson, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Credentials of Joseph Sockabasin were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on an order relative to the support of bridges by the Counties, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TODD of Portland,

*Ordered*, That all remonstrances against incorporating the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act granting further powers to the proprietors of Forest Grove Cemetery.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve in favor of the West Penobscot Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FULLER of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report whether any further legislation is necessary or expe-

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dient in relation to the property or debts of persons under guardianship.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the renewal of a portion of the State debt, was finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company ;

Bill An act to repeal the 183d chapter of the public laws of 1855—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Petition of the Portland Steam Packet Company, for increase of capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Caroline Bell for divorce, was accepted in concurrence.

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Orient plantation, against incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of C. F. Smith for wolf bounty, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John J. Perry and others, to be incorporated as a Marine Wharf and Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel C. Counce and others, for a new County, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. K. Killsa was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of the Directors of Casco Bank, for increase of capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Brackett and others ;

“ of M. Holland and others ;

“ of Cyrus Bridgham and others ;

“ of D. W. Tyler and others ;

“ of Hiram Ricker and others ;

“ of Gaines Chandler and others ;

“ of J. N. Saunders and others ;

“ of Thomas Lane and others ;

“ of C. K. Smith and others ; all in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the subject of fruit.

The Committee rose, and the Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State report to the House the names of all corporations that have failed to make annual returns to the office of Secretary of State, as required by the 76th chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1856.

Mr. FOSTER of Newry moved to reconsider the vote of the House accepting the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Caroline Bell.

The motion was laid upon the table, and to-morrow assigned.

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Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a resolve in favor of the members of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society.

The rule was suspended, the resolve twice read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of Committee on Division of Counties, ordering notice on petition of James Brackett and others, and sundry other petitions for a new County;

Report of Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice on petition of Jefferson Moulton and others;

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, ordering notice on the petition of the Kennebec Log Driving Company;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of Samuel H. Moulton and others;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of S. A. Moore and others;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice on the petition of John Bow and others;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of F. Hahn and others;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John W. Hussey and others;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others;

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on the petition of F. O. J. Smith;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of Gideon Mayo and others;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of Eben Cobb and others;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of the Selectmen of Union—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to the tenure of real estate by aliens, was passed in concurrence.

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Bill An act to make valid the draft and doings of the Grand Jury for the County of Penobscot, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

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

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported bill An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank, Hallowell;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill An act granting further powers to the proprietors of the Forest Grove Cemetery, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Francis, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The rule was suspended, the resolve twice read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Message was received from the Governor that on the 23d instant, he had approved and signed An act to repeal the 183d chapter of the public laws of 1855.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported a bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Petition of Joseph Dearborn and others of Hartford, in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Edmund Perkins and others, for incorporation as a Mutual and Stock Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

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Petition of E. G. Savage and others, for incorporation of the North Somerset Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWAZEY of Bucksport,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be instructed to take from the files of the last Legislature the papers connected with the petition of the East Maine Conference Seminary, for endowment, and commit them to the Joint Standing Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the State Librarian was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Reuben Orff and others of North Waldoborough, against the division of Lincoln County and in favor of the removal of the shire town to Waldoborough, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thaddeus Spear and others of West Gardiner;

Remonstrance of Herman Stinson and others of West Gardiner; both against setting off a part of their town to Gardiner—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Caleb Chaplin, that a part of his farm may be set off from Bridgton to Naples, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Woodbury Storer and others, for the establishment of an insolvent system;

Petition of A. W. H. Clapp and others, for an alteration of the usury laws—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Cummings and others, for a Mutual Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry Upton, for a pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Credentials of Peol Sockis were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Butler and others, for aid in repairing roads in No. 2, range 2, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the town officers of Cutler, for a correction of an error in the tax of 1855, was referred to the joint delegation from the County of Washington.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Topsfield, for remuneration for the support of foreign paupers, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Reuben Morse and others ;

“ of Elbridge Field and others ;

“ of W. H. Vinton and others ;

“ of Moses Plummer and others ;

“ of Joseph M. Leighton and others ; all in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1856.

Petition of Daniel B. Norwood, for permission to construct piers and weirs into tide waters at Eastport, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Averill and others, of Temple, to be set off to Wilton;

Petition of John B. Reed and others, to be set off from plantation No. 4, and annexed to Wilton;

Petition of Cyrus Fenderson and others, of Wilton, in aid of petition of James Averill and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Paul M. Fisher, against the right of Horace Wentworth to a seat in this House, was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Petition of Merritt Austin and others, for a new County from Lincoln and Waldo, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of F. S. McGowan and others, of Gardiner, for a law relative to the appointment of Inspectors of Gas Meters;

Petition of James Miller, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters at Belfast—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORSE of Bath, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported:

Bill An act to authorize the establishment of city scales.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, reported:

Bill An act requiring Supervisors and Superintending School Committees to cause their reports to be published.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. RECORD of Danville, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported:

Bill An act for the removal of paupers having no settlement within this State.

The bill was twice read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LINDSAY of Norridgewock, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to repealing section 11 of chapter 151 of the Revised Statutes, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to the pay of jurors and witnesses, reported:

On the subject of the pay of jurors, legislation inexpedient; and

On the subject of the pay of witnesses, a bill An act increasing the pay of witnesses.

The bill was twice read, and Tuesday next assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act to make valid the draft and doings of the Grand Jury for the County of Penobscot, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank at Hallowell;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of Union Wharf in Portland;

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School—were received from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. The same were severally twice read, and ordered to be printed.

Remonstrance of Andrew J. Dodge and others, against the repeal of an act to incorporate the town of Rangeley, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Francis, was finally passed.  
Sent to the Senate.

Communication was received from the Land Agent, accompanied by a schedule of demands due the State, and the same was ordered to be printed.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath;

Bill An act additional to the act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank—were received from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Resolve in favor of the members of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The House receded, and the bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the election of State and County officers by a majority and not a plurality vote, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relative to amending section three of an act of March 30, 1853, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice on the petition of David White and others;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on a bill to repeal chapter 489 of private and special laws—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Joseph Gilchrist, that the same be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, was amended as on sheet A, in concurrence, and accepted as amended, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WENTWORTH of Corinna,

*Ordered*, That the petitions on the files of the last Legislature, asking aid for Corinna Union Academy, and all other papers and documents relating thereto, be taken from said files and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Granville Child and others, of Canton, for a charter for a bridge over the Androscoggin, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of C. K. Eddy, in favor of W. R. Webb, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate relative to the assessment of taxes, was passed in concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias moved severally to reconsider the votes of the House by which were passed to be engrossed, bills,

An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank, Hallowell;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank.

The motions to reconsider were severally laid upon the table, and Wednesday next assigned for their consideration.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1856.

On motion of Mr. SWAZEY of Bucksport,

*Ordered*, That the use of this Hall be granted to General Pomeroy of Kansas, on Tuesday evening next, to lecture on the present position of affairs in that Territory.

Bill An act to repeal an act regulating the formation of Military Companies, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and Wednesday next assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act enlarging the powers of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned for its third reading.

Resolve relating to meteorological observations, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the election of Governor and Senators by a plurality vote, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. TITCOMB of Kennebunk, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported order of notice on petition of John J. Perry and others.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act granting further powers to the proprietors of Forest Grove Cemetery;

Bill An act to make valid the draft and doings of the Grand Jury for the County of Penobscot—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to authorize the establishment of city scales, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act requiring Supervisors and Superintending School Committees to cause their reports to be published, was read the third time, and laid upon the table.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank ;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath—were severally read the third time, and assigned for Wednesday next.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. PIKE of Topsfield, moved to reconsider the vote by which Resolve in favor of the members of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society was passed to be engrossed.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 12, nays 78.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Charles, J. B Coffin, J. Foster, Hooper, Irish, Levensaler, J. Merrill, Norton, Pike, Prince, Sawyer, Wall—12.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Barker, Blake, J. Blanchard, E. Brown, W. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Chamberlain, Chandler, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Collins, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Dakin, Darling, Dennett, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Felker, Fisher, Frost, Fuller, Gilman, Goodwin, Haley, Handy, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Howes, Hume, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, Miller, Milliken, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Nason, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Putnam, Reed, Rich, Scammon, Silsby, Smith, Stanwood, Stinson, Swazey, Sweat, Talbot, Taylor, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Trott, Tuttle, Watson, Webster, Weed, D. Wentworth, West, Woodman—78.

So the motion was lost, and the resolve was finally passed.  
Sent to the Senate.

Petition of John A. Poor and others, for a law authorizing aliens to hold and transmit real estate, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Wheelock and others, to be set off from South Thomaston to Thomaston, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1856.

Petition of Nathan Elden, in relation to judicial proceedings in certain cases;

Petition of S. G. Burt and others of Aroostook County, that the spring term of the Supreme Court for that county may be abolished;

Petition of the city of Portland, for authority to carry into effect the report of the Commissioners relative to Portland Inner Harbor;

Petition of Lewiston Falls Village Corporation, for a division of said corporation—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Keziah Glover for a change of name;

“ Abba H. Lafkin for a change of name—were severally referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of J. Wingate Carr and others, for the establishment of a Board of Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Dutton and others, for the incorporation of an Academy at Ellsworth, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Dennis Moore and others, for a charter of a bank in Norridgewock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Message was received from the Senate, that in the absence of the Secretary of that branch, NATHANIEL C. REED had been elected Secretary *pro tempore*.

Order relative to the pay of County Commissioners, was passed in concurrence.

Bill An act to enlarge the powers of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill additional to chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, ordering notice on the petition of James Miller, was accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners appointed by authority of a resolve approved April 12, 1854, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of E. A. Jenks and others, for the passage of a law relative to laborers in slate quarries, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of James Rankin, for remuneration for services of his son, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Union,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House cause to be printed a diagram of the House, with seats of the members, and that the same be published with the rules and orders of the House.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, introduced the following order, viz:

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Rules and Orders of the House, be instructed to have the amendments of the Con-

stitution adopted last September, printed with the Rules and Orders.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, the order was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1856.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown,

*Ordered,* That the Secretary of State be requested to lay upon the Speaker's table the report of the Superintending School Committee of the town of Oldtown, of their doings under the resolve approved February 12, 1855, entitled a "Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians."

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

*Ordered,* That a Committee of five, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed a Committee to contract with some suitable person or persons to do the printing of the State for the ensuing year.

The Speaker appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Merrill of Rockland, Frost of Norway, Lyman of Portland, Currier of Orrington.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SILSBY of Amherst,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending our school laws, that the elements of agriculture may be taught in our common schools, and as a science constitute a prominent feature in the educational system of the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Remonstrance of Albion P. Oakes and others of Waldoboro';

" of Joseph H. Davis " " "

" of Edward R. Haler " " "

" of William Bearce " " "

" of Spencer Mero and others of Union;

" of John Bornheimer and others of Washington;

" of Robert Geyer and others of Friendship;

" of George Sidensparker and others of Warren;

" of Augustus Heyer and others of Bremen;

" of Benjamin Hall and others of Nobleborough;

" of C. J. Andrews and others of Camden; all

against a new County from Lincoln and Waldo—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. Ward Dam and others of Sanford, to be incorporated into a Union Trade Association;

Petition of I. H. Eaton and others of Camden, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters—were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Harris, that the name of Kilmarnock may be changed to Medford, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to the act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank," was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to increase the pay of witnesses, was read the third time, amended as on sheets A, B and C, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act enlarging the powers of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

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Petition of J. Chamberlain and others, for aid to a road across township letter A, range 6 ;

Petition of same, for aid to another road through the same township—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the President and Directors of the Veazie Bank, for reduction of capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Milford Railroad Company, for extension of time to complete branch tracks, and for additional powers, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, as to Inspectors of Fish, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, as to corporations that have not made their annual returns, was laid upon the table.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a communication from Joseph Henry, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, introduced the following order :

*Ordered*, The Senate concurring, that the Governor and Council be requested to transmit to the Legislature the returns of the votes given in at the last September election upon the constitutional amendments, submitted to the people by resolves of the last Legislature, agreeably to the provisions of said resolves.

Mr. SWAZEY of Bucksport, moved to lay the order upon the table and assign to-morrow for its further consideration.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 49, nays 73.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, Cushman, Deering

Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gregg, Haley, Ham, Handy, Hines, Howes, Hume, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Walton, Weed, West, Woodman—49.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Blake, J. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Chandler, Charles, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodwin, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler, Little, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Vaughan, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—73.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, moved to amend by striking out the following words, viz: "*Agreeably to the provision of said Resolves.*"

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 50, nays 74.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, Cushman, Deering, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, West, Woodman—50.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Blake, J. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler,

Little, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—74.

So the amendment was lost.

The question on the passage of the order was then taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 75, nays 49.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Blake, J. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler, Little, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Scammon, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—75.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, Caushman, Deering, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hines, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Silsby, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, West, Woodman—49.

So the order was passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1856.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, gave notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the vote by which the order introduced yesterday by Mr. FULLER of Augusta, was passed.

Mr. TITCOMB, by leave, laid a bill upon the table. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill regulating the fees of Justices of the Peace, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts, in certain cases, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, from the Committee on Finance, reported order of notice on petition of Abijah Usher and others.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, from the same Committee, on a communication from the Secretary of State relative to an over-payment by the State to Nathan M. Marble, former Treasurer of the County of Oxford, reported further legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. RICH of Frankfort, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of the proprietors of Skowhegan bridge, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. ELDEN of Waterville reported orders of notice respectively on the petitions of Robert H. Drummond and others, Samuel Doolittle and others, Thomas Stackpole and others, and Alfred Marshall and others.

These reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, by leave, presented a bill to amend section sixty-three of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the Revised Statutes.

The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies, was read the third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, ordering notice on the petition of the city of Portland;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of William Bucknam and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of the Lewiston Falls Corporation—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to the liens of laborers and mechanics;

Relative to the equity powers of the Supreme Judicial Court—were severally passed in concurrence.

Bills from the Senate,

Relating to attachments on lumber to secure lien for labor;

To regulate the succession of corporations in certain cases, and for other purposes—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, relative to the school returns from the town of Oldtown, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to establish a public library in the town of Eastport, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill An act increasing the pay of witnesses, came back from the Senate the amendments non-concurred, and the bill passed to be engrossed without amendment. The House insisted on

its former vote and proposed a conference. Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Chase of Buckfield, and Patterson of Madison, were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to authorize the establishment of city scales, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Petition of William Purrington, for charter of a bank at Bowdoinham;

Petition of People's Bank, for increase of capital stock—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Jordan and others, for further legislation upon the admissibility of witnesses, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Ireland and others, for an act regulating the driving of logs over the dams at St. Albans village, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition in aid of Benjamin Smith, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of G. L. Boynton and others, for further time to pay for certain lands purchased of the State, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, informing the House that on the 28th day of January instant, he had approved and signed,

An act to make valid the draft and doings of the grand jury for the County of Penobscot.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco moved to reconsider the vote giving passage to the order which was introduced yesterday by Mr. FULLER of Augusta.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 57, nays 80.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—57.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, Felker, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth—80.

So the motion was lost.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1856.

Communication from the Secretary of State, laying before the Legislature such returns of the cashiers of banks and clerks of corporations, as have been received at his office, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, informing the House that on the 30th of January instant, he had approved and signed An act to authorize the establishment of city scales.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to the expediency of amending chapter 172 of the laws of 1855;

Relative to amending chapter 85 of the laws of 1848;

Relative to order of notice on petition of Oakes Thompson and others;

Relative to the collection of non-resident taxes—were severally passed in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School;

Bill An act to establish a public library in the town of Eastport—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A message from the Governor, transmitting returns of votes on constitutional amendments, was laid upon the table.

Mr. CUTTER of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve in favor of W. R. Webb.

The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. PUTNAM of Belfast, by leave, laid upon the table a bill to incorporate the Belfast Unitarian Parsonage House Proprietary, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CHASE of Buckfield, by leave, laid upon the table a bill to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Steam Manufacturing Company, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUTTER of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and In-

surance be directed to inquire what alteration, if any, should be made in the laws relating to sales at auction and licensing auctioneers.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for the removal of paupers having no residence in this state;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company—were severally read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice severally on the

Petition of Mary Rockwood and others;

“ of Chester Rhoades and others;

“ of John B. Reed and others;

“ of James Averill and others;

“ of Oliver Wheeler and others.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice on the petition of William Moore and others.

These reports were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported a bill An act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Lake Boom Corporation.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Union,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Judiciary Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the sale of intoxicating liquors, be directed to report as soon as possible.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston,

Ordered, That the message of the late Governor and report of Council on the amendments of the constitution relating to the elective franchise, together with the returns from the several cities, towns and plantations on the same, be referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of ten on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston, Gregg of Freeport, Palmer of Dixmont, Todd of Portland, Gilman of Sebec, Fuller of Augusta, Emerson of Orland, Coffin of Harrington, Taylor of Byron, and Russell of Phillips, were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, ordering notice on petition of James Creighton and others;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of A. C. Buffum and others, ordering notice—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Castine Mechanics' Association, were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to the Committee on the Reform School;

Relative to chapter 141 of the public laws of 1855;

Relative to chapter 144 of the public laws of 1855—were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of Maria G. Wellington for divorce;

“ of William G. Cleaves of Biddeford, for an act authorizing towns to contribute to the construction of the Wash-

ington Monument—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Sanford Noble, for reimbursement for money paid the state, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Message from the Governor, relative to the Smithsonian Institute, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George W. Littlefield and others, for the preservation of fish in Brewer pond, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ira Wadleigh and others, in reference to a canal, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of B. B. Haskell and others of Waldoborough;

“ of town of Thomaston;

“ of Enos Trask and others of Nobleborough;

“ of Samuel F. Hinds and others of Bristol;

“ of Thaddeus S. Weeks and others of Damariscotta; all against a new county;

Petition of John P. Phillips and others, to be set off from Dedham to Holden—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1856.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Plymouth, the communication of the Secretary of State relative to corporations that have not made their annual returns, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Samuel Smith and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of Thomas Ellsworth and others, reported order of notice.

The same gentleman from the same Committee, on the petition of Horace Libbey and others, reported order of notice.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of H. Eaton and others, reported order of notice.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Castine Mechanics' Association—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relative to the width of ox sleds, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of the overseers of the town of Fairfield, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of Joint Select Committee to contract for the state printing, submitting a contract with Fuller & Fuller;

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on the petition of S. L. Bolter and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the commissioners appointed by authority of resolve passed April 12, 1854, came from the Senate re-committed with instructions.

The House concurred.

Order from the Senate relative to the yearly increase of the school fund, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. Marble and others of Dixfield;

“ of Cassander Brown and others of Carthage;

“ of Curtis P. Howe and others of Mexico—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, reported bill An act to incorporate the Ellsworth Academy.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before the House the annual report of the Bank Commissioners for distribution.

On motion of Mr. TUTTLE of Canaan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so altering or amending the school laws of this state as to make it the duty of the superintending school committees and supervisors of schools in the several cities, towns and plantations, to employ the teachers for the several districts therein instead of district agents doing the same.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Consider Winslow and others;

“ of Francis Oliver and others; both that the old line between Bath and West Bath may be restored—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Emery Edes and others, in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

“ Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Alanson Greer and others, to be set off from Morrill to Belmont, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of W. R. Webb, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1856.

Petition of James M. Bangs, for leave to construct a weir into tide waters at Lubec, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of city of Portland, for authority to appropriate \$60,000 in construction of wharves and docks for the accommodation of foreign steamers, was referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting on the part of the House of Messrs. Todd of Portland, Blake of Bangor, Titcomb of Kennebunk, Blanchard of Yarmouth, McGilvery of Prospect, with such as the Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Ellsworth Academy, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, reported a bill An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States.

The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned for its third reading.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the report of the Maine Commissioner to the Universal Exhibition, reported that the same be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. TREAT of Eastport, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Samuel H. Moulton and others, reported order of notice.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on petitions of H. K. Baker and others, and of John Davis and others;

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on petition of Luther Hapworth and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petitions of Jonathan Garland and others, and of Samuel Smiley and others, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of the road leading from Fairfield's Mills through township four, range four, west from the east line of the state, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was once read, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

Order from the Senate relative to the taxation of the rights of flowage, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of David Bean and others of Brownfield;

“ of Richard Davis and others of Bridgton;

“ of William H. Tower and others of Sweden;

“ of David Potter and others of Sebago;

“ of E. G. Kimball and others of Lowell;

“ of Randall Dyer and others of Bridgton, all for a new county from Oxford and Cumberland, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Framingham grant, against the incorporation of said grant, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1856.

On motion of Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield,

Ordered, That in the absence of WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, Assistant Clerk, MELVILLE W. FULLER be appointed Assistant Clerk *pro tempore*.

Order from the Senate, as to notice on the petition of Fred-eric Hahn, was passed in concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A.

The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States, was read the third time and laid upon the table.

Bill in addition to An act authorizing school district No. 1, in Bucksport, to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Folsom, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the several petitions for a new county, composed of parts of Cumberland and Oxford, be taken from the files of 1855 and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 71, of chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, so that the account therein required of any mortgagee, pledgee or holder shall be rendered upon oath;

Also, into the expediency of requiring said mortgagee to assign his mortgage to a subsequent mortgagee or attaching creditor, upon the payment of the amount due thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

The following order was received from the Senate:

Ordered, That the several Joint Standing Committees be instructed, in issuing order of notice, not to issue any returnable after the twentieth day of February, 1856.

The order was passed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Marine Insurance Company;

Bill An act regulating the fees of justices of the peace, and of judges and recorders of municipal or police courts, in criminal cases;

Bill An act in addition to an act approved March 29, 1854, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company;

Bill An act to establish a public library in the town of Eastport;

Bill An act to incorporate the Castine Mechanics' Association—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Petition of Hiram Emery and others, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of I. Fairfield and others, for aid on road in Crystal plantation;

Petition of John N. Winslow and others, for aid on road from No. 9, Range 6, to Aroostook river—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edward Gray and others, for aid on machinery at Madawaska, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of Augusta, to be included in the South Kennebec Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel D. Gray and others, that certain islands may be set off from Brooksville to Castine, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition in aid of petition of Richard Libbey and others;
Remonstrance of Joseph Bradstreet and others, against the petition of Samuel H. Moulton—were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Linnell and others, to be set off from Otisfield to Oxford;

Petition of J. C. Shirley and others;

“ of Henry A. Small and others;

“ of Charles G. Allen and others;

“ of John Sanderson and others;

“ of O. H. Day and others;

“ of Sewell Fly and others;

“ of J. S. Hobbs and others;

“ of George Haskell and others;

“ of Samuel Ilsley and others;

“ of Jordan Stacey and others;

“ of Benjamin Webber and others;

“ of James Hobbs, jr., and others, all for a new county from Oxford and Cumberland—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1856.

On motion of Mr. CUSHMAN of Hebron,

Ordered, That all remonstrances that are on file which were presented to the last Legislature against a new county to be composed of towns from Oxford and Cumberland counties, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Atkins Bumpus, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of John H. Spring and others;

“ of Joseph Martin and others, both for a new county from Oxford and Cumberland counties—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Augustus Perley, to be set off from Bridgton Centre;

Petition of William M. Rogers and Cornelius Tarbox, for a confirmation of their rights in the Sagadahoc Ferry;

Remonstrance of John R. Lemont, against setting off the district of Winnegance from Bath to West Bath—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act relating to the fees of justices of the peace, and of judges and recorders of municipal and police courts, in criminal cases;

Bill An act in addition to an act approved March 29, 1854, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate;

Bill An act to incorporate the Union Wharf in Portland—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank—were severally taken up, and Thursday next assigned for their further consideration.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, by leave, laid upon the table a bill relative to bank returns.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Nathaniel Spratt against the right of George Hodgdon to a seat in this House, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was re-committed, with instructions to report a statement of facts.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the credentials of members, reported a list of persons entitled to a seat in this House, as follows:

COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN.

Reuben P. Brown,	Livermore.
Jeremiah Dingley, jr.	Auburn.
Jacob B. Ham,	Lewiston.
Thomas Owen,	Leeds.
Calvin Record,	Danville.
William Stanton,	Poland.
Aaron J. West,	Lisbon.

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK.

Parker P. Burleigh,	Linneus.
Samuel W. Collins,	Letter H.
Stephen P. Hewes,	Masardis.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Samuel Andrews, 2d,	Bridgton.
Jacob C. Baker,	Gorham.
Sylvanus C. Blanchard,	Yarmouth.
Ezra Brown,	Windham.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, (*Continued.*)

John G. Cannell,	Naples.
William Gregg,	Freeport.
Johnson W. Knight,	Otisfield.
James M. Leach,	Raymond.
Josiah S. Little,	Portland.
Sylvanus R. Lyman,	do.
William Prince,	Falmouth.
Jeremiah Mitchell,	Pownal.
James Norton,	Baldwin.
James Todd,	Portland.
James Trickey,	Cape Elizabeth.
Adams True,	North Yarmouth.
Samuel S. Wing,	Brunswick.
Daniel Winslow,	Westbrook.

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Russell S. Currier,	Wilton.
John Haley,	Rangeley.
Daniel Howes,	New Sharon.
Sumner Russell,	Phillips.
Z. Morton Vaughan,	New Vineyard.

COUNTY OF HANCOCK.

Aaron P. Emerson,	Orland.
Joseph W. Handy,	Gouldsborough.
Haskell W. Johnson,	Bluehill.
Thomas Mayo, jr.,	Mt. Desert.
John L. Moore,	Ellsworth.
William H. Sargent,	Sedgwick.
Lemuel S. Silsby,	Amherst.
Benjamin F. Stinson,	Swan Island.
John N. Swasey,	Bucksport.

COUNTY OF KENNEBEC.

John Blanchard,	Pittston.
Isaac W. Britton,	Winslow.
Daniel H. Brown,	Benton.
Jones R. Elden,	Waterville.

COUNTY OF KENNEBEC, (*Continued.*)

Benjamin A. G. Fuller,	Augusta.
Paul Hammond,	Sidney.
George W. Hunton,	Readfield.
Thomas Hysom,	Windsor.
Daniel Lancaster,	Farmingdale.
Aaron S. Lyford,	Mt. Vernon.
Josiah Norris, jr.,	Wayne.
Hiram Pishon,	Vassalborough.
Henry Reed,	Hallowell.
Daniel C. Stanwood,	Augusta.
Charles P. Walton,	Gardiner.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

Joseph Cargill,	Newcastle.
William S. Cochran,	Waldoborough.
Horace Curtis,	Nobleborough.
Edmund Dana,	Wiscasset.
Joseph Irish,	Union.
Atwood Levensaler,	Thomaston.
Thomas Marr, jr.,	Southport.
John Merrill,	Rockland.
Elijah C. Morton,	Friendship.
John Pool,	Bristol.
Richard R. Wall,	St. George.
John A. Woodman,	Whitefield.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Samuel L. Chandler,	Fryeburg.
Benjamin W. Charles,	Stow.
Thomas Chase,	Buckfield.
Christopher C. Cushman,	Hebron.
Orrin Foster,	Newry.
David Frost,	Norway.
Hiram Hines,	Hartford.
Joel S. Sawyer,	Stoneham.
Richard Taylor,	Byron.

COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT.

Noah Barker,	Exeter.
William A. Blake,	Bangor.
Horace Brown,	Carroll.
Bela H. Chesley,	Patten.
Micajah Currier,	Orrington.
William Cutter,	Bangor.
Samuel S. Dakin,	Carmel.
Daniel W. Davis,	Clifton.
Nathaniel C. Deering,	Hampden.
Joseph W. Eaton,	Plymouth.
William R. Miller,	Howland.
William H. Palmer,	Dixmont.
Thomas G. Watson,	Corinth.
James Webster,	Orono.
Horace Wentworth,	Corinna.

COUNTY OF PISCATAQUIS.

Chester Chamberlain,	Foxcroft.
Stephen Darling,	Greenville.
John H. Gilman,	Sebec.
Samuel Smith,	Kingsbery.

COUNTY OF SAGadahoc.

William Fisher,	Arrowsic.
William H. Lunt,	Bowdoinham.
Freeman H. Morse,	Bath.
William Patten,	Richmond.
Lemuel Trott,	Woolwich.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

Andrew Archer,	Fairfield.
Roswell M. Baker,	Cornville.
Isaiah Felker,	Concord.
Elisha Goodwin,	Detroit.
Nathaniel N. Hooper,	Cambridge.
Stephen D. Lindsay,	Norridgewock.
Albert Moore,	North Anson.
Thomas Patterson,	Madison.
Van Renselaer Tuttle,	Canaan.

COUNTY OF WALDO.

Gilman S. Barrows,	Camden.
Andrew D. Bean,	Brooks.
Andrew Burkett,	Appleton.
Gilman Gould,	Monroe.
F. A. Hunt,	Vinalhaven.
John Hurd,	Northport.
Henry McGilvery,	Prospect.
Elias Milliken,	Burnham.
Thomas M. Morrow,	Searsmont.
Daniel Putnam,	Belfast.
Lathley Rich,	Frankfort.
Daniel Wentworth,	Knox.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

John B. Coffin,	Harrington.
John W. Coffin,	Cherryfield.
William Duren,	Calais.
Jeremiah Foster,	East Machias.
Isaac Hobart,	Edmunds.
John Hume,	Robbinston.
Edmund Pearson, jr.,	Machias.
John B. Pike,	Topsfield.
John C. Talbot, jr.,	Lubec.
Upham S. Treat,	Eastport.

COUNTY OF YORK.

Warren Brown,	Kennebunkport.
Charles Came,	York.
George Clark,	Biddeford.
Mark Dennett,	Kittery.
Enoch Goodale,	Wells.
John Hanscom,	South Berwick.
Simeon S. Hasty,	Limerick.
Ansel Merrill,	Buxton.
James Nason,	Lyman.
Nathan Neal,	North Berwick.
James Pray,	Lebanon.
Seth Scammon,	Saco.
Daniel Shackley,	Shapleigh.

COUNTY OF YORK, (*Continued.*)

John B. Sweat,	Parsonsfield.
George P. Titcomb,	Kennebunk.
Edwin W. Wedgewood,	Cornish.

The report was accepted.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company, was passed to be enacted.

' Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Marine Mutual Insurance Company, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to extend the time for filing the location of the European and North American Railway, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing Isaac Gage to build a reservoir on the capitol grounds, was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom, was received from the Senate amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The resolve was once read, and February 13th assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Joshua Dunn and others, that banking in this state may be regulated by general laws, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of H. M. Eaton and others, for a law requiring persons of the same name to affix some distinguishing addition, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1856.

Petition of James M. Durgin and others, of Freeport, relative to the shad fisheries in that town, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Moses R. Mathews and others of Warren;
“ of David Hall and others of Nobleborough;
“ of Joseph Ross and others of Jefferson;
“ of Benjamin Safford and others; all against a new county from Lincoln and Waldo, and in favor of changing the shire town of Lincoln—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Goss, for aid in the erection of a mill in township 15, range 7, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George R. Tarbox, for the incorporation of the Red Beach Plaster Company;

Petition of Samuel Veazie, for the incorporation of the Old-town Manufacturing Company;

Petition of S. G. Burnham, for the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of M. L. Burr for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Pomeroy, for increase of pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Norridgewock;

“ of William Allen and others; both against the petition of David White and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Hall and others, to be set off from Litchfield to Wales, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jonathan Estes and others of China;

“ Edward Emerson and others of China;

“ Samuel Taylor and others of China; all for a Mechanics Association—were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the time in which any order of notice may be made returnable, be extended to the 27th instant.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BAKER of Gorham, by leave, laid upon the table a bill in addition to chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes.

The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURKETT of Appleton,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to take from the files of 1840, the papers in the case of Benjamin Smith, and refer the same to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order relative to the time in which orders of notice may be made returnable, came back from the Senate non-concurred.

The House receded and concurred.

Remonstrance of Zebulon Ingersoll and others;

“ of John McClusky and others; both against abolishing one term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Aroostook county, were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on the petition of Ezekiel Treat and others ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of William W. Cleaves and others, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Maria G. Wellington, granting leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of H. M. Eaton and others, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to extend the time for filing the location of the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad, and building the same, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of George Parks and others, in aid of the road from the forks of the Kennebec to Canada line, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Topsfield,

Ordered, That the petition of John Dudley and others, inhabitants of Waite plantation, for remuneration for lumber hauled from School Blocks, be taken from the files, and that the same, together with the certificate accompanying this order, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be directed to inquire into the whole management of the affairs of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, from 1820 to the present time—the right of the agent to lease the lands on shares, for a term of years, on the islands in the Penobscot river—the mode of keeping the accounts and settlements with them—how much and in what way they are paid the amount appropriated them by the state ; also, as to the cause of the difficulties in the tribe by which they claim to have two Representatives to the Legislature, and whether the accounts of the several agents have been properly audited and settled.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TREAT of Eastport, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported order of notice on the petition of James M. Bangs.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Nathaniel Spratt, reported a statement of facts. The report was laid upon table and ordered to be printed.

Resolve in aid of the road from Fairfield's Mills through township 4, range 4, west from the east line of the state, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1856.

On motion of Mr. CUTTER of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Land Agent be directed to communicate to the Legislature a list of the notes in the land office given for land, the date, amount, and time of maturity; specifying in each case the tract or township for which the same were given, and which were advertised by the Land Agent under resolve approved April 20, 1854.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FULLER of Augusta,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Ellis for compensation for certain services and expenditures, with accompanying papers, be taken from the files of 1855 and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order relative to the papers in the case of Benjamin Smith, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

The House recessed and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of James M. Bangs, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A and accepted as amended.

The House receded, and the report was amended in concurrence, and accepted as amended, in concurrence.

Petition of James T. Leavitt and others, for the repeal of the act incorporating the Skowhegan and Bloomfield Village Corporation;

Remonstrance of Abner Coburn and others, against the same;

Petition of Simon Goodrich and others, for a modification of the pauper laws—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Caleb P. Marsh, to be set off from Dixfield to Canton, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of James Emery, for a better system of making and repairing highways, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Incorporation of Towns, ordering notice on the petition of Samuel Harris and others;

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, ordering notice on the petition of Richard Davis and others;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of Andrew Hall and others;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of the town of Detroit;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice on the petition of John B. Phillips and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad companies, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill in relation to the powers of constables, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake;

Bill An act in further regulation of the process of foreign attachment—came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Order directing the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire into the affairs of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, came back from the Senate its passage non-concurred, and the order referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The House receded and concurred.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Alanson Greer and others, reported order of notice; also,

On the petition of Samuel D. Gray and others, order of notice; also,

On the petition of Stephen Spaulding, order of notice.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported a resolve in favor of William W. Quimby.

The resolve was once read, and Wednesday of next week assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank, was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath, was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The motions to reconsider the votes by which the House passed to be engrossed, bills:

An act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank, Portland;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank, Portland;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank, Hallowell—were severally taken from the table.

The House severally refused to reconsider, and the bills were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Howland,

Ordered, That the hearing on the petition of Herman Wood and others, asking to be set off from Hartford and annexed to Buckfield, before the Committee on Division of Towns, be assigned for the 19th instant, instead of the 6th, and that the service of notice on the clerks of said towns be so changed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act authorizing the city of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for ocean steamships, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

A message was received from the Governor, that on the 5th of February instant, he approved and signed the following public acts:

An act to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies;

An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School.

The message was transmitted to the Senate.

Petition of Rufus K. Page and others;

“ Charles H. Beck and others; both for an alteration of the draw in Gardiner bridge—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry Wilder and others, to be set off from Manchester to Hallowell, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Cobb and others, for the incorporation of the Master, Wardens and Members of Freedom Lodge, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Otis S. Tibbets and others, for repeal or modification of an act establishing the Machias River Company, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Joyce, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of the selectmen of the town of Baileyville, for aid in repairing a road in said town, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of selectmen of Arrowsic, for abatement of state tax, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of S. P. McKenney and others of Biddeford, for a justice's or recorder's court in that city, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1856.

Petition of Isaac Grant and others, for a Ship Building Company at Ellsworth, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of H. P. Haynes, for increase of the salary of the Register of Probate of Penobscot county;

Petition of John C. Carpenter and others, that the spring term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Aroostook may be abolished;

Bill to secure the uniform registration of births, marriages and deaths—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. J. Burton and others, against a new county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Asa Smith and others, for protection of Mattawamkeag bridge, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. T. K. Haywood and others, against annexing No. 9 to Orient, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Moulton, for change of name;

“ of William M. Coffin and Elizabeth C. Coffin, for the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Moses Sweat and others, for aid to Parsonsfield Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Constant A. McLaughlin, for pay for aiding an officer;

Petition of V. A. Sprague, for remuneration for services rendered in 1853—were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Addison, for reduction of valuation, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of John Collins and others, to be set off from Litchfield to West Gardiner, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company; also,

Bill An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Moses Woodman, reported a statement of facts, and a resolve.

The report was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Paul M. Fisher, up to and including to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. FULLER of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Nathaniel Spratt, up to and including to-morrow.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Paul M. Fisher, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Elections, on the contested election case from Alton, was taken up.

The report was accepted.

Bill An act authorizing the city of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for ocean steamers;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of Union Wharf in Portland;

Bill An act relating to the fees of Justices of the Peace, and Judges and Recorders of Municipal and Police Courts, in criminal cases;

Bill An act in addition to an act approved March 29, 1854, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate;

Bill An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in aid of the road from Fairfield's Mills through township 4, range 4, west from the east line of the state;

Resolve in favor of W. R. Webb—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of Joseph Moody and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting orders of notice on

Petition of Caleb B. Marsh and others;

“ of Hiram Emery;

“ of Consider Winslow and others;

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, ordering notice on the petition of Ira Wadleigh and others;

Report of Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice severally on petition of Samuel Veazie and others, and on bill to authorize the consolidation of certain railroads;

Report of Committee on Manufactures, ordering notice on petition of Samuel Veazie and others;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Benjamin Ireland and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Augustus Perley, granting leave to withdraw—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act to incorporate the city of Calais;

Bill to amend an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Calais—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the City Bank, Biddeford;

Bill An act to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and Tuesday next assigned for their third reading.

Bill An act in further regulation of the process of foreign attachment, was read the third time, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank, Portland, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1856.

A message was received from the Senate, that in the absence of the President, Hon. FRANCIS G. BUTLER had been elected President *pro tempore* of that branch.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Land Agent be directed to communicate to the Legislature what if any townships, tracts or parcels of timber lands have been sold or conveyed since his last annual report; on what townships, tracts or parcels, the timber has been sold, the time given to take it off, the price per acre, the time of payment, and by what authority the sale or sales were made. Also, what permits, if any, written or verbal, have been granted on the public lands under which operations are now being made, and by what authority said permits were granted, and whether he has reason to believe that operations are being made on any lands belonging to the State without permission or license, and what measures, if any, have been made to prevent such trespasses.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, informing the Legislature that vacancies exist in the office of Major General in the first, third and seventh divisions, by limitation, and in the second division by the resignation of General Amos McLaughlin.

Petition of W. A. Vaughan and others, in aid of a road in Aroostook county;

Petition of Elisha Coolidge and others, in aid of a road in the town of Mayfield;

Petition of Francis Thibodeau and others, for a bridge;

Petition of J. B. Trafton and others, in aid of a road;

Petition of Edward Beaulin and others, in aid of a road—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Holbrook and others, to be set off from Starks to Norridgewock, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of N. A. Farwell and others, for an insolvent law;

Petition of Timothy Chase and others, for an act of incorporation—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Reed and others of Boothbay;

“ of Cyrus McKown and others of Boothbay; both for leave to build a bridge—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TITCOMB of Kennebunk,

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of an act entitled An act respecting agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies, be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. TREAT of Eastport, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported a bill An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer Pond.

The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned for the third reading.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, on an order relative to teaching agriculture in our common schools, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORROW of Searsmont,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to consider and report to the Legislature what measures are required to carry into effect the provisions of a resolve approved August 24, 1850, directing the Land Agent, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to set apart twenty-four half townships of the public lands for the benefit of the common schools.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order introduced Thursday by Mr. CUTTER of Bangor, for the Land Agent, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A.

The House receded and concurred in the amendment, and the order was passed as amended, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of S. Goodrich and others, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, ordering notice on the petition of Samuel Tripp and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, submitting an order, was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of H. P. Haines and others, for increase of salary of the Register of Probate for Penobscot county, came back from the Senate referred to the joint delegation from Penobscot county.

The House receded and concurred.

Petition of E. G. Harlow and others of Canton, in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Petition of L. S. Clark and others of Dresden, that the proprietors of middle bridge may be required to erect suitable piers;

Petition of Ephraim Alley, Jr., and others, for same—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroad and Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Marshall Cram and others, against a new county from Cumberland and Oxford;

Remonstrance of John T. Acorn and others, of Newcastle, against a new county from Lincoln and Waldo;

Remonstrance of R. A. Chapman and others, of Newcastle, against same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathan Pettingill and others, in aid of the petition of Samuel W. Stoddard, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of William Egan and others, against the petition of Daniel Norwood, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company, was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1856.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank, Hallowell;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake;

Bill An act to authorize the city of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for ocean steamships—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, in reply to the joint order of the 9th instant, transmitting the annual reports of Town Agents for the sale of liquors, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Goss and others, for aid to a road from No. 11 to Fish river;

Petition of B. F. Carpenter and others, for aid to a road from the state line to No. 11, range 5;

Petition of Samuel Ramsdell and others, for an appropriation to repair Molunkus and Macwahoc bridges—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Simon K. Cooksom for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Dennis Getchell and others, to be set off from Litchfield to Wales;

Remonstrance of Nathan Kellock and others, against the division of Lincoln county, and in favor of changing the shire to Waldoborough—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Bucknam of Lisbon, for aid to a bridge from Machias Island to the main land, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel H. Patten and others, for the repeal of the law creating the office of Commissioner of Schools, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Davis F. Lothrop, for a change of the boundary of the Kennebec Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of James A. Lawrence and others;

“ of Frederic Spofford and others; both against the petition of Richard Hinman and others;

Petition of Nathan Fowler and others, for leave to erect piers on Kennebec river—were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John N. Swazey, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of selectmen of Manchester, against the petition of Mary Rockwood, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LANCASTER of Farmingdale, by leave, laid upon the table a bill to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Society. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield, that the part of said town which was set off from Detroit may be re-annexed, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

Ordered, That the Land Agent be directed to make no conveyances to Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall, of the right to cut or carry away the timber standing upon that part of townships L and M in the second range, number seventeen in the tenth range, and number five in the thirteenth range, west from the east line of the state, which was conveyed to Maine by the State of Massachusetts; and that said Land Agent be further directed not to deliver or pass over to Hall and Hersey, or to any other person, any papers, instruments, lease, conveyance or conveyances of any kind, of the right to cut or carry away the timber standing upon the above named townships; and that said Land Agent be further directed not to pay to said Hersey and Hall any amounts which have already been received, or may hereafter be collected, for timber cut on such part of said townships since the 24th day of March, 1853, until otherwise ordered by the Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Sebec,

Ordered, That the notice heretofore ordered on the petition of Samuel Harris and 22 others, shall be deemed sufficient if

given five days before the 20th instant, and that the order is hereby amended accordingly.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TODD of Portland,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of passing An act securing to owners of mills built, or that may hereafter be built, on streams passing through lands of the State, the right to cut timber for the supply of such mills.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that on the 9th day of February instant, he approved and signed An act relating to the fees of Justices of the Peace, and Judges and Records of Municipal and Police Courts in criminal cases;

An act additional to An act approved March 29, 1854, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate;

An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States.

The message was transmitted to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HEWES of Masardis,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of a resolve in relation to setting apart certain lands for settlement, approved March 6, 1855, as relates to permitting settling lots.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LUNT of Bowdoinham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 9 of chapter 193 of the public laws, approved August 27, 1850, and chapter 268 of the public laws, approved April 22, 1852, as to allow supervisors of schools to hold their office until the 10th of April of each year.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay upon the Speaker's table, an attested copy of the action of the Governor and Council upon a resolve in favor of Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall, passed March 12, 1855, together with all papers in the Executive Department relating thereto.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the 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, dated February 17, 1855, together with the report thereon from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and all papers connected therewith, be taken from the files of the Legislature of 1855, and laid upon the Speaker's table.

Order from the Senate relative to the attaching of real estate held by a conditional deed, was passed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional to An act to provide for the education of youth;

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Littleton, were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill An act in relation to the powers of constables, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock, was assigned as the time for the House to go into the election on its part of Major Generals of the first, second, third and seventh divisions.

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer pond, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1856.

Petition of E. W. McFadden and others of Kendall's Mills, for a village corporation, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benaiah Dow, to be set off from Paris to Woodstock;

Petition of Nehemiah Curtis, to be set off from Bowdoin to Webster—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Aroostook county, in aid of a road, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Gilbert and Caroline T. Eames, for change of name;

Petition of Myrick Emerson, for the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of Alden Kennedy and others of Jefferson;

“ of John Batchelder and others of Jefferson;

“ of O. A. Bartlett and others of Jefferson; all against the division of Lincoln county, and in favor of changing the shire town—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. W. Clark and others, in favor the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Petition of inhabitants of Aroostook county, in aid of a bridge—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting copies of the thirty-ninth annual report of the Directors of the American Asylum at Hartford.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

Ordered, That a Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to examine into the affairs of the land office for the past ten years, and report thereon, and that said committee have power to send for papers and persons.

Messrs. Talbot of Lubec, Levensaler of Thomaston, Scammon of Saco, Todd of Portland, and Morse of Bath, were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Remonstrance of John Wylie, Jr., and others of Boothbay;

“ of George J. Low and others of Dresden;

“ of Moses Jewett and others of Westport;

“ of Elisha McKenney and others of Wiscasset;

“ of John Babson and others of Wiscasset, all

against the division of Lincoln county;

Remonstrance of John G. Swan and others, against a new county from Cumberland and Oxford—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of the town of Weld, to have certain doings of said town legalized, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Charles B. Merrill, against changing the name of the town of Kilmarnock, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of Aroostook county, in aid of a bridge, came back 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.

Petition of E. W. McFadden and others, for a village corporation, came back from the Senate its reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House receded and concurred.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to the office of Assistant Treasurer;

Relative to the compensation for the support of prisoners committed in criminal cases—were severally passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petitions of Ephraim Alley and others and L. S. Clark and others, that the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Tomah Socalexix, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of same Committee, on petition of the Passamaquoddy Indians, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on the petitions of Ephraim Alley and others and L. S. Clark and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The rule was suspended, and the resolve was twice read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The rule was suspended, and the resolve was twice read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society;

Bill An act to establish a Municipal Court in Portland;

Bill An act to regulate proceedings on demurrer—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill an act additional to An act to provide for the education of youth, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to authorize the increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, on petition of Richard Davis and others, for a new county from Cumberland and Oxford, came from the Senate recommitted.

The House recessed and concurred.

Message from the Governor, transmitting a communication from Major General Smith, and pay rolls of the troops called into service in June last, under an order from the Hon. Anson P. Morrill, was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1856.

Petition of Henry A. Small, to prevent the destruction of fish in Stoneham, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Strout, to be set off from Milbridge to Cherryfield;

Remonstrance of James Russell and others, against the petition of James Averill, to be set off from Temple to Wilton—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Mary McColly, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Resolve for the sale of stock owned by the state in the Augusta Bank, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a copy of the action of the Council upon a resolve in favor of Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall, and of all papers relating thereto, was referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Land Office.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on Finance, on the petition of the selectmen of Arrowsic, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Mr. SWAZEY of Bucksport, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of James W. Moore, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Resolve in favor of William W. Quimby, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Lyman, against the petition of Jefferson Moulton and others;

Remonstrance of Archibald Smith and others, against the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Sockabasin, for increase of pay, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, by leave, laid upon the table a bill making further provision respecting the bonds of cashiers and treasurers of joint stock companies.

The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin J. Herrick and others, in aid of petition of Jefferson Moulton and others, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act to authorize James Miller to extend and maintain a wharf in tide waters at Belfast.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. CHASE of Buckfield, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of James Emery, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Oliver H. Lewis, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to establish a municipal court in the city of Portland, was read the third time, amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural aid Society, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, was read the third time, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, on petition of Richard Davis and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Chase and others, in aid of Kilmarnock bridge, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

The House recessed and concurred.

Mr. BRITTON of Winslow, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to exempt the property of agricultural and horticultural societies from taxation.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of William Bucknam and others ;

Report of Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice on petition of John Collins and others ;

Report of same Committee, ordering notice on petition of selectmen of Pittsfield ;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on order relative to amending section 8, of chapter 86, of the Revised Statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice on petition of John Holbrook and others ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, ordering notice on petition of Daniel Getchell and others ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, ordering notice on petition of John Linnell and others —were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve providing for repairs on Mattawamkeag bridge, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Mr. LANCASTER of Farmingdale, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill An act to establish a Board of Agriculture.

The bill was twice read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS of Clifton, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of the town of Clifton.

The resolve was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

The bill was twice read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported a resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith.

The resolve was once read, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the bill for an insolvent law, reported to the Legislature in January, 1852, by Lot M. Morrill and Henry W. Paine, commissioners for that purpose, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting copies of the proceedings of the Governor and Council in auditing the accounts of the commissioners appointed under chapter 133 of the resolves of 1834, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of N. Fowler and others, for further protection of logs in booms, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Communications from the commissioners to revise the public laws of the State, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill an act additional to An act to establish the South Kennebec Agricultural Society.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. LEVENSALE of Thomaston, from the Committee on Finance, reported a resolve changing the time of payment of the school fund.

The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, on an order relative to the manner of employing school teachers, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act regulating proceedings on demurrer, was read the third time and ordered to be printed.

Petition of F. A. Lewis and others of Waldo county, praying that the powers of constables may be extended, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the County Attorney of Aroostook county, for increase of salary, was referred to the joint delegation from Aroostook, in concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus Fenderson and others, for a repeal of the law paying School Committees for travel, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate relative to section four of chapter forty-four of the laws of 1853, was passed in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter forty-six of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bill was once read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Samuel S. Brown against the right of James M. Leach to a seat in this House, as representative from Raymond and New Gloucester, reported that there was no election. The report was ordered to be printed.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin;

Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth;

Bill An act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer Pond—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1856.

Petition of Jonathan Knowles and others, for the repeal of the act giving bounty to agricultural societies;

Petition of H. G. O. Morrison and others, for protection of moose and deer—were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Land Agent, transmitting certain schedules, was received and ordered to be printed.

Petition of J. McPhee, for pay for certain services;

Petition of W. A. Vaughan and others, for aid to build a bridge—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company.

The bill was twice read and laid upon the table.

Mr. CANNELL of Naples, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill An act more fully prescribing the duties and powers of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies. The bill was twice read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. TODD of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, reported a resolve authorizing the sale of the shares owned by the State in the Augusta Bank.

The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Guy and others.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of C. M. Huff and others, for relief of bail;

“ of W. H. Prescott and others, for a law for the inspection of gas meters;

Bill An act to regulate the settlement of alien paupers—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Rodney Collins and others, for a repeal of act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson;

Remonstrance of Isaac Palmer and others, against the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Mann and others, for alteration of militia law, was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. Mosman and others, for a boom corporation, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of B. Young, for appraisal of improvements on mill privilege, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DENNETT of Kittery,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what amendment, if any, is necessary to be made on the second article of the 25th chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to town ways and private ways.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act requiring Supervisors and Superintending School Committees to cause their reports to be printed, was taken up.

Mr. RUSSELL of Phillips, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 85, nays 38.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Barrows, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, D. H. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Cannell, Cargill, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dingley, Eaton, Fisher, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Ham, Hammond, Hanscom, Handy, Hewes, Hines, Hobart, Hooper, Hume, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Lindsay, Little, Lyman, Marr, A. Merrill, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, Mitchell, A. Moore, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Nason, Norton, Owen, Patten, Pearson, Pike, Pishon, Pray, Prince, Putnam, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanton, Stanwood, Talbot, Taylor, Titcomb, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Wedgewood, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, Wing—85.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Andrews, Archer, Barker, E. Brown, W. Brown, Came, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Dennett, Duren, Emerson, Gould, Gregg, Howes, Hunton, Johnson, Lancaster, Lyford, Mayo, McGilvery, Morse, Neal, Norris, Record, Sargent, Scammon, Todd, Trott, True, Tuttle, Walton, West, Winslow, Woodman—38.

And so the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Bill An act additional to chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, was taken up and recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That the Joint Special Committee to examine into the affairs of the land office, be authorized to employ a clerk, at a compensation not to exceed three dollars per day.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in addition to establish the South Kennebec Agricultural Society, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of investigating the doings of the directors of the Skowhegan, Ellsworth, Searsport and Somerset Banks, with power to send for persons and papers.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George J. Burmes, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of Joseph Porter and others, against the petition of Hiram Peury, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John M. Adams and others, for a volunteer militia, was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Isaac Payson and others, against the division of Lincoln county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Land Agent, with a schedule of notes, &c., and was ordered to be printed.

Petition of O. B. Dorrance, for a more thorough militia law, was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve changing the time for the payment of the school fund, was read a second time, and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill An act to authorize James Miller to extend a wharf into tide waters at Belfast, was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Jefferson Moulton and others, was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1856.

Petition of J. A. Deane and others, in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. D. Tucker and others, of Lincolnville, for a Board of Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. K. Page and others, for a steamboat company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of David Haynes and others, for change of school laws in district number two, in Patten, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. IRISH of Union, by leave, laid upon the table a bill for the suppression of intemperance.

The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John B. Stuart of Richmond, for a bank charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of the Mayor and Aldermen of Gardiner, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill An act to extend the time of filing the location of the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad, and building the same;

Bill An act to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society, were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The same were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Joshua Dunn and others, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on petition of Knott Crockett and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of same Committee, on the bill to authorize the business of banking, that the bill ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, ordering notice on petition of Nathan Fowler and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Petition of J. S. Swett and others, in aid of Foxcroft Academy, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, for the Judiciary Committee, relative to the act to incorporate the city of Gardiner, was passed in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to the reports of the Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison, was passed in concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported a resolve in favor of Henry Upton.

The resolve was once read, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

Bill An act to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association;

Bill An act authorizing the construction and maintaining certain bridges over the Kenduskeag stream in Bangor;

Bill An act to revive the charter of the European and North American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Hiram Peavy, Jr., reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to incorporate the North Marine Wharf and Railway Company. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. IRISH of Union, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom, was taken up, amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Mr. LYFORD of Mt. Vernon, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855.

The bill was twice read, and Wednesday next assigned for the third reading.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of the Directors of the Kennebec Log Driving Company, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the People's Bank, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

The resolve was referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Darius Forbes, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on order relative to chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on the petition of the inhabitants of Rangeley, granting leave to withdraw—were severally accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be required to deliver to the Messenger, to be distributed to the members of the House, one copy for each member of the printed report of the Commissioners to revise the laws of the State.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Bridgton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads and Bridges be

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directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 3 of chapter 583 of the special laws of 1855, entitled An act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company, as to give a further extension of time for obtaining a release and conveyance of all the interest of the Canal Bank of Portland.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. M. Frye and others, of Lewiston, for a free bridge across the Androscoggin, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus K. Bodfish, relative to land at Fort Kent, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of John A. Pettingill and others, for a free bridge across the Kennebec river at Augusta, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the sale of the shares owned by the State in the Augusta Bank, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve in relation to the settlement of the accounts of the Land Agent.

The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham;

Bill An act to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Petition of George E. Hodges and others, to be set off from Bowdoinham to Richmond;

Remonstrance of John B. Stuart and others, against the same;

Remonstrance of Bradford Hatch and others, against the

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same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of Daniel H. Patten and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of same Committee, on petition of Cyrus Fenderson, granting leave to withdraw—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the reviews of actions against their debtors, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of William G. Clark.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the petition of the overseers of the town of Troy, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs;

And on the petition of the town of Topsfield, reported leave to withdraw.

The reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINDSAY of Norridgewock,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the commencement of civil process where the plaintiff lives out of the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

Wednesday next was assigned for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Elections in the Oldtown case.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1856.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of C. M. Huff and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Briggs Turner and others ;

“ of J. B. Dunnell and others ; all praying that Whitefield may be set off from Lincoln to Kennebec county—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. M. Gilman and others, for the incorporation of the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company of St. George, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to extend the time of filing the location of the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad, and building the same ;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the People's Bank ;

Bill An act to revive the charter of the European and North American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same ;

Bill An act authorizing the construction and maintaining of certain bridges over the Kenduskeag river in the city of Bangor ;

Bill An act to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company ;

Bill An act to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society—were severally read the third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CUTTER of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve for the benefit of the school and ministerial fund in the town of Clifton.

The resolve was once read, and Monday assigned for the second reading.

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Resolve providing for repairs on Mattawamkeag bridge, was read the second time and laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association, was read the third time and laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company, was read the third time and laid upon the table.

The report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Samuel S. Brown, was assigned for Tuesday next.

Bill An act to incorporate the North Wharf and Marine Railway Company, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for Penobscot county, came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned for the third reading.

Bill An act to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was amended as on sheet A, and ordered to be printed.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, that the Adjutant General be directed to make up the pay roll of the troops called into service in June last, was accepted in concurrence.

Remonstrance of George H. Freeman and others, against the petition of J. V. Putnam;

Petition of the association for the relief of aged, indigent women, for power to hold property;

Bill granting the same—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of the selectmen of Baileyville, that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph Chase and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. STANWOOD of Augusta, from the Committee on Accounts, reported a resolve for the payment of Roll of Accounts No. 36.

The resolve was once read, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of James Aneville and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1856.

The Speaker was absent.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

*Resolved*, That WILLIAM S. COCHRAN be elected Speaker *pro tem.* of this House.

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the Sagadahoc Ferry Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill An act to authorize the increase of pay of the Register of Probate for Penobscot county, was read the third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joseph Shaw and others, of Waterford, against a new county;

Remonstrance of Daniel Brown and others, against the same—were referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Pittston and Gardiner Bridge

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Corporation, for increase of toll, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Higgins, for a pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jane Elliot, for a donation of a lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of Cyrus McKown and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah H. Hight and others, for aid on the new road from Brighton to Moosehead Lake, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas D. Titcomb and others, for aid to the new road through the town of Kingsbery, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Dedham, against the petition of John B. Phillips and others;

Remonstrance of Aaron Fitz and others;

“ of H. W. Herriman and others;

“ of N. B. Hubbard and others; all against a new county from Cumberland and Oxford—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Judge and Register of Probate of Sagadahoc county, was referred to the delegation from the county of Sagadahoc.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, a message was sent to the Senate informing that branch that in the absence

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of the Speaker of this House, WM. S. COCHRAN had been elected Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. EMERSON of Orland, from the Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Amendments, made a minority report, which was laid upon the table and 2,000 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, reported a bill An act for the establishment of a State Normal School.

The bill was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Remonstrance of Lewis Cormier and others, against the petition of J. V. Putnam ;

Remonstrance of Firmin Cyr and others, against the incorporation of Van Buren plantation—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. B. Hall and others, in aid of roads, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the Trustees of the State Reform School be instructed to lay upon the table of the Speaker of the House, for the information of the Legislature, an accurate detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of that institution from November 30, 1854, to and including the 31st day of December, 1855 ; the detailed account to be as full in stating particulars as the inventory of stock on hand April 1st, 1855, contained in the last report of the Superintendent. That said Trustees be further instructed to lay upon the table of the Speaker a copy of all the by-laws, rules and regulations of said institution now in force, the names and duties of all the officers of said institution, and the compensation paid to each (including the Trustees) during said thirteen months ending December 31st, 1855 ; and also what punishment, if any, has been or can be inflicted upon any of its inmates by the officers of the

institution, according to the rules, regulations and by-laws of said school.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the lot reserved for the future disposition of the State in plantation No. 14, east division, in the county of Washington, was read the second time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the North Marine Wharf and Railway Company, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. Amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Gray and others, for a law authorizing the Kennebec Log Driving Company to raft logs from their boom, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel Thing and others of Freeport, against a new county, was ordered to be filed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1856.

Bill An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act authorizing James Miller to extend and maintain a wharf in tide waters at Belfast;

Bill An act to incorporate the Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter;

Bill An act to extend the time for filing the location of the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company, and building the same;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for Penobscot county;

Bill An act to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company;

Bill An act to revive the charter of the European and North American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same;

Bill An act authorizing the construction and maintaining of certain bridges over the Kenduskeag river in the city of Bangor;

Bill An act to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the People's Bank;

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the South Kennebec Agricultural Society;

Bill An act to establish a municipal court in the city of Portland—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of William W. Quimby;

“ in favor of Peter S. Folsom;

“ authorizing the sale of shares owned by the State in the Augusta Bank—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. WEBSTER of Orono, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of Joseph Sockabasin, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for further regulation of the process of foreign attachment, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of plantations Nos. 33 and 21, in Hancock county, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. NASON of Lyman, the report of the Committee on Division of Towns was taken up and accepted. The report was on the petition of Jefferson Moulton and others.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 535, regulating the private booms on Kennebec river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1856.

Remonstrance of Alvan Turner and others, against a new county from Oxford and Cumberland;

Remonstrance of Robert Glover and others, against same;

Remonstrance of C. M. Fogg and others, against the annexation of a part of Litchfield to Wales;

Remonstrance of Hiram Foss and others, of Wales, against same;

Remonstrance of T. W. Ham and others, of Wales, against same;

Remonstrance of Isaac S. Small and others, of Wales, against same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Albert D. White and others, of Buckfield, for a bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of Augustus D. Marr and others, of Portland, for amendment of the militia law ;

Petition of G. W. Tukey and others, for same ;

“ of E. H. Kendall and others, of Portland, for same ;

“ of Thomas A. Roberts and others, of Portland, for same—were severally referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Amos Austin and others, of Byron, in relation to sections 8, 9 and 10 of chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported a resolve in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn.

The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was once read, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, the resolve for the benefit of the ministerial and school fund of the town of Clifton, was taken up and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855, was read the third time and laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of Henry Upton, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John K. Russell, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the Sagadahoc Ferry, was amended as on sheets A, B and C, in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Isaiah Clough and others, against setting off a part of Litchfield to West Gardiner, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Hollis M. Higgins and others, of Morrill, against the petition of Alanson Greer and others, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to establish a Board of Agriculture ;

“ An act in relation to the powers of constables ;

“ An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government—were severally read the second time, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Resolve changing the time of the payment of the school fund, was amended as on sheet A.

The question on its passage to be engrossed as amended, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 59, nays 57.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Barker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, Burleigh, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Cutter, Cushman, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Duren, Eaton, Elden, J. Foster, O. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hewes, Hunt, Hysom, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Milliken, Morton, Norton, Owen, Patterson, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Russell, Sawyer, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Todd, Wall, Walton—59.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, R. M. Baker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chesley, Clark, J. W. Coffin, Collins, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Deering, Dingley, Emerson, Frost, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Hobart, Hooper, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lyford, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, A. Moore, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Nason, Pearson, Pray, Sargent, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Taylor, Titcomb, Treat, Trott, True, Tuttle, Walton, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth—57.

Remonstrance of J. M. Moore, against the petition of selectmen of Pittsfield ;

Remonstrance of S. P. Waterhouse and others, against the same ;

Remonstrance of L. G. Smith and others, against the petition of John Holbrook and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Young and others, in favor of Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel F. Perley and others, against the new county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joseph True and others ;

“ of Nathaniel Dennis and others ;

“ of John Woodbury and others ;

“ of Inhabitants of Litchfield ; all against the

petition of John Collins and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1856.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, moved to reconsider the vote of the House by which the resolve changing the time of payment of the school fund was passed to be engrossed.

The motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. TROTT of Woolwich, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Smith of Paris, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Myrick Emerson and others, for an insolvent act, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the city of Bath;

Remonstrance of Alexander Robinson and others, both against the division of the city of Bath—were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of William B. Pike and others, of Sebago, against a new county;

Remonstrance of Alvan Turner and others, against same—were referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of St. John Smith and others, for a Dry Dock Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. M. Mansur and others, to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying pond, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of George W. Smith and others, in aid of bridge in No. 11, range 5, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act in addition to an act authorizing the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Folsom.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Bill An act in further regulation of the process of foreign attachment, came back from the Senate, the amendment B, and the indefinite postponement, non-concurred. The Senate insisting on its vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its former vote.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, from the Committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker.

The resolve was once read, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading.

Bill An act to incorporate the West Chesuncook Boom Corporation, was recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Lowell and others, for a bank charter at Lewiston, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of the President and Directors of the Auburn Bank, for increase of capital, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joshua Howard and others, against a new county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Mr. HAM of Lewiston, by leave, laid upon the table a bill

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An act to incorporate the Lewiston Falls Brass Band, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of E. H. Jenks and others, that legislation is inexpedient, was accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve for the distribution of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools.

The resolve was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve declaratory of the amendments to the constitution, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Sanford Noble;

Report of same Committee, on petition of John H. Small, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of John M. Frye and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. RECORD of Danville, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta called up the resolve reported by the Committee on Elections in the contested election case from Raymond and New Gloucester—which resolve is as follows:

*Resolved*, That James M. Leach not having been legally and constitutionally elected thereto, is not entitled to a seat in this House.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolve was then passed—yeas 74, nays 50.

Those voting in favor were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Little, Levensaler, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Nason, Norton, Owen, Patten, Pishon, Pray, Prince, Putnam, Record, Russell, Sawyer, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, True, Tuttle, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, Wing—74.

Those who voted against said resolve were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, M. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Goodale, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lyford, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Norris, Pearson, Pike, Sargent, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow—50.

On motion of Mr. HAM of Lewiston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of James M. Leach, as a member of this House, for travel and attendance, up to and including to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker of this House notify the selectmen of the towns of Raymond and New Gloucester, that a vacancy exists in that Representative District.

Remonstrance of the town of South Thomaston, against a division of that town, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the town of Warren, against a division of

Lincoln county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James S. Hall and others, of Calais, to amend the city charter, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1856.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, called up the motion to reconsider the vote by which resolve changing the time of payment of the school fund, was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, a message was sent to the Senate, asking a return of the resolve the House.

The question on the motion to reconsider was taken by yeas and nays, and the motion prevailed—yeas 67, nays 66.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, R. M. Baker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, R. P. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, Clark, J. W. Coffin, Collins, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Deering, Dingley, Emerson, Fisher, Frost, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Hammond, Handy, Hines, Hooper, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lyford, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, A. Moore, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Nason, Norris, Owen, Pearson, Pike, Pray, Sargent, Silsby, Stinson, Taylor, Titcomb, Trott, True, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, West, Wing, Winslow, Woodman—67.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Barker, Bean, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Cutter, Cushman, Dana,

Darling, Dennett, Duren, Eaton, Elden, J. Foster, O. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, Morton, Norton, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Russell, Sawyer, Smith, Stanwood, Swazey, Sweat, Talbot, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster—66.

Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish, moved the indefinite postponement of the resolve.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and the motion prevailed—yeas 69, nays 65.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, R. M. Baker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, R. P. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, Clark, J. W. Coffin, Collins, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Emerson, Fisher, Frost, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Hammond, Handy, Hines, Hooper, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lyford, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, A. Moore, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Nason, Norris, Owen, Pearson, Pike, Pishon, Pray, Sargent, Silsby, Stinson, Taylor, Titcomb, Trott, True, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, West, Wing, Winslow, Woodman—69.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Barker, Bean, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Cutter, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Duren, Eaton, Elden, J. Foster, O. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, Miller, J. Merrill, Milliken, Morton, Norton, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Prince, Putnam, Record, Russell, Sawyer, Smith, Stanwood, Swazey, Sweat, Talbot, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster—65.

Petition of Benjamin F. Crafts, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Ward S. Yeaton, for same, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

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Petition of the Trustees of Limerick Academy, for endowment, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. Dexter, for an act to incorporate a gas company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Eben Bickford and others, for an act in aid to collect the tax in Newburg;

Petition of Charles Whitehouse and others, of Sweden, for authority to use a bowling alley in that town;

Petition of L. M. Burnham and others, in aid of same—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. C. Baker, County Attorney of Sagadahoc county, for increase of salary, was referred to the Joint Delegation from the county of Sagadahoc.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Charles Holmes and others, against the division of Rockland;

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Strong, against the petition of Benjamin Herrick and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edwin Robinson, in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Seth Patterson and others, against the division of Lincoln county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. A. Lawrence, against the petition of J. M. Bangs, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of Bradford Blanchard and others, of Pittsfield, in aid of the petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Leonard McCobb and others, of Boothbay;  
“ of John Maddocks and others, of Southport;  
“ of Isaac W. Reed and others, of Boothbay;  
“ of Freeman Groves and others, of Southport;  
“ of James Taylor and others, of Wiscasset—  
were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence.

Petition of Leonard Trask, for remuneration for injuries received;

Petition of Asa Austin and others, in aid of same—were referred to the Committee on Military Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Greely and others, for incorporation of Manufacturing Company;

Petition of J. C. Humphreys and others, for an act of incorporation—were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of the Steward of the Insane Hospital, that the State pay the expenses of John Thompson, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to advertising notes due the Land Office;

Relative to further legislation concerning false pretences—were passed in concurrence.

Tuesday next was assigned for the further consideration of resolve declaratory of the constitutional amendments.

Resolve for the payment of roll of accounts number thirty-six, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1856.

Petition of Joseph Brown, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. PUTNAM of Belfast, by leave, laid upon the table bill An act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the city of Gardiner, against the abolition of the police court in that city;

Remonstrance of the City Council of Biddeford, against the petition of S. P. McKenney and others—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to amending chapter 54 of the laws of 1853;

Relative to the expediency of creating the office of State Auditor;

Relative to the expediency of submitting to the people an amendment of the constitution so as to abolish the Executive Council;

Relative to the expediency of providing that all actions against sheriffs and coroners shall be brought in the county where the act complained of was performed—were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Atlantic Bank, to revive their charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order as to defining the offenses for commitment to the Reform School, that the same be referred to the Committee on Reform School;

Report of same Committee, on an order relative to repealing An act in addition to an act in relation to elections, that legislation is inexpedient;

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Report of same Committee, on an order concerning the debts and property of persons under guardianship, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, relative to compensating County Commissioners by salaries, that legislation is inexpedient—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. B. Bradley and others, of Fryeburg, against a new county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence.

Bill An act to give jurisdiction in equity in cases between copartowners of ships;

Bill An act to set off certain territory from plantation number four to Wilton;

Bill An act for the regulation of bowling alleys;

Bill An act granting further powers to the association for the relief of aged indigent women to hold property;

Bill An act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to Naples;

Bill An act to establish a police court in the city of Bangor—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were twice read and Monday assigned.

Resolve in favor of Bickford C. Mathews, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was once read and Monday assigned.

Bill An act to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act regulating proceedings on demurrer, was amended as on sheets A and B, in concurrence, further amended as on sheet C, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John K. Russell, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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Bill An act in relation to the powers of constables, was read the third time and Tuesday next assigned.

Bill An act more fully prescribing the powers and duties of agricultural and horticultural societies, was assigned for Monday.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Oakes Thompson and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Joseph Gilchrist, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Alanson Greer and others;

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John B. Philips and others, and on the petition of the town of Detroit—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Foster, of East Machias, from the Committee on Finance, on the petition of the selectmen of Addison, reported that the same be referred to the delegation from the county of Washington.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Dana, of Wiscasset, from the Committee on County Estimates, reported a resolve laying a tax on the counties.

The resolve was once read and ordered to be printed.

Bill An act to repeal an act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bill was twice read and Monday assigned.

Mr. Cochran, of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a Bill An act to incorporate the Old Town Manufacturing Company.

The bill was twice read and Monday assigned.

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Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported a bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company.

The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of David Haynes and others.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company. Also, bill An act to incorporate the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company.

The bills were twice read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.

The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of cashiers of banks, reported that the same be placed on file in the office of the Secretary of State, and published.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUME of Robbinston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of passing a resolve, so that the Indian Agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians shall purchase annually fifty dollars worth of wood and fencing stuff, and distribute the same to such Indians as may reside at Pleasant point, in the town of Perry, during the winter season in each year, to be paid out of any money belonging to said tribe, and

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to be allowed by the Governor and Council in the settlement of said agent's accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison be authorized to visit that institution for the purpose of examining into its affairs, and make a report thereon at any time during the present session of the Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to establish a Board of Agriculture, was read the third time, and ordered to be printed.

Remonstrance of Howland Hatch and others of Bristol, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Paul, for remuneration as coroner, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, from the Committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin. The resolve was once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act making further provision for laying out the money raised by towns for bridges, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned.

Bill An act in addition to an act authorizing the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest from Joseph R. Folsom, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, from the Committee on Finance, reported a resolve abating the tax of the town of Hollis and assessing the same upon the town of Dayton. The resolve was once read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. RECORD of Danville, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Lewiston Village and Auburn Village Corporations. The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. HEWES of Masardis, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of Umcolcus plantation.

On motion of Mr. HEWES, the rules were suspended, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, reported a resolve providing for the distribution of the report of common schools. The resolve was once read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of St. John's Lodge. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Warden of the State Prison, was referred to the Committee on the State Prison.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned.

Bill An act to incorporate the North Marine Wharf and Railway Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association;

Bill An act for the removal of paupers having no settlement in this State;

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the Sagadahoc Ferry Company, approved March 7, 1834—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the lot reserved for the future disposition of the Legislature in plantation No. 14, East Division, in the county of Washington, was finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. RECORD of Danville, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of Danville. The resolve was once read, and Monday assigned.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1856.

The Speaker being absent, on motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Bridgton,

*Resolved*, That JEREMIAH FOSTER is hereby elected Speaker *pro tempore* of this House.

Mr. IRISH of Union presented a bill An act regulating and restraining the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The bill was read and laid upon the table.

Bill An act regulating proceedings on demurrer came back from the Senate, that branch non-concurring as to the amendment C, and insisting on its former vote.

The bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that branch, that in the absence of the Speaker of this House, JEREMIAH FOSTER has been elected Speaker *pro tempore*.

Bill An act to repeal chapter 147 of the public laws approved March 13, 1855, was referred to the Committee on Education,

Memorial of the Maine Historical Society, relative to the records of the early settlements at Pemaquid and Sheepscot, was referred to the Committee on the Library, in concurrence.

Resolves in favor of the Insane Hospital, were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolves were read once, and Wednesday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Caleb P. Marsh and others;

Report of same Committee on the petition of John Holbrook and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of same Committee on petition of selectmen of Pittsfield, granting leave to withdraw—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Wednesday next was assigned for the third reading of the bill An act for the regulation of bowling alleys.

Petition of Simeon Farnham, for change of name;

Petition of William H. Meserve, for same, were referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Bill An act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation;

Bill An act to set off certain territory from plantation number four and annex the same to Wilton;

Bill An act granting further powers to the association for the relief of aged, indigent women to hold property;

Bill An act to repeal an act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill An act making further provision for laying out the money raised by towns for ways and bridges—were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HANDY of Gouldsborough, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey Mark Island, in Gouldsborough, to the United States.

The resolve was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Bill An act to incorporate the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Lewiston Village Corporation and the Auburn Village Corporation, and to provide for the extinction and the closing up the affairs of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation;

Bill An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Co.;

Bill An act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company—were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve abating the tax on the town of Dayton;

“ in favor of the town of Dayton;

“ providing for the distribution of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools—were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. C. Robbins and others, for an Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Orient, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and laid upon the table.

Bill An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855, was ordered to be printed.

Resolve in favor of Henry Upton;

“ in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ for the benefit of the ministerial and school fund in the town of Clifton;

Resolve in favor of John K. Russell—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Union, the bill An act regulating and restricting the sale of intoxicating liquors, was taken up.

Mr. DENNETT of Kittery, moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken, and the motion prevailed—yeas 59, nays 51.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, Archer, R. M. Baker, S. C. Blanchard, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Chamberlain, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Collins, Cutter, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, J. Foster, O. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Gould, Hanscom, Hasty, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Johnson, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Miller, A. Moore, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Owen, Palmer, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Todd, Trickey, True, Tuttle, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, H. Wentworth, West, Woodman—59.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. J. C. Baker, Barker, Barrows, Bean, Britton, W. Brown, Burleigh, Cannell, Chase, Chesley, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Duren, Gilman, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Irish, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pray, Rich, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stinson, Swazey, Talbot, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Wall, Walton, Weed, D. Wentworth—51.

Petition of the selectmen of Kingfield, for an abatement of State tax, was referred to the Committee on Finance;

Petition of N. P. Lamson and others of Sebec, to incorporate the Lakemouth Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1856.

The Speaker appointed Mr. JOHNSON of Bluehill, Monitor in the 8th Division.

Mr. PALMER of Dixmont was appointed on the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday by which the bill to restrict the sale of intoxicating liquors was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The motion to reconsider was laid upon the table, and the 4th of July next assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. FISHER of Arrowsic,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to inquire into the expediency of altering or amending chapter 30 of the revised Statutes on the subject of impounding beasts. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. Ham and others, to revise chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SILSBY of Amherst, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act for the preservation of moose and deer. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta called up the resolve declaratory of the amendments of the constitution.

Mr. TROTT of Woolwich moved to amend by striking out the preamble and all after the word "resolve" in the majority report, and insert all after the word "resolve" in the minority report.

The question on adopting this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 54, nays 75.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Duren, Elden, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—54.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, J. Foster, O. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Hanscom, Hasty, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Trickey, True, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, Wing—75.

The resolve was then laid upon the table and to-morrow morning assigned.

Remonstrance of Raphael Martin and others, against the petition of J. V. Putnam and others, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Stephen Sprague and others, against the petition of Thomas Ellsworth and others;

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Phillips against same;

Remonstrance of Thomas Vining and others, against same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act explanatory of the 94th chapter of the Revised Statutes;

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Petition of Otis Ingraham and others, for An act to enlarge the powers of Constables—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate,

Relative to act passed August 27th, 1850;

“ to the law as to ways;

“ to a law to punish frauds by false stamps, labels and trade marks—were passed in concurrence.

An order was received from the Senate for a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Farley, Barnes and Robinson, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to consider that part of the Governor's message relating to the moneys of the State, the communication of the State Treasurer as to the contingent fund, and the report of the Commissioner of the Treasury.

The order was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston, Lyman of Portland, Talbot of Lubec, Morse of Bath, Blake of Bangor, Swazey of Bucksport, and Titcomb of Kennebunk, appointed on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1856.

Bill An act to establish a Police Court in the city of Bangor, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. LUNT of Bowdoinham, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of A. W. Johnson and others;

Remonstrance of Benjamin Kelley and others, both against

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the petition of Samuel Tripp—were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of the town of Waldoborough. The resolve was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the town of Strong, against the petition of Thomas Ellsworth, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

Ordered, That Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Currier of Orrington, Wentworth of Knox, Merrill of Buxton, and Foster of Newry, with such as the Senate may join, be a Committee to confer with the Joint Standing and Select Committees, and ascertain and report at what time they will finally dispose of all business before them, and also report what day may be fixed for the adjournment of the Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve declaratory of the amendments of the constitution came up in its order.

Mr. STINSON of Swan Island, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolve" in the fifth line of the second series of numbers under the head of section 10.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was lost—yeas 53, nays 79.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Scammon, Silsby, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—53.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, J. Foster, O. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Trickey, True, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, Wing—79.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by yeas and nays—yeas 74, nays 52.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, J. Foster, O. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Trickey, True, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, Wing—74.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Scammon, Silsby, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Weed, H. Wentworth, Winslow, Woodman—52.

Petition of Charles H. Berry and others of Buxton, for alteration of the militia law, was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. G. Coburn and others of Lewiston, for a charter of a Savings Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus K. Bodfish, for the sale of State lot at Fort Kent, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the Peperell Manufacturing Company, for increase of capital was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of W. R. Frye and others, for inspectors of gas meters, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur McArthur, in favor of Limington Academy, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1856.

The Clerk being absent, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, WILLIAM L. PUTNAM was elected Clerk *pro tempore*.

On motion of Mr. CUSHMAN of Hebron,
Ordered, That MELVILLE W. FULLER be appointed Assistant Clerk *pro tempore*.

Mr. LUNT of Bowdoinham, by leave, laid upon table a bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Manufacturing Company. The bill was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.
Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEST of Lisbon, asked the consent of the House to have his name recorded in the negative on the vote whereby the resolve declaratory of the amendments of the constitution was passed to be engrossed.

The House refused to grant the request.

Mr. HAM of Lewiston, was charged with a message to the Senate informing that branch of the election of WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, as Clerk *pro tempore* of this House.

Resolve declaratory of the amendments of the Constitution;
Resolve for the payment of Roll of Accounts No. 36—were severally finally passed.
Sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,
Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying a State tax for the present year of the same amount as last year.

Communication from the Land Agent, on the joint order of the 11th instant, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough introduced the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the valuation of the town of Waldoborough.

The order was referred to the joint delegation from Lincoln county.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Dane, Jr., and others, of Kennebunk, for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Richmond;

“ “ Bowdoinham;

“ “ Durham;

“ “ Brunswick;

“ “ Lewiston;

“ of E. K. Harding and others of Bath;

“ of B. C. Bailey and others of Bath;

“ of citizens of Rockland;

“ “ Freeport, in favor of a militia law similar to that of Massachusetts, were referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Hunt and others, in aid of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Bird and others, was received from the Senate accepted.

The report was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this day, at twelve o'clock, for

the purpose of electing Land Agent, Attorney General, and Adjutant General.

A message was subsequently received that the Senate concurs in the proposition of the House.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel H. Moulton and others;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Daniel B. Norwood;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of F. A. Lewis and others, and also of Otis Ingraham and others, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of John A. Pettingill and others;

Report of same Committee, ordering notice on petition of B. H. Reed and another;

Report of same Committee, ordering notice on petition of the directors of Gardiner and Pittston bridge;

Report of same Committee, ordering notice on petition of Rufus K. Page and others, also of Charles H. Beck and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. CUTTER of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey Mark Island in Gouldsborough to the United States.

The resolve was twice read, (the rules being suspended,) and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petition of David Mosman and others.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Isaac Grant and others.

Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on the petition of John Dudley and others. The reports were severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to abolishing the Executive Council, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on order as to a law that all actions against Sheriffs, &c., shall be commenced in the county where the act complained of was performed, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on petition of E. B. Pierce and others, granting leave to withdraw—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin, was re-committed with instructions.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had this day signed and approved a resolve declaratory of the amendments of the constitution.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Samuel Veazie, in behalf of the Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company, that so much as relates to completing branch tracks be referred to the next Legislature, and on such as relates to extension of said road granting leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker, was read the second time, and re-committed with instructions.

Bill An act to give jurisdiction in equity in cases between copartowners of ships, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

IN CONVENTION.

JAMES WALKER was duly elected Land Agent.

GEORGE EVANS was duly elected Attorney General.

GEORGE M. ATWOOD was duly elected Adjutant General.

The Convention was dissolved.

On motion of Mr. TROTT of Woolwich,

Bill An act for the regulation of bowling alleys, was assigned for to-morrow.

Mr. RECORD of Danville, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association; and also a bill An act to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported a bill An act to set off certain Islands in the Bagaduce river from the town of Brooks and annex the same to the town of Castine.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the St. John's Lodge; also a bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Marble Company.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act to repeal an act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters in Damariscotta river.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to establish a Police Court in the city of Bangor;

Bill An act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to the town of Naples—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn, was read the second time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Umcolcus plantation;

“ in favor of Benjamin Smith—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act for the establishment of a State Normal School, was twice read, and Wednesday assigned.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported a resolve in favor of Abigail O'Brien. The resolve was once read, and Wednesday assigned.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Robert Patterson.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to regulate the settlement of alien paupers, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to the reports of superintending school committees, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of J. B. Carroll and others, for alteration of militia law, was referred to the Committee on Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the County Attorney of Cumberland county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Bartholomew R. Lunt and others, to incorporate Long Island into a town by the name of Seaport, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Henry Bean and others of Brownfield;
“ of Samuel Stickney and others of Brownfield,
both against a new county from Cumberland and Oxford—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1856.

Remonstrance of David Harlow and others, against the petition of Benjamin Herrick, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. MORSE of Bath, called up the petition of J. C. Baker, County Attorney of Sagadahoc. The House recessed, and the

petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to the election of Judges and Registers of Probate, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Register of Probate of Washington county, for increase of salary, was referred to the delegation from that county.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James O. McIntire and others of Alfred, for an Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, by leave, laid upon the table a bill to amend chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LANCASTER of Farmingdale, by leave, laid upon the table a bill additional relating to supervisors and superintending school committees. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve of the town of Newcastle in reference to the liquor law, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, called up a bill An act in addition to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation, passed August 20, 1850. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to incorporate the Ellsworth Academy, came back from the Senate amended as on sheets A and B. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Mr. TITCOMB of Kennebunk, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to incor-

porate the Kennebunk Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Resolve in favor of Bickford C. Mathews, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A.

On motion of Mr. WEBSTER of Orono, the bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act additional to an act respecting banks, approved March 16, 1855, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORSE of Bath, moved to take up the Kansas resolve.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, moved that the House adjourn.

The House refused to adjourn—yeas 49, nays 52.

The question on taking up the Kansas resolve was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 46, nays 59.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Barker, Barrows, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Lindsay, Lunt, Mayo, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Pearson, Pishon, Pool, Scammon, Silsby, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—46.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, H. Brown, Burkett, Came, Cannell, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Dakin, Darling, Deering, J. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Todd, Trickey, True, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth—59.

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On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, bill An act for the regulation of Bowling Alleys, was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the resolves of the State of Alabama in relation to the duties on railroad iron.

Bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Water Power Company;

Bill An act authorizing James A. Creighton to change the bed or channel of Mill River Stream emptying into the Georges river;

Bill An act to provide for the correction of certain deficiencies in returns made by a town officer of the town of Weld, were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of James Lowell and others;

Report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel W. Stoddard—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Nehemiah Ellis.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GREGG of Freeport, from the Committee on Education, reported a resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians. The resolve was once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported a bill An act to annex a part of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough.

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Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Freedom Lodge.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve for the sale of the government lot at Fort Kent. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to set off a portion of Litchfield, in the county of Kennebec, and annex the same to Wales, in the county of Androscoggin, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1856.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation, passed August 20, 1850, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in addition to an act authorizing the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Folsom;

Bill An act making further provision for laying out the money raised by towns for ways and bridges;

Bill An act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation;

Bill An act granting further power to the association for the relief of aged, indigent women to hold property—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve providing for the distribution of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, was finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. IRISH of Union, introduced the following order:

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill regulating and restricting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, be directed to report the same to the House without amendment.

A call of the House was ordered—69 members answered.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1856.

The order introduced by Mr. IRISH on Saturday, was, on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, laid upon the table.

Communication from George M. Atwood, Adjutant General elect, accepting the office, was received from the Senate and read.

Bill An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Nezinscot Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bank of Enterprise—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Ephraim Alley 2d, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Alfred J. Stone and others, for a change in the militia law, was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

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Bill An act to provide for the correction of certain deficiencies in the returns made by a town officer in the town of Weld, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to set off certain Islands in Bagaduce river from Brooksville to Castine, was recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Marble Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of St. John's Lodge;

Bill An act to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast;

Bill An act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association in Belfast;

Bill An act to repeal an act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters of Damariscotta river;

Bill An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Freedom Lodge—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for the sale of government lot at Fort Kent, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. W. Cushing and others, for the Devonshire Mills Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Water Power Company;

Bill An act authorizing James A. Creighton to change the bed or channel of Mill River Stream emptying into the Georges river—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to restricting the powers of County Commissioners, was passed in concurrence.

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Bill An act to annex a part of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough, was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. CURTIS, laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association ;

Bill An Act in relation to the election of Judges of Probate, Registers of Probate, Sheriffs, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, from the Committee on Claims, to which was recommitted the resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin, reported back the same with a statement of facts. The resolve, on motion of Mr. LEVENSALE, was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of John N. Goodwin, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and on motion of Mr. LEVENSALE, laid upon the table.

Mr. LEVENSALE of Thomaston, from the Committee on Finance, reported a resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. EMERSON of Orland, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the inhabitants of Fryeburg.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ELDEN of Waterville, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Hunt and others.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINDSAY of Norridgewock,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 200 of the laws of 1846, relating to Hawkers and Pedlars.

Sent up for concurrence.

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On motion of the same Gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 28 of the laws of 1847, relating to appeals from courts of County Commissioners.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUME of Robbinston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law authorizing Judges of Municipal and Justice Courts to summon to said court three, five or seven jurymen, whenever either of the parties interested require it to be done, in any civil cause to be heard and tried before said judge or justice.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. C. Tapley and others;

“ of George N. Mills and others, both against setting off certain Islands from Brooksville to Castine—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned:

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1856.

On motion of Mr. LEVENSALE of Thomaston, the communication from the Governor transmitting the resolves of the State of Alabama in relation to the duties on railroad iron, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The same Gentleman called up the resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin. The resolve was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SILSBY of Amherst, introduced the following order :

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report what action, if any, has been taken on the report of the commissioners to revise the laws of the State.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, moved to lay the order upon the table. On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was lost—yeas 37, nays 40.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. H. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Dakin, Darling, Dennett, J. Foster, Fuller, Goodale, Haley, Hasty, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Levensaler, Little, J. Merrill, Nason, Owen, Pike, Putnam, Record, Rich, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, True, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, D. Wentworth—37.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, W. Brown, Chamberlain, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, Cushman, Chesley, Dingley, Elden, Emerson, Gilman, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Knight, Lancaster, Lindsay, Mayo, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Neal, Pearson, Pishon, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, Woodman—40.

The order was then passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the unfinished business from the last Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the St. John's Lodge, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to the election of Judges of Probate, Registers of Probate, Sheriffs, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts;

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association ;

Bill An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOWES of New Sharon,

*Ordered*, That the Governor be respectfully requested to transmit to the House of Representatives any communications he may have received in his official capacity from the citizens of Kansas, or the authorities thereof, provided the transmission of such documents be not in his opinion incompatible with the public interest.

Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, introduced the following order:—

*Ordered*, That 2500 copies of the report of the Judiciary Committee, with the bill accompanying it, regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, be printed for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. LEVENSALE of Thomaston, the order was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Bank ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bank of Enterprise ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Nezinscot Bank—were severally read the third time, and on motion of Mr. LEVENSALE of Thomaston, laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: . DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1856.

Petition of the selectmen of Manchester, for abatement of State tax, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of J. H. Esterbrook and others, for change of the Militia law, was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Trustees of the Reform School, was received, and on motion of Mr. COFFIN of Harrington, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Petition of Horace Blaisdell and others, for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elisha F. Thurston, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. TODD of Portland, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported a bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Petition of the County Attorney of Somerset county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolves in favor of the Insane Hospital, were severally read the second time, and on motion of Mr. LEVENSALER, laid upon the table.

Mr. RICH of Frankfort, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Adams Treat and others, reported reference to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for the establishment of a State Normal School, was read the third time.

Mr. TRUE of North Yarmouth moved its indefinite postponement.

The question was taken by yeas and nays, and the motion prevailed—yeas 73, nays 35.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Barker, Barrows, Blake, J. Blanchard, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chamberlain, Cochran, Collins, Curtis, Cutter, Dakin, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, Fisher, J.

Foster, Frost, Fuller, Gilman, Goodale, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hurd, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Lancaster, Levensaler, Lyman, Mayo, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, J. L. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norris, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Pray, Prince, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Sargent, Smith, Stanton, Taylor, Todd, True, Vaughan, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing, Woodman—73.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chase, J. B. Coffin, J. W. Coffin, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Gregg, Ham, Howes, Hume, Lindsay, Little, Lunt, Morse, Neal, Pearson, Scammon, Stanwood, Stinson, Swazey, Trott, Walton, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow—35.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a communication signed C. Robinson, Governor elect of Kansas, with other papers, in accordance with the order of the House of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation relative to the board of poor debtors, as provided for in section 32 and 34 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State cause the annual returns of the names of the stockholders in the several Banks and Corporations, together with the Bank Commissioners report, to be published and distributed within ten days.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1856.

Mr. HAM of Lewiston, presented the credentials of JAMES M. LEACH, Representative elect from Raymond and New Gloucester.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, the same were referred to the Committee on Elections with instructions to report forthwith.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the State Reform School be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act establishing a State Reform School that those under sentence to that institution may be conveyed thither at the expense of the State instead of the county.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to reduce the valuation of the town of Arrowsic, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Edward Hutchins and others, in aid of European and North American Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. A. Dennison and others, against a new county was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUME of Robbinston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a resolve so as to authorize the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to expend seventy-five dollars for repairing the roof and chimney of the chapel at Pleasant Point in the town of Perry.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported that the communications from

the Land Agent be referred to the Committee on the Affairs of the Land Office.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Boot and Shoe Company; and also bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company.

Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported a bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation, approved March 23, 1836.

Bill An act to set off Stephen Spaulding from Sumner to Buckfield, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed;

Bill An act to incorporate the Branch Mills Manufacturing Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed;

Bill An act additional to an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed;

Bill An act to set off a part of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These bills were severally twice read and to-morrow assigned.

Resolve in favor of Christopher Cole, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act providing for the appointment and duties of a Recorder of the Police Court in Bangor;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Manufacturing Company—were severally read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the sale of certain lands in Bradley, was received from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The House concurred.

Report of the Committee on Claims, that the petition of T. C. Allan be referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company, was taken up and recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

An order was received from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Farley, Swasey and Barker, with such as the House may join, to inquire into the expediency of rescinding certain resolves relating to slavery, approved March 17, 1855, and to consider the resolves relating to Kansas.

The order was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Fuller of Augusta, Morse of Bath, Levensaler of Thomaston, Cochran of Waldoborough, Talbot of Lubec, Howes of New Sharon, and Lyman of Portland, appointed on the part of the House.

The message of the Governor as to Kansas affairs, and the resolve laid upon the table by Mr. MORSE of Bath, relative to Kansas, were referred to the said Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Marble Company, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Gunnison and others, to incorporate the Eastern Masonic Temple, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Sargent, Jr., for extra pay as forage master, was received from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

The House concurred.

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Justus Hathaway, was accepted in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, that the Senate had on its part elected Major Generals, as follows:

1st Division—Ebenezer Ricker of Acton.

2d       “       Samuel Wood of Winthrop.

3d       “       Samuel S. Heagan of Prospect.

7th      “       Jeremiah Foster of East Machias.

Bill An act additional concerning elections, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Mary Ann Bullock and others, against the repeal of the Maine law, was read and laid upon the table.

Bill An act to provide for the appointment and duties of a Recorder of the Police Court in Bangor;

Bill An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;

Bill An act in relation to Judges of Probate, Registers of Probate, Sheriffs, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts;

Bill An act to incorporate the Ellsworth High School;

Bill An act to provide for certain deficiencies in the returns made by a town officer of the town of Weld;

Bill An act authorizing James A. Creighton to change the bed or channel of Mill River stream emptying into Georges river;

Bill An act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company;

Bill An act to give jurisdiction in equity in cases between copartowners of ships;

Bill An act to repeal an act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital;

“ in favor of Bickford C. Mathews;

“ authorizing the Land Agent to convey Mark Island, in Gouldsbrough, to the United States;

Resolve in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock A. M., was assigned for the choice of Major Generals in the 1st, 2d, 3d and 7th Divisions.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco,

*Ordered*, That the sessions of this House until otherwise ordered shall commence at nine o'clock A. M., except Mondays.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, that the bill relating to bank returns ought not to pass, was received from the Senate and laid upon the table.

Bill An act further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Dennis Moore and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. HAM of Lewiston, from the Committee on Elections, reported that James M. Leach was elected representative from Raymond and New Gloucester by 78 majority.

Mr. HAM was directed by the Speaker to conduct Mr. Leach to the Council Chamber to be qualified.

Mr. HAM subsequently informed the House that Mr. Leach could not then be qualified as there was not a quorum of the Council present.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, Mr. Leach was admitted to his seat.

Bill An act for the sale of certain interests in the public lands, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Resolve in favor of Abigail O'Brien;

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians—were severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoborough, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to extend the time of payment of a portion of the stock of the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. COFFIN of Harrington,

*Ordered*, That the papers on file relating to the survey of the European and North American Railroad east of Bangor, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. S. Wheelwright and others, for a Mutual Loan Fund Association, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Oliver Eveleth and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act regulating proceedings on demurrer, was taken up. The House adhered to its former vote.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1856.

Bill An act to repeal an act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters in Damariscotta river;

Bill An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of St. John's Lodge;

Bill An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Penobscot river;

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association;

Bill An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Freedom Lodge;

Bill An act to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast;

Bill An act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage in Belfast—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, at his request, was excused from serving on the Committee on the affairs of Kansas.

Mr. RICH of Frankfort, was appointed in his place.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Camden.

Mr. BLAKE of Bangor, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported a bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Veazie Bank.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Benton,

*Ordered*, That the Governor be requested to communicate to the House; what action, if any, has been taken on a resolve approved August 24, 1850, appropriating twenty-four half townships of the undivided lands for the benefit of common schools.

Petition of S. L. Fish, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Bill An act to amend an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Company, approved March 23 1836;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Peperell Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company—were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Boot and Shoe Company, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to set off Stephen Spaulding, together with his real estate, from the town of Sumner to the town of Buckfield;

Bill An act additional to an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad;

Bill An act to incorporate the Branch Mills Manufacturing Company—were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoborough, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to set off a part of the town of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner, was read the third time and laid upon the table.

Mr. CUTTER of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnsten.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee aforesaid, reported a resolve for the repair of the State road through the town of Baileyville.

The resolves were once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on a bill additional to chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes, that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of J. McPhee, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Buckfield,

*Ordered,* That the Committee on the State Reform School be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing that the expenses of supporting juvenile offenders at said school shall be paid by the several counties instead of the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PIKE of Topsfield, called up the order introduced by Mr. IRISH of Union, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to report the bill restricting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. The order was passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the bills respecting intemperance and the sale of intoxicating liquors, reported that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of them.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Union, the report was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. CLARK of Biddeford, bill An act to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company, was taken up, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1856.

The Clerk being absent, on motion of Mr. DANA of Wisconsin,

*Resolved*, That WILLIAM L. PUTNAM be elected Clerk *pro tempore*.

Bill An act to incorporate the Nezinscot Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Water Power Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Lewiston Village Corporation, and the Auburn Village Corporation, and provide for the dissolution of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation;

Bill An act to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to juries before municipal and police courts, was received from the Senate and laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, on the petition of Dennis Gatchell and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the compensation of jailers, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias called up resolves in favor of the Insane Hospital—and the same were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported a bill An act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield. The bill was twice read, and Tuesday assigned.

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Bill An act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boom Corporation, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and Wednesday assigned.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, called up the report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill An act in relation to bank returns. On his motion the report was amended as on sheet A and accepted. The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Ellsworth and others;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Nancy Jane Ellicott;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to taxing the right of flowage, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Silas Fish, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of the selectmen of the town of Greene, that certain doings of said town may be legalized, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to set off a portion of the town of Litchfield, in the county of Kennebec, and annex the same to Wales, in the county of Androscoggin, was read the third time, amended as on sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve abating the tax of the town of Hollis and assessing the same upon the town of Dayton, amended as on sheet A, came back from the Senate. The resolve was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Veazie Bank, of Bangor;

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Bill An act authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Camden—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1856.

The Speaker being absent, on motion of Mr. CUSHMAN of Hebron, Hon. JOHN C. TALBOT, Jr., was elected Speaker *pro tempore*.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Union, MELVILLE W. FULLER was elected Assistant Clerk *pro tempore*.

Resolve providing for the sale of government lot at Fort Kent, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed. The House receded and concurred.

Bill An act to set off Stephen Spaulding, together with his real estate, from the town of Sumner to the town of Buckfield;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Branch Mills Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bank of Enterprise;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoborough, was finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Upper and Lower Stone ponds in Stoneham;

Bill An act regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters;

Bill An act to authorize the diversion of the waters of Long pond into Round pond;

Bill An act to incorporate the Atlantic Bank—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Howland,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of State be requested to report to this House the amount of outstanding State taxes now due and unpaid by any of the cities and towns of the State, together with the times when such taxes became payable.

Petition of B. M. Chandler and others, for aid in building roads in township letter B, first range;

Petition of Freeman Hayden, for pay for extra labor;

“ of Jesse Wheelock for a lot of land;

“ of William Cowperthwaite, for payment of stumpage—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. Merithew and others, for increase of capital stock of the Searsport Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LANCASTER of Farmingdale, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill An act to incorporate the North Somerset Agricultural Society. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases;

Bill An act further to extend the time of the Rumford Falls Bridge Company to erect and build the same;

Bill An act to authorize the Governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgements of deeds or other contracts

and depositions in foreign countries—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Bion Bradbury and others, to be incorporated as the Lubec Silver Lead Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1856.

Resolve abating the tax of the town of Hollis and assessing the same upon the town of Dayton;

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital;

“ in favor of Abigail O'Brien;

“ to promote education among the Penobscot Indians—
were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Boot and Shoe Company;

Bill An act relating to the disclosure of poor debtors;

Bill An act in addition to an act authorizing the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad;

Bill An act regulating proceedings on demurrer;

Bill An act to amend an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation, approved March 23, 1853;

Bill An act to set off a portion of the town of Litchfield, in the county of Kennebec, and annex the same to the town of

Wales, in the county of Androscoggin—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, called up a resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker. The resolve was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Atlantic Bank;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Upper and Lower Stone ponds in Stoneham;

Bill An act further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the North Somerset Agricultural Society, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John N. Goodwin, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of James C. Wellington and others, of Aroostook county, for repair of State roads in township No. 11, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act additional to chapter 243 of the public laws of 1852, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of John Bird and others, was taken up and recommitted with instructions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Parker P. Burleigh, for aid to build a bridge in township 6, range 1, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Camden—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. HEWES of Masardis, called up a bill An act to incorporate the town of Littleton. The bill was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of George Downs and others of Calais, against the petition of James S. Hall and others, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Livermore,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the present laws in regard to our settling lands as to better protect the rights of the settler and encourage the same.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying pond—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, called up the bill An act in relation to the powers of constables. The bill was read the third time, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed to be engrossed—yeas 60, nays 36.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Ful-

ler, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hunton, Hunt, Irish, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Rich, Sawyer, Smith, Stanwood, Talbot, Todd, Trickey, Wall, Walton, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth—60.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Chase, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Fisher, Gilman, Ham, Handy, Hewes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Lunt, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, Norris, Pearson, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Vaughan, H. Wentworth—36.

Petition of W. A. Herrick, for a pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEST of Lisbon, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to establish the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company, and the same was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Commissioners under resolve of March 16, 1855, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to amend chapter 54, section 2, of the public laws of 1853, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to juries in municipal or justice's courts, was recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Eliza Bartlett, for a lot of land in township No. 11, range 5, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to set off a part of the town of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1856.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring Savings Institutions to make returns annually of all deposits made with them where the amount exceeds one hundred dollars, and also what further legislation is necessary, if any, in relation to the assessment of taxes upon such institutions.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had signed and approved the public acts, as follows:

An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Moose Head Lake;

An act additional to An act to provide for the education of youth;

An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer pond;

An act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Portland;

An act for the removal of paupers having no settlement within this State;

An act making further provisions for laying out the money raised by towns for ways and bridges;

An act to repeal An act additional to chapter 170 of the revised statutes;

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;

An act to establish a Police Court in the city of Bangor;

Communication from the State Treasurer transmitting a schedule of unpaid taxes was ordered to be printed.

Mr. HEWES of Masardis, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to so much of the Governor's message as relates to the public lands, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, from the Committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of John Sargent, Jr. The resolve was read and Wednesday assigned.

Mr. CUTTER of Banger, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts. The resolve was once read and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the County of Somerset. The bill was twice read and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Livermore Falls Bridge was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill An act for the assessment of a State Tax for the year 1856.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Devonshire Mills Company.

These bills were severally twice read and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on the petition of the Selectmen of Greene.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to Bank Returns, was read the third time amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve laying a tax on the counties, was read the second time, amended as on sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Charles F. Johnston and Charles Kidder, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, on the petition of Jesse Higgins, reported reference to the next Legislature; and also on the petition of Benjamin Chadbourn, leave to withdraw; and also on petition of William A. Herrick, leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUSHMAN of Hebron,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the law in relation to the collection of taxes of non-resident proprietors of towns and owners of lands in unincorporated places.

Sent up for concurrence.

At the hour assigned, the House proceeded to the choice of Major Generals.

Messrs. Wedgewood of Cornish, Hobart of Edmunds, Bean of Brooks, Irish of Union, and Johnson of Bluehill, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General in the First Division.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	124
Necessary for a choice,	63
Ebenezer Ricker has	76
Seth Scammon has	42
John H. Gilman has	2
Lathley Rich has	1
Theophilus Pike has	1
William E. Armitage has	1
Samuel Wood has	1

EBENEZER RICKER was declared elected, on the part of the House, Major General of the First Division.

Messrs. Fuller of Augusta, Hunton of Readfield, Collins of Letter H, Barrows of Camden and Chesley of Patten, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General of the Second Division.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	125
Necessary for a choice,	63
Samuel Wood has	68
Lewis D. Moore has	41
Elias G. Hedge has	11
J. M. Leach has	1
J. H. Gilman has	1
W. A. P. Dillingham has	1

SAMUEL WOOD was declared elected, on the part of the House, Major General of the Second Division.

Messrs. Blake of Bangor, Morrow of Searsmont, Handy of Gouldsbrough, Taylor of Byron and Curtis of Nobleborough, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General of the Third Division.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	118
Necessary for a choice,	60
Lathley Rich has	71
S. S. Heagan has	18
Henry McGilvery has	27
William Duren has	1
Philip Weaver has	1

LATHLEY RICH was declared elected, on the part of the House, Major General of the Third Division.

Messrs. Came of York, Talbot of Lubec, Brown of Carroll, Silsby of Amherst and Haley of Rangeley, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General of the Seventh Division.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	131
Necessary for a choice,	66
Jeremiah Foster has	74
William Duren has	44
H. K. Baker has	1
John C. Talbot has	1
Elder Weaver has	1

JEREMIAH FOSTER was declared elected on the part of the House, Major General of the Seventh Division.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, a message was sent to the Senate informing that branch of the election on the part of the House of Major Generals of the 1st, 2d, 3d and 7th Divisions.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, called up bill An act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings. The bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1856.

Petition of Thomas D. Robinson and others, for a salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court in Bath, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to false pretences, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of the County Commissioners of Piscataquis, granting leave to withdraw—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Jesse Wheelock and others, was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional relating to married women, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on a bill to amend An act regulating private booms in Kennebec river, that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. SWAZEY of Bucksport, from the Committee on Finance, on the petition of the selectmen of Arrowsic, reported that the Committee had before reported on the same subject.

The report was laid upon the table.

Petition of Eliphas Gullifer and others, for extension of time to cut timber, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported order of notice on the petition of Robinson Dexter and others.

Mr. BEAN of Brooks, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of J. Fairfield and others, re-

ported leave to withdraw; and also leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Goss.

These reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STANTON of Poland, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported a bill An act to change the names of certain persons. The bill was twice read and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel H. Moulton.

Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to amending section 71 of chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WING of Brunswick, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve relating to the Woodworth Patent.

Mr. SILSBY of Amherst, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve relating to Books for the several towns.

Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Corporation. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, from the Committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of William Hogan;

Mr. BROWN of Benton, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported a resolve in favor of William Poor, Jr. Also, a resolve in favor of James Pomroy.

These resolves were severally once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Mr. CUTTER of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve in favor of Eliza Bartlett. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting to the House abstracts of railroad returns, was ordered to be printed.

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying Pond, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boom Corporation, was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of Livermore Falls Bridge, was amended as on sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts;

“ providing for the repair of the State road through the town of Baileyville—were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Devonshire Mills Company;

Bill An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for Somerset county—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Littleton, came back from the Senate the amendment A non-concurred. The House receded and concurred.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, called up bill An act to annex a part of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough. The bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker, was finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters;

Bill An act to authorize the diversion of the water from Long pond into Round pond;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Upper and Lower Stone ponds in Stoneham;

Bill An act to incorporate the Atlantic Bank—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

A message was received from the Governor, that on the 12th of March instant, he had signed and approved the following bills:

An act to give jurisdiction in equity in cases between co-partowners of ships;

An act in relation to Judges of Probate, Registers of Probate, Sheriffs, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts;

An act regulating proceedings on demurrer.

On motion of Mr. HUME of Robbinston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing an act changing the powers of constables in every town in this State, whenever a majority of legal voters so vote at their annual town meeting, so that any constable shall be authorized to serve within any town any writ, summons or execution to him duly directed, in personal actions, where the damage sued for and recovered shall not exceed five hundred dollars; and all constables so authorized shall give bond to the treasurer of their town in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, with sureties, to be approved by the selectmen thereof.

Sent up for concurrence.

Message was received from the Senate, that the Senate had made choice on its part of Samuel S. Heagan for Major General for the Third Division.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, to-morrow at eleven o'clock was assigned for the choice on the part of the House of Major General for said Third Division.

Bill An act to incorporate the Eastern Masonic Temple Company;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company;

Bill An act to authorize the Governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgements of deeds and other contracts and depositions in foreign countries;

Bill An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company;

Bill An act in further regulation of proceedings on indictments for defective ways—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Order from the Senate, relative to improving the State lands about the Capitol, was passed in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 29 of the laws of 1847, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending An act approved March 12, 1855, entitled an act defining the terms of office of Clerks of Courts and County Attorneys.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEBSTER of Orono, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians, and the same was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for the regulation of Bowling Alleys, was taken up.

Mr. TITCOMB of Kennebunk, offered an amendment.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1856.

Bill An act for the regulation of Bowling Alleys, was laid upon the table.

Mr. HAM of Lewiston, informed the House that he had conducted Mr. LEACH of Raymond, to the Council Chamber, and that he had been qualified.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws of 1855, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CUTTER of Bangor, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of Richard Libby and John Lane, and the same was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the act to incorporate the city of Gardiner, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of James S. Hall and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Daniel Smith and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Samuel Tripp and others, granting leave to withdraw—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act regulating the succession of trusts in certain cases, was recommitted in concurrence.

Petition of John H. Rice, County Attorney of Piscataquis, for increase of salary, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Brawn, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Bill An act to remedy the loss of a certain assessment of taxes in the town of Newburg, was received from the Senate, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Gideon Mayo and others, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and laid upon the table.

Bill An act in relation to the powers of constables, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State;

“ in favor of John N. Goodwin—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to amend chapter 151 of the public laws of 1855, was recommitted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORSE of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads and Bridges be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending An act authorizing a bridge to be built over New Meadows river, as to permit said bridge to be re-built without a draw.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Waite, came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported order of notice to the next Legislature on the bill to provide for the sale of certain interest in the public lands, and for the taxation of certain interest in lands.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act extending the time for building the Rumford Falls Bridge, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

Mr. LINDSAY of Norridgewock, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act relating to hawkers and pedlers, approved July 31, 1846.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, from the Committee on the Militia, reported a Resolve in aid of the Portland Cavalry Guards. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, from the Committee on Education, on petition of James S. Holmes and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ELDEN of Waterville, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of William Swett and others, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for a charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. CHASE of Buckfield moved to amend the report, by striking out *leave to withdraw* and inserting *leave to bring in a bill*, which is herewith submitted.

At the hour assigned, the House proceeded to the election of Major General for the Third Division.

Messrs. Morrow of Searsmont, Pike of Topsfield, Hurd of Northport, Goodwin of Detroit, and Pray of Lebanon, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General of the Third Division.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	118
Necessary for a choice,	60
Samuel S. Heagan has	61
S. C. Nickerson has	23
Samuel Andrews, Jr., has	16
A. D. Bean has	4

Philip Weaver has	3
A. Levensaler has	1
Neal Dow has	1
S. R. Lyman has	1
J. T. K. Hayward has	1
John Bapts has	1
W. H. Sargent has	1
Nick Biddle has	1
Frank Pierce has	1
Lydia Cushman has	1
J. N. Swazey has	1

SAMUEL S. HEAGAN was declared elected on the part of the House, Major General of the Third Division.

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the subject of the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Leave was granted.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1856.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, a message was sent to the Senate that the House had elected SAMUEL S. HEAGAN Major General of the Third Division.

Bill An act to remedy the loss of a certain assessment of taxes in the town of Newburg;

Bill An act to annex a part of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying pond;

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Littleton—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder;

Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, on petitions and remonstrances as to a new county from Lincoln and Waldo, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on a bill additional to chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Freeman Hayden, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Education, on a bill additional to chapter 243 of the laws of 1852, that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of G. W. Smith, granting leave to withdraw—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Cumberland county—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were twice read, and Monday assigned.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell certain lands in Bradley, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. PEARSON of Machias, from the Committee on Education, reported a resolve in favor of plantations Nos. 33 and 21, in Hancock county.

Mr. WEBSTER of Orono, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a resolve in aid of the Penobscot Indians in the agricultural pursuits.

These resolves were once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Resolve relating to books for the several towns, was once read, and Monday assigned.

Resolve relating to the Woodworth Patent, was once read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. LANCASTER of Farmingdale, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

Mr. DEERING of Hampden, from the Committee on Education, reported a bill An act explanatory of section 5, article 2, of an act to provide for the education of youth.

Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company.

These bills were severally twice read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Resolves of the State of Alabama, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Ira Wadleigh and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER of Exeter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that certain interests in the public lands on which permits to cut timber have been granted by the Land Agents of Massachusetts and Maine, may be taxed by the County Commissioners of the counties in which said lands are situated, for the purpose of

making and repairing roads passing through the same, and for meeting other county expenses.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to change the name of certain persons;

Resolve in favor of the Portland Cavalry Guards;

Bill An act to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act additional to an act relating to hawkers and pedlers, approved July 31, 1849—were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company, was read the third time, and laid upon the table.

Bill An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company;

Bill An act to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners to take the acknowledgement of deeds and other contracts and depositions in foreign countries;

Bill An act in further regulation of proceedings on indictments for defective ways;

Bill An act to incorporate the Eastern Masonic Temple Company;

Bill An act to further extend the time for the proprietors of the Rumford Falls Bridge to erect and complete the same—were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CURRIER of Orrington moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill An act to set off a portion of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough was passed to be enacted.

Mr. STANWOOD of Augusta moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, and assign Wednesday next for its consideration.

The question on Mr. STANWOOD'S motion, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 61, nays 41.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Britton, R. P. Brown, W. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chandler, Chase, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, M. Currier, Deering, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Goodale, Gould, Gregg, Hanscom, Handy, Hobart, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Hysom, Irish, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Little, Lunt, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, J. L. Moore, Norris, Norton, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Reed, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Titecomb, Taylor, Trott, True, Walton, Weed, West, Woodman—61.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Blake, E. Brown, H. Brown, Burkett, Cannell, Charles, Collins, Dakin, Dana, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Haley, Hammond, Hasty, Hewes, Hodgdon, Hunt, Levensaler, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patterson, Prince, Shackley, Stanwood, Talbot, Trickey, Tuttle, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth—41.

Bill An act to change the name of Kilmarnock, in the county of Piscataquis, to that of Medford, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The rules were suspended, the bill was three times read, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional respecting elections in cities ;

Bill An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, passed August 27, 1850 ;

Bill An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1847—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These bills were severally twice read, and Monday assigned.

Resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and Monday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on the petition of Mark Scott and others, granting leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads,

granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward Bulier and others;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Directors of Searsport Bank;

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, on a resolve to authorize Isaac Gage to construct a reservoir, that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of R. K. Page and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of James M. Rankin, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Abner Lampher—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve further to postpone the operation of a resolve in relation to the debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April 20, 1854, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and Tuesday assigned.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had signed and approved the public acts as follows:

An act relating to the disclosures of poor debtors;

An act to repeal an act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes;

An act providing for the appointment and duties of a Recorder of the Police Court in Bangor;

An act further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters.

Petition of Ezra Tobie and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, called up bill An act to incorporate a Board of Agriculture. The bill was amended as on sheets A, B, C and D, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act more fully prescribing the powers and duties of agricultural and horticultural societies, was amended as on sheets A, B and C, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had signed and approved a bill An act in relation to the powers of constables.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias called up bill An act for the regulation of bowling alleys. The bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1856.

Petition of Albion M. Fish and others, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Oliver Wheeler and others, was received from the Senate recommitted. The House non-concurred the recommitment, and the report was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PIKE of Topsfield, called up bill An act to incorporate the town of Waite. The House non-concurred in the reference to the next Legislature, and the bill was twice read, and tomorrow assigned.

Bill An act in addition to, and explanatory of, chapter 94 the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1847;

Bill An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Cumberland;

Bill An act additional relating to supervisors and superintending school committees—were severally read the third time, and laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell certain lands in Bradley, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Libbey and others, for repair of Maine military roads, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FROST of Norway, by leave, laid upon the table a bill to incorporate the Norway, Paris and Oxford Agricultural Aid Society. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Israel Wood, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Bill An act explanatory of article 5, section 2, of the act to provide for the education of youth;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream, was read the second time, and laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1856.

Resolve authorizing the sale of certain islands, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to private ways, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, that the bill to incorporate the Lewiston Falls Brass Band be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, was accepted in concurrence.

Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine the obstructions at the mouth of the Stillwater stream, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company, was taken up, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act authorizing the sale and transfer of the franchise and repealing the charter of the Machias River Company;

Bill An act for the preservation of moose and deer;

Bill An act to incorporate the Canton Point Bridge Company—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Petition of J. T. K. Haywood and others, for a reform school for girls, was referred to the Committee on the Reform School, in concurrence.

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Bill An act additional respecting elections in cities, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1847, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company, was read the third time, and laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1849, so as to give further time for the redemption of lands sold for the non-payment of taxes.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company, came back from the Senate recommitted. The House concurred.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Bill An act additional to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford, was read the third time, and laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Waite, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Mary Rockwood and others, was recommitted, in concurrence.

The House then again went into Committee of the Whole on the subject of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Leave was granted.

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Bill An act additional relating to elections in cities, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Petition of William B. Snell and others, for renewal of the charter of the Bank of Fairfield, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1856.

Petition of Sarah Frances Twitchell, for change of name ;  
Petition of Franklin Patch, for same—were severally referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. TRICKEY of Cape Elizabeth,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a bill due the town of Cape Elizabeth for funeral expenses and supplies furnished a family of Penobscot Indians.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Veazie Bank of Bangor, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of A. Ward Dam and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Amos Austin and others, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, on petition of Briggs Turner and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Message was received from the Senate, that in the absence of the President the Senate had chosen FRANCIS G. BUTLER for President *pro tempore*.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve for the purchase and distribution of the Maine Register and Business Directory. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company;

Bill An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases;

Bill An act relating to the Poland Ministerial Fund—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Resolve for carrying into effect the resolve for a permanent school fund, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was ordered to be printed.

Petition of the Richmond Congregational Sewing Society, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Waite, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former vote referring the bill to the next Legislature. The House insisted on its former vote, and appointed Messrs. Pike of Topsfield, Talbot of Lubec, and Levensaler of Thomaston, as conferees.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TITCOMB of Kennebunk, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Alfred Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee of the delegation from the county of Washington, reported a resolve abating the State tax of the town of Cutler. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians ;

“ relating to books for the several towns ;

“ in favor of Eliza Bartlett ;

“ in favor of James Pomroy—were severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of plantations No. 33 and 21, in Hancock county, was read the second time, and laid upon the table.

Bill An act in addition to, and explanatory of, chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, was recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House went into Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the subject of the charter for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked to be discharged from the subject. The Committee was discharged.

Mr. CHASE of Buckfield, moved to recommit the report with instructions to report the bill submitted to the last Legislature.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 88, nays 40.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Barker, Barrows, Britton, D. H. Brown, W. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Cannell, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chandler, Charles, Chase, Chesley, J. B. Coffin, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Dakin, Darling, Deering, Emerson, Fisher, O. Foster, Gilman, Goodale, Goodwin, Gould, Gregg, Haley, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hines, Hobart, Hooper, Hume, Hunt, Hurd,

Irish, Johnson, Knight, Lancaster, Leach, Lunt, Lyman, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norris, Norton, Palmer, Patten, Pearson, Pike, Pool, Pray, Russell, Sargent, Sawyer, Scammon, Shackley, Silsby, Smith, Stanton, Talbot, Taylor, Trickey, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Wall, Watson, Wedgewood, Weed, West, Wing, Winslow, Woodman—88.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Bean, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, Came, Cochran, Cutter, Dana, Dennett, Dingley, Duren, Elden, J. Foster, Fuller, Ham, Hammond, Howes, Hunton, Hysom, Levensaler, Lindsay, Little, A. Merrill, Milliken, Morrow, Owen, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Rich, Stanwood, Swazey, Sweat, Titcomb, Walton, Webster, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth—40.

So the motion prevailed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1856.

Bill An act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings;

Bill An Act further extending the time to the proprietors of the Rumford Falls Bridge to erect and complete the same;

Bill An act to incorporate the Devonshire Mills Company;

Bill An act to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners to take acknowledgements of deeds and other contracts and depositions in foreign countries;

Bill An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boom Company;

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Bill An act in further regulation of proceedings on indictments for defective ways;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Somerset;

Bill An act to change the name of Kilmarnock, in the county of Piscataquis, to that of Medford;

Bill An act to incorporate the Eastern Masonic Temple Company;

Bill An act additional to an act relating to hawkers and pedlers, approved July 30, 1846—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve providing for the repair of the State road through the town of Baileyville;

Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream;

Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts;

“ in aid of the Portland Cavalry Guards;

“ authorizing the Land Agent to sell certain lands in Bradley—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Petition of E. L. Murphy, for change of name;

“ of Erastus G. Angell and others, for same—were severally referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Report of the Committee on the Library, on petition of John F. Mereen, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Edward Hutchings and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of J. H. Hight and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Library, on an order as to the use of the library by the members of the Maine State Agricultural Society, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary, was received from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

Mr. TROTT of Woolwich, moved to non-concur the Senate.

The question on his motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 56, nays 74.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chesley, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Dana, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Hobart, Howes, Hume, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Mayo, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Nason, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Swazey, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow—56.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, R. P. Brown, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morton, Norton, Owen, Patten, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Talbot, Titcomb, Treat, Trickey, True, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, Wing, Woodman—74.

The resolve was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ to provide for the further revision of the public laws—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolves were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington;

Bill An act repealing chapter 147 of the public laws approved

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March 13, 1855—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Petition of Eusebius Weston and others, for a Savings Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Bill granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill additional to chapter 123 of the Revised Statutes, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill An act respecting agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies, was recommitted, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1856.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer of State be directed to inform this House the amount of money deposited in the Treasury to the credit of plantations in the county of Hancock, from the proceeds of the sale of lands reserved for public uses in said county, and not apportioned to the several plantations.

Mr. STANTON of Poland, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported a bill An act to change the names of certain persons.

Mr. LINDSAY of Norridgewock, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act to amend an act additional to chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Gray Steam Mill Company.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. BLAKE of Bangor, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to amend the first section of an act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers.

A message was received from the Senate, transmitting a copy of certain resolves, adopted by the Senate, declaring certain causes for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. The resolves were read.

Bill An act concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company;  
Bill An act to set off a part of the town of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner;

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons;

Bill An act to incorporate the North Somerset Agricultural Society—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the town of Danville, was finally passed.  
Sent to the Senate.

Resolve laying a tax on the counties, was laid upon the table.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, from the Committee on Finance, on a resolve in favor of the town of Newburg, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. EATON of Plymouth, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of James Babcock and others, reported leave to withdraw. Also, on petition of John Kendall and others, leave to withdraw.

Mr. BEAN of Brooks, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of John B. Trafton and others, reported legislation inexpedient.

These reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, on petition of Arthur McArthur in behalf of the Trustees of Limington Academy, reported reference to the next Legislature. The report was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, from the Committee on Claims, reported a resolve in favor of Volney A. Sprague. The resolve was once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Mr. MORSE of Bath, by leave, laid upon the table a bill authorizing the Methodist Society of the Wesley Church, in Bath, to repair and remodel the same. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ELDEN of Waterville, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported a bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of Winslow Free Bridge.

Mr. HOBART of Edmunds, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill An act for the preservation of Moose and Deer.

The bills were severally twice read, and ordered to be printed.

Petition of John Dow, for payment of bounty, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the payment of the militia called into the public service by order of the Governor June 4, 1855, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Waite, came back from the Senate, that branch adhering to its former vote referring the bill to the next Legislature. The bill was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of William Hogan, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court in the city of Calais, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and Wednesday assigned.

Bill to regulate the compensation of jailors for the support of prisoners in county jails, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill An act to punish and prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks;

Bill An act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, from the Committee on Finance, on the petition of the selectmen of Kingfield, reported leave to withdraw. The report was referred to the delegation of Franklin county.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, re-calling the joint order of February 19, directing the Adjutant General to make up the pay roll of certain troops, was passed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Richard Libbey and John Lane, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

A message was received from the Governor, that on the 19th day of March, 1856, he signed and approved a bill An act additional respecting elections in cities.

Bill An act repealing chapter 147 of the public laws approved March 13, 1855;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate

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for the county of Washington—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BARKER of Exeter, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill An act in relation to the collection of State taxes. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to set off certain lands from the town of Strong and annex the same to New Vineyard, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to incorporate the Kennebec Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Alfred Mutual Fire Insurance Company—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Sargent, Jr.;

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the town of Cutler;

Resolve for the purchase and distribution of the Maine State Register and Business Directory—were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

Resolve providing for the further revision of the public laws—were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Bridge Company at Canton Point;

Bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Marine Insurance Company;

Bill An act authorizing the sale and transfer of the franchise and repealing the charter of the Machias River Company—were severally read the third time, amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

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Bill An act to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company;

Bill An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve further to postpone the operation of a resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, was amended as on sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1856.

The House was called to order by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. HOBART of Edmunds,

Resolved, That in the absence of the Speaker, JOHN C. TALBOT, JR., be elected Speaker *pro tempore*.

Resolve in favor of Richard Libbey and John Lane, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Gray Steam Mill Company;

Bill An act to amend an act additional to chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act to punish and prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks;

Bill An act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society;

Bill An act additional relating to Supervisors and Superintending School Committees—were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Library, on an order relative to the use of the library by the chaplains, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was received from the Senate accepted.

The report was indefinitely postponed, by yeas and nays—yeas 46, nays 45.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. R. M. Baker, Bean, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, R. S. Currier, Dakin, Darling, Davis, Dennett, J. Foster, O. Foster, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hines, Hodgdon, Hunt, Hurd, Knight, Miller, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Patterson, Prince, Record, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Talbot, True, Wall, Webster, D. Wentworth—46.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, Archer, J. C. Baker, Barker, Barrows, Britton, E. Brown, W. Brown, Chamberlain, Chesley, Cochran, Collins, Cushman, Deering, Eaton, Frost, Fuller, Gilman, Gould, Handy, Hobart, Howes, Hume, Johnson, Leach, Lindsay, Mayo, A. Merrill, Morrow, Pearson, Pray, Putnam, Sargent, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Treat, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, H. Wentworth, West—45.

Resolve to diminish the State valuation of the town of Addison, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and Monday assigned.

Bill An act for the preservation of moose and deer, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Mr. TREAT of Eastport, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported a bill An act to amend chapter 459 of the special laws approved February 28, 1855.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Old-town Manufacturing Company.

The bills were severally twice read, and Monday assigned.

A message was received from the Governor, that on the 21st instant he approved and signed the following bills:

An act additional to an act relating to hawkers and pedlers, approved July 30, 1846;

An act to authorize the Governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgments of deeds and other contracts and depositions in foreign countries.

Mr. PATTERSON of Madison, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of S. Merrill and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TITCOMB of Kennebunk, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act in relation to home and agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies. The bill was twice read, and ordered to be printed.

Bill An act to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine;

Bill An act additional concerning private ways—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve in aid of roads in the town of Kingsbery. The resolve was once read, and Wednesday assigned.

Bill An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855;

Bill An act to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Company—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolves further to postpone the operation of a resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April 20, 1855—were finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act in relation to the collection of State taxes, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Sargent, Jr., came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The resolve was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to abolish town courts, was referred to the delegation from the county of Waldo, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1856.

Bill An act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of James Pomeroy, was finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Petition of Abiel McAllister, for pay for labor done for the State, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve relating to secret political associations, and the

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same was referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Kansas Resolves.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Carroll, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of John Dow, reported leave to withdraw. The report was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 459 of the special laws, approved February 28, 1855;

Bill An act to amend the first section of an act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to diminish the State valuation of the town of Addison, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Petition of Register of Probate of Waldo county, for increase of salary, was referred to the delegation from that county, in concurrence.

Petition of the Judge of Probate for Piscataquis county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Resolve to correct the State valuation of the town of Kingfield, in the county of Franklin, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act for the protection of logs and lumber in dead water above Kennebec dam;

Bill An act for the better security of money in the State Treasury—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. BLAKE of Bangor, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act allowing administrators and executors to present claims. And the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to provide for the education of youth, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SWEAT of Parsonsfield, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of the trustees of Parsonsfield Seminary, reported reference to the next Legislature. The report was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the State Treasurer, as to moneys deposited in the treasury to the credit of plantations in the county of Hancock, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional concerning private ways, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend and additional to chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act to set off certain territory from the town of Manchester and annex the same to the city of Augusta;

Bill An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Resolves relating to Kansas, were referred to the Committee on Kansas Resolves, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1856.

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company;

Bill An act explanatory of an act section 5, article 2, to provide for the education of youth;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company;

Bill An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians;

“ relating to books for the several cities and towns—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Josiah Paul, granting leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of William Cowperthwaite, came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature. The House recessed and concurred.

Bill An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, passed August 27, 1850, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed. The House adhered to its former vote.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that on the 22d day of March instant, he had signed and approved a bill An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855.

Order from the Senate relative to chapters 105 and 106 of the Revised Statutes, was passed in concurrence.

Mr. WEED of Oldtown, by leave, laid upon the table a bill to authorize the town of Oldtown to purchase fire engines. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to correct the State valuation of the town of Kingfield, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act for the further security of the moneys in the State Treasury, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. RECORD of Danville, laid upon the table a bill to amend chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act further defining the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. IRISH of Union, called up bill An act to establish a Normal School.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, moved to adhere to the former vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

The question on this motion, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 69, nays 32.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, R. M. Baker, Barrows, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Chamberlain, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Curtis, Dakin, Darling, Davis, Dennett, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hines, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hurd, Irish, Knight, Lancaster, Levensaler, Marr, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Talbot, Treat, Vaughan, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth—69.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, W. Brown, Chesley, R. S. Currier,

Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Elden, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Johnson, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, A. Merrill, Mitchell, Norris, Pearson, Silsby, Stanwood, Todd, Trott, Tuttle, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth—32.

Bill An act for the protection of logs and lumber in dead water above Kennebec dam, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, ordering notice to the next Legislature on petition of Bartholomew R. Lunt and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Cumberland, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve providing for repairs on Mattawamkeag bridge, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to set off certain territory from plantation No. four, in the county of Franklin, and annex the same to Wilton, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:                      DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1856.

Bill An act regulating the commencement of actions where the plaintiff is not an inhabitant of this State;

Bill An act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural Society;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington;

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Bill An act additional relating to Supervisors and Superintending School Committees;

Bill An act to incorporate the Alfred Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act repealing chapter 147 of the public laws, approved March 13, 1855;

Bill An act authorizing the sale and transfer of the franchise and repealing the charter of the Machias River Company—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolves to provide for the further revision of the public laws;

Resolve for the purchase and distribution of the Maine State Register and Business Directory;

Resolve in favor of William Hogan;

“ in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ for the abatement of the State tax of the town of Cutler;

“ in favor of Richard Libbey and John Lane;

“ in favor of Eliza Bartlett—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL of Phillips,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer be requested to inform this House the amount of money paid to Mark H. Dunnell, for expenses as Superintendent of Common Schools, and by what authority.

Mr. FISHER of Arrowsic, by leave, laid on the table a resolve for abatement of State tax on the town of Arrowsic, and the same was referred to the delegation from Sagadahoc county.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Volney A. Sprague;

“ in aid of roads in the town of Kingsbery—were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve for the payment of the militia called into the public service by order of the Governor June 4, 1855, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to set off certain lands from the town of Strong and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard, was amended as on sheets A and B, in concurrence.

Mr. RUSSELL of Phillips, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question on this motion, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 42, nays 63.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. Blanchard, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Chamberlain, Chandler, Charles, Collins, Curtis, R. S. Currier, Dakin, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Dingley, Elden, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Ham, Hobart, Hooper, Hunton, Irish, Knight, Marr, Morton, Nason, Norris, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Record, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Todd, Treat, Wall, Weed, H. Wentworth,—42.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Barker, Barrows, Bean, Blake, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Cargill, Chase, Chesley, Clark, Cushman, Eaton, Fisher, Fuller, Gilman, Goodale, Goodwin, Gould, Gregg, Hammond, Hanscom, Handy, Hasty, Hodgdon, Howes, Hume, Hunt, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Levensaler, Lindsay, Mayo, A. Merrill, Mitchell, A. Moore, Morrow, Neal, Norton, Owen, Pearson, Pray, Prince, Putnam, Reed, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Talbot, Trickey, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Watson, D. Wentworth—63.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, transmitting to the House a bill An act to set off certain territory from plantation No. 4, in Franklin county, to the town of Wilton.

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And also a copy of the resolve of the Senate postponing the time for the hearing of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, in his defense.

Communication from the State Treasurer in reply to an order of the House of this day, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes; Petition of J. H. Williams in favor of the same—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the County Attorney of York county, for increase of salary, was referred to the delegation from that county, in concurrence.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on the Reform School, on an order relative to the conveyance of those under sentence at the expense of the State, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on petition of J. T. K. Haywood and others, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relative to the payment of the expenses of juvenile offenders by the counties, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of J. T. Leavitt and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Reform School, on an order as to further specifications of offenses, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

Mr. RECORD of Danville, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act granting further powers to the Auburn Village Corporation.

Mr. LEVENSALE of Thomaston, from the Committee on the State Prison, reported a bill An act to regulate the salaries of the Warden and subordinate officers of the State Prison.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. BLAKE of Bangor, by leave, laid upon the table a bill to make valid the doings of the inhabitants and officers of the town of Exeter. And also a resolve to increase the pay of the Adjutant General.

A message was received from the Governor that he had signed and approved An act explanatory of section 5, article 2, of an act to provide for the education of youth.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to increasing the powers of constables; also, on bill to allow administrators and executors to prosecute claims; also, on bill additional concerning reviews; also, on order relative to attachment of real estate held by conditional deed—reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

And also, on the petition of Charles Whitehouse and others, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of the directors of the Penobscot Railroad Company, was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1856.

Petition of Joshua Richardson and others, to be incorporated as the Richardson Wharf Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CUTTER of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Francis Thibodeau and others, and also on petition of B. M. Chandler and others. These reports were severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill additional to chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845, reported that the same ought not to pass;

Also, on petitions of Woodbury Storer and others, of Myrick Emerson and others, and of N. A. Farwell and others, reference to the next Legislature;

Also, on bill to amend chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, that the same ought not to pass;

Also, on petition of A. W. H. Clapp and others, leave to withdraw;

Also, on an order relative to Clerks of Courts and County Attorneys, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Also, on petition of Joel Richardson, reference to the next Legislature.

The reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to authorize fencing the tomb on the public grounds near the capitol, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. COCHRAN of Waldoborough, called up the motion to reconsider on the bill An act to annex a part of Bremen to Waldoborough. The House refused to reconsider.

Bill An act giving further powers to the Auburn Village Corporation;

Bill An act to regulate the salaries of the warden and subordinate officers of the State Prison—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to correct the valuation of the town of Kingfield;

“ in favor of John Sargent, Jr.;

“ to diminish the State valuation of the town of Addison—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to establish a Board of Agriculture;

Bill An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases;

Bill An act to incorporate the Gray Steam Mill Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company;

Bill An act to amend an act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers;

Bill An act to prevent frauds in the use of false labels, stamps and trade marks;

Bill An act to incorporate the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society;

Bill An act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation;

Bill An act to incorporate the Kennebunk Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act in relation to the collection of the State taxes;

Bill An act to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Loan Fund Association;

Bill An act more fully prescribing the powers and duties of agricultural societies;

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Bill An act in relation to bank returns;

Bill An act to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Cumberland;

Bill An act to amend chapter 459 of the special laws approved February 28, 1855;

Bill An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act further defining the powers of the Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford;

Bill An act additional concerning private ways;

Bill An act to set off certain lands from the town of Strong and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Petition of Benjamin O. Whitten, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. HEWES of Masardis, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Eliphas Gullifer and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the same Committee, on resolve in favor of Elbridge Atkinson, reported that the same ought not to pass;

And also, the same on resolve in favor of the appropriations on roads in the county of Aroostook.

These reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had on the 26th instant signed and approved a bill An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856, amounting to \$201,143.44.

Bill An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad Corporations, was read the third thime.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, moved to amend, by adding the following words: Sect. 11. The Legislature shall, at all

times, have power to alter, amend or annul the provisions of this act.

The question on adopting this amendment, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 54, nays 60.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, R. M. Baker, Barrows, Bean, D. H. Brown, H. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Cannell, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chandler, Curtis, R. S. Currier, Darling, Dennett, Dingley, Fisher, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hume, Hunt, Hurd, Irish, Knight, Lancaster, Mayo, Miller, Mitchell, Nason, Norton, Pike, Pray, Sawyer, Smith, Swazey, Titcomb, Trickey, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Watson, Wedgewood, D. Wentworth, Woodman—54.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, E. Brown, Came, Chase, Chesley, Clark, M. Currier, Cutter, Cushman, Dakin, Duren, Eaton, Elden, Fuller, Gilman, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hasty, Hewes, Howes, Hunton, Hysom, Johnson, Levensaler, Lindsay, Little, A. Merrill, J. Merrill, Milliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Norris, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Pearson, Pishon, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Silsby, Stinson, Sweat, Talbot, Todd, Treat, Wall, Watson, Weed, H. Wentworth, Wing, Winslow—60.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PIKE of Topsfield,

*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 in the Indian township, in the county of Washington.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Yarmouth, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill An act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

On motion of Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the Governor be requested to lay before the

House the amount claimed for services and expenses by the commissioners appointed to revise the public laws, and examine the special acts and resolves, under chapter 230 and 258 of the laws of the State.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, called up bill An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court in the city of Calais. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed to be engrossed—yeas 65, nays 42.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler, Lyman, Miller, Milliken, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Wall, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—65.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, W. Brown, Cargill, Chase, Chesley, M. Currier, Curtis, Dingley, Duren, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, Morse, Norris, Pool, Sargent, Silsby, Stanton, Swazey, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, Winslow, Woodman—42.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1856.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of W. A. Vaughan and others;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to chapter 86 of the laws of 1854, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on order relative to chapter 141 of the laws of 1853, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on an order relative to the power of County Commissioners in laying out roads in unincorporated places, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on an act in regard to liens on lumber, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on petition of James Bell, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of the city of Bangor, that the same be referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital;

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Leonard Trask and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of James M. Durgin and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Joint Select Committee, on the time of adjournment, that the Legislature may adjourn on Tuesday, April 8—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Reform School, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School, was on motion of Mr. LEVENSALER laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the Morris Savings Bank;

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Bill An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Waldo;

Bill An act to set off a part of Norridgewock and annex the same to Skowhegan—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting the accounts of the commissioners to revise the laws of the State.

The message and accompanying documents were referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston, Hobart of Edmunds, and Barker of Exeter, with such as the Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TROTT of Woolwich, from the Delegation of Sagadahoc county, reported a resolve for the abatement of the State valuation of the town of Arrowsic. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Newry,

*Ordered*, That the House of Representatives on and after this day, hold two sessions each day, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M., and 2½ o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. LYMAN of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Governor and Council be requested to furnish the House with a list of all military property disposed of in pursuance of a resolve approved February 28, 1855, together with the prices obtained therefor, and the prices allowed for articles received in return.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Nehemiah Curtis and others, reported reference to the next Legislature;

Also, on petition of James Strout and others;

Also, on petition of George E. Hodges and others.

Mr. BEAN of Brooks, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to mill owners, reported legislation inexpedient;

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Also, on order relative to settling lands;

Also, on order relative to the resolve setting apart certain lands for settlement.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Seth O'Brien, reported legislation inexpedient;

Also, on an order relative to taxing certain interests in public lands;

And also, on An act to make valid certain acts of the town of Exeter, that the same ought not to pass.

These reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve making an appropriation for a road across the Indian township in the county of Washington;

Also, a resolve in favor of Abiel McAllister.

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, from the Committee on the Militia, reported a resolve making an appropriation for building a fence and repair of Arsenal at Portland.

These resolves were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act regulating conveyances by married women;

Also, bill An act to amend chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison, was once read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act in addition to and explanatory of chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company, was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had on the 27th of March instant, signed and approved:

Bill An act relating to Supervisors and Superintending School Committees;

Bill An act regulating the commencement of civil actions where the plaintiff is not an inhabitant of this State.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

Resolve relating to the Woodworth Patent, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to abolish town courts;

Bill An act to amend an act for the relief of poor debtors, approved August 11, 1848;

Bill An act authorizing towns to purchase and hold fire engines;

Bill An act granting further remedies to proprietors of aqueducts to collect assessments;

Bill An act to repeal an act approved March 12, 1855;

Bill An act additional to an act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations, approved January 30, 1852—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on resolve relating to a bridge over Hastings brook, that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of John H. Rice, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Consider Winslow and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature; also, on petition of Beniah Dow; also, on petition of Henry Wilder and others; also, on petition of Benson J. Mitchell and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve laying a tax on the counties, was finally passed.  
Sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:                      DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1856.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Joint Select Committee on the Report of Council on the petition of Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall, submitted a report. The report was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That when this House adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon at two and a half o'clock.

Mr. TODD of Portland, announced to the House the death of ADAMS TRUE, Esq., of North Yarmouth, a member of this House.

On motion of Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish, a message was sent to the Senate informing that branch of the death of ADAMS TRUE, Esq., a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. DAKIN of Carmel,

*Ordered*, That a Committee of five be appointed to accompany the remains of our deceased brother, ADAMS TRUE, to his late residence in North Yarmouth.

Messrs. Dakin of Carmel, Dennett of Kittery, Mitchell of Pownal, Darling of Greenville, and Owen of Leeds, were appointed the said Committee.

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On motion of Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish,

Resolved, That the death of our respected associate, Mr. ADAMS TRUE, late a member of this House, furnishes another pregnant illustration of the great truth that we are all passing away; and serves to remind us by the lesson of mortality it affords, that our conduct as citizens and legislators should be regulated by the unvarying standard of eternal right rather than by motives of temporary and questionable expediency.

Resolved, That we bear sincere testimony to the mental and moral worth of our deceased friend, believing that his work on earth was well done, and that he leaves to us an example of kindness of heart, cheerfulness of life, and conservatism in his public acts, which forms the best legacy of a citizen to the State.

Resolved, That this resolve be entered upon the Journal of the House, and a copy signed by the Speaker and Clerk be forwarded to Mrs. True, the widow of our deceased fellow member.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta moved that the House, in respect to the memory of the deceased member, do now adjourn.

The House accordingly adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.

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MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1856.

Bill An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels;

Bill An act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Corporation;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company;

Bill An act relating to administration on estates of deceased married women;

Bill An act regulating proceedings on actions of seire facias;

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Bill An act for completing the records of deceased Clerks of Judicial Courts;

Bill An act to preserve the harbor of Portland;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of York—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order relative to advertising notes in the Land Office overdue, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on order relative to New Meadow's Bridge, ordering notice to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of James M. Bangs, that the same be referred to the next Legislature—were severally accepted in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, that in the absence of the Secretary of that branch, NATHANIEL C. REED had been elected Secretary *pro tempore*.

Resolve relating to the State Library;

Resolve providing for religious services in the Insane Hospital;

Resolve in aid of road and bridge in Penobscot county;

“ in aid of road in the county of Franklin;

“ in aid of road in the county of Aroostook—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

These resolves were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint hearing on Friday next, at nine o'clock A. M., in the case of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and informing the House that the Senate had appointed Messrs. Farley, Shepard and Barnes, with such as the House may join, a Select Committee to report the order of proceedings for that occasion, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The message was laid upon the table.

Mr. PATTERSON of Madison, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Elisha Coolidge and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of J. V. Putnam and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was received from the Senate and laid upon the table.

A message was received from the Governor and Council, transmitting a copy of the accounts of the Acting Quartermaster General. The message was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the County Attorney of Oxford county, for increase of salary, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company;

Bill An act additional to an act in relation to bonds issued by Railroad Corporations, approved January 30, 1852;

Bill An act giving further remedies to the proprietors of aqueducts for the collection of assessments;

Bill An act to abolish town courts;

Bill An act to amend an act additional for the relief of poor debtors;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Waldo;

Bill an act authorizing towns to purchase and hold fire engines—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve making an appropriation for a road across the Indian township, in the county of Washington;

Resolve in favor of Abiel McAllister;

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax of the town of Arrowsic—were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Bill An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Winslow Free Bridge;

Bill An act regulating conveyances by married women;

Bill An act to amend chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison;

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School—were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Morris Savings Bank, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias moved to take up the message this day received from the Senate, as to the hearing of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, in his defense.

Mr. CURRIER of Orrington moved to adjourn.

The House refused to adjourn—yeas 45, nays 66.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec moved the previous question.

Mr. MORSE of Bath raised a point of order as to whether Mr. Talbot's motion is in order.

The Speaker decided the motion to be in order.

Mr. MORSE appealed.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1856.

Mr. MORSE withdrew his appeal.

The message was then taken up.

The question on concurring in the propositions contained in the said message from the Senate, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 76, nays 45.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Darling, Davis, Dennett, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth—76.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Mayo, McGilvery, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, Woodman—49.

Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston, Talbot of Lubec, Fuller of Augusta, Lindsay of Norridgewock, and Blake of Bangor, were appointed on the part of the House to the said Select Committee.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of John B. Hill.

Bill An act to regulate and restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of J. S. Baker, granting leave to withdraw;

Also, on petition of D. C. Magoun and others;

Also, on bill regulating the succession of corporations in certain cases, that the same ought not to pass;

Also, on bill further regulating the taxation of bank stock, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

And also, on resolve relating to meteorological observations, that the same be referred to the next Legislature—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve relating to School Registers, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and this afternoon assigned.

Resolve providing for religious services at the Insane Hospital, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Company, was read the third time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company;

Bill An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias;

“ An act to preserve the harbor of Portland;

“ An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of York—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve to carry into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund, was read the second time.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, offered an amendment.

The resolve was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

### AFTERNOON.

Bill An act to provide for the incorporation of musical societies;

Bill An act to organize and discipline the militia—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Resolve in relation to the hearing of Woodbury Davis, was referred to the Committee on the Order of Proceedings as to the hearing in his case, in concurrence.

Mr. PALMER of Dixmont, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of the town of Dixmont. The resolve was twice read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to the State Library;

“ to authorize the fencing of the tomb on the public grounds near the capitol—were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act repealing chapter 178 of the laws of Maine, approved March 16, 1855;

Bill An act to repeal chapter 121 of the public laws of 1855—were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act relating to administration on the estates of deceased married women, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, was read the third time, amended as on sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of William Poor, Jr., was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston called up a resolve making an appropriation for building fence and repairing Arsenal at Portland.

Mr. HOWES of New Sharon moved the indefinite postponement of the resolve.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 49, nays 59.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, W. Brown, Cargill, Chandler, J. B. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Hodgdon, Howes, Hunton, Hunt, Lancaster, Leach, Lunt, Marr, McGilvery, Milliken, Mitchell, Morrow, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Watson, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, Winslow, Woodman—49.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Charles, Collins, Dana, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, J. L. Moore, Morton, Nason, Owen, Patterson, Pearson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Silsby, Smith, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Walton, Wedgewood, Wing—59.

The resolve was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1856.

Petion of William Hamlin, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had signed and approved the public acts as follows:

An act to prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks;

An act to amend the first section of an act further defining the powers of mayors of cities in the election of city officers;

An act repealing chapter 147 of the public laws, approved March 13, 1855;

An act additional concerning private ways;

An act in relation to State taxes;

An act in relation to bank returns;

An act to establish a Board of Agriculture;

An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases;

An act more fully prescribing the powers and duties of Agricultural Societies.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the conferees on bill An act to increase the pay of witnesses, reported that the conferees were unable to agree, and that the House adhere.

The report was accepted.

Bill An act authorizing the town of Lewiston to choose fire wardens, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of William Swett and others in aid of Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, came back from the Senate the recommitment non-concurred and the report accepted.

The House adhered to its former vote.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Bill An act to provide for the incorporation of musical societies, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the binding of the Acts and Resolves of this State, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of certain members of the House of Representatives, was twice read and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Winslow Free Bridge, came back from the Senate amended as on sheets A, B, C, D, E and F.

The House concurred in amendments A, B, C, E and F, and non-concurred in amendment D, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LYMAN of Portland, from the Committee on the Militia, reported a resolve fixing the salary of the Adjutant General. The resolve was once read, and this afternoon assigned.

Resolve in favor of John B. Hill, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to organize and discipline the militia, was read the third time, and amended as on sheets A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, in concurrence.

Mr. BARKER of Exeter moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 37, nays 84.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, W. Brown, Cargill, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Deering, Duren, Elden, Gould, Howes, Knight, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, McGilvery, Mitchell, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, Winslow, Woodman—37.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Barrows, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Cushman, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Dingley, Eaton, Emerson, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Gilman, Goodale, Goodwin, Gregg, Haley, Ham, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hume, Hunton, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, Marr, Mayo, J. Merrill, Miller, J. L. Moore, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Walton, Watson, Webster, Wing—84.

The bill was passed to be engrossed by yeas and nays—yeas 73, nays 54.

Those who voted in favor were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Barrows, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Cushman, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Dingley, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Gilman, Goodale, Goodwin, Gregg, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hewes, Hooper, Hume, Hunton, Irish, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Morton, Nason, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Prince, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, Wing—73.

Those who voted against were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, J. Blanchard, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Deering, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gould, Ham, Hasty, Hodgdon, Howes, Hunt, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Mayo, McGilvery, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Owen, Pearson, Pike, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—54.

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Resolve in favor of Abiel McAllister;

Resolve for abatement of State valuation of the town of Arrowsic;

Resolve in favor of the Committee of the Maine State Prison;

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School;

Resolve making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in the county of Washington—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company;

Bill An act authorizing towns to purchase and hold fire engines;

Bill An act giving further remedies to proprietors of aqueducts for the collection of assessments—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

The following report was received from the Senate, viz :

The Joint Select Committee who were directed to consider and report the order of proceedings to be observed upon the occasion of the joint hearing which the two branches have voted to grant upon the alleged causes of removal in the case of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to whom were referred certain resolutions relating to the taking of testimony in that case, report the following regulations and order of proceedings :

1st. For the purpose of granting a joint hearing, agreeably to the vote of the two branches, they will meet in Convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Friday, the fourth instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

2d. The President of the Senate shall preside in the Convention.

3d. The respondent may be heard by himself, and by counsel, if he shall so desire.

4th. Any affidavits or written statements may be read as a part of the defense, and only such testimony shall be admitted.

5th. No debate whatever shall be admitted in the Convention.

6th. No motion shall be submitted or entertained, except to take a recess to a time certain, or to dissolve the Convention; and every such motion shall be decided without debate.

In behalf of the Committee.

E. W. FARLEY, *Chairman*.

In Senate, April 2, 1856. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

WM. G. CLARK, *Secretary*.

Mr. MORSE of Bath, moved to amend the report, by striking out the words "in the Hall of the House of Representatives," and inserting the words—at Winthrop Hall in this city.

The question on this motion, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 52, nays 82.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lunt, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, H. Wentworth, Winslow, Woodman—52.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Barrows, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norris, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Sawyer, Shackley, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—82.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias moved the previous question. The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 79, nays 54.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—79.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Britton, D. H. Brown, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swasey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, H. Wentworth, Winslow, Woodman—54.

The report was then accepted, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes ;

Bill An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias ;

Bill An act to preserve the harbor of Portland—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in relation to the settlement of the accounts of the Land Agent ;

Resolve in aid of roads in the town of Kingsbery—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. BARKER of Exeter, called up bill An act regulating the compensation of jailors for the support of prisoners in county jails. The bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CURRIER of Orrington, called up bill An act to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company. The bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, called up bill An act to incorporate the town of Waite. The House adhered to its former vote.

Mr. WEED of Oldtown, called up bill An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act to regulate and restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors, and suppress and prohibit drinking houses and tippling shops, was read the third time.

The question on adopting the amendment of the Senate A, by striking out sections 18, 19 and 20, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 68, nays 69.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hewes, Hooper, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth—68.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, Britton,

D. H. Brown, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dennett, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hasty, Hobart, Hodgdon, Howes, Hume, Hunton, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, Milliken, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pishon, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stanwood, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—69.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco moved to reconsider this vote.

The question on his motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 73, nays 70.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hewes, Hooper, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—73.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, Britton, D. H. Brown, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dennett, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hobart, Hodgdon, Howes, Hume, Hunton, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Milliken, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pishon, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stanwood, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—70.

The House then adopted the said amendment in concurrence.

The question on adopting the Senate amendment A, by striking out the word *shall* in section 6, and inserting the word *may*, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 16, nays 108.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. H. Brown, Burleigh, Chandler, Charles, Collins, Dakin, Davis, Hodgdon, Hunt, Levensaler, Lunt, Norton, Miller, Pike, Pishon, Prince—16.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, Archer, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Barker, Barrows, Bean, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, Britton, E. Brown, W. Brown, Burkett, Came, Cannell, Cargill, Chase, Clark, J. B. Coffin, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Dana, Darling, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Gilman, Goodale, Goodwin, Gould, Gregg, Haley, Ham, Hammond, Handy, Hobart, Hooper, Howes, Hume, Hunton, Hurd, Hysom, Irish, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Little, Lyman, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, J. Merrill, Mitchell, A. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Morton, Nason, Norris, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sargent, Sawyer, Scammon, Silsby, Smith, Stanton, Stanwood, Stinson, Swazey, Sweat, Talbot, Taylor, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Vaughan, Wall, Walton, Watson, Wedgewood, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, Wing, Winslow, Woodman—108.

The other amendments of the Senate on sheets A and B, were adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORROW of Searsmont, the bill was laid upon the table and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was referred the copies of the accounts of the late Quartermaster General, made a report thereon, which was ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1856.

Mr. LEVENSALE of Thomaston called up a resolve in favor of Charles Turner. The resolve was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. SILSBY of Amherst, called up a resolve in favor of plantations Nos. 33 and 21 in Hancock county. The resolve was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on an order relative to the Skowhegan, Ellsworth, Somerset and Searsport Banks, was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act respecting School District No. 3, in Exeter, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and Monday assigned.

Mr. MORROW of Searsmont called up the bill An act to regulate and restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

Mr. DENNETT of Kittery moved to amend by inserting after the word "persons," in section 6, the words, "under such regulations and restrictions as in their opinion the public good requires."

The question on his amendment was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 72, nays 74.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, Britton, D. H. Brown, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Cochran, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dennett, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould,

Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Hodgdon, Howes, Hume, Hunton, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Milliken, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pishon, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stinson, Stanton, Swazey, Taylor, Titcomb, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—72.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—74.

Mr. MORROW of Seasmont, moved to amend, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following, viz: Sect. 1. An act approved March 16, 1855, entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, is hereby repealed; and An act entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, approved June 2, 1851, and An act entitled an act in addition to chapter 211 of the statutes of 1851, approved March 31, 1853, are hereby revived.

The question on this motion, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 71, nays 76.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, Britton, D. H. Brown, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Cochran, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dennett, Dingly, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Hodgdon, Howes, Hume, Hunton, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Milliken, Mitchell, J. L. Moore,

Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pishon, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—71.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscomb, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—76.

The bill was passed to be engrossed as amended, by yeas and nays—yeas 78, nays 68.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Davis, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—78.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Cochran, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Hodgdon, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill,

Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Norton, Pearson, Pishon, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Wedgewood, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—68.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to regulate the salaries of the Warden and subordinate officers of the State Prison;

Bill An act for the better security of the moneys in the State Treasury;

Also, bill An act to amend chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes.

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of York;

Bill An act additional to an act in relation to bonds issued by Railroad Corporations, approved January 30, 1852;

Bill An act relating to administration on estates of married women;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Waldo;

Bill An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company;

Bill An regulating conveyances by married women;

Bill An act giving further powers to the Auburn Village Corporation;

Bill An act to incorporate the Skowhegan Savings Bank;

Bill An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court in the city of Calais;

Bill An act to abolish town courts—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Volney A. Sprague;

“ providing for religious services at the Insane Hospital;

“ relating to the State Prison;

“ in favor of the Maine State Prison;

“ relating to the Woodworth Patent;

“ in favor of the town of Dixmont;

Resolve in favor of certain members of the House of Representatives;

Resolve to authorize the fencing of the tomb on the public grounds near the capitol;

Resolve relating to school registers;

“ in favor of John B. Hill;

“ in relation to binding the acts and resolves of this State;

“ for the payment of the militia called into the public service by order of the Governor, June 4, 1855—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1856.

Bill An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford, approved April 1, 1856, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was three times read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to returns of votes for county officers;

Bill An act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge;

Bill An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were read and assigned.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of D. F. Lothrop, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relative to a model farm, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on resolve for five hundred dollars for composts, that the same ought not to pass—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to repeal a part of sections 3 and 4 of chapter 529 of the special laws of 1855.

Message was received from the Senate proposing to postpone the Convention for a joint hearing of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, in his defense, until to-morrow, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

The House concurred.

Bill An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Winslow Free Bridge, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former vote, and proposing a conference.

The House concurred in a conference, and appointed Messrs. Britton of Winslow, Levensaler of Thomaston, and Brown of Benton, as conferees.

Bill An act to set off certain lands from the town of Manchester and annex the same to the city of Augusta, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill An act to set off certain Islands in Bagaduce river, in the town of Brooksville, and annex the same to Castine, was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill An act in further regulation of certain actions against towns, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STANWOOD of Augusta, from the Committee on Accounts, reported a resolve for the payment of additional Roll of Accounts No. 36. The resolve was once read, and this afternoon assigned.

Mr. MILLER of Howland, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported a bill An act to incorporate the town of West Rockland. The bill was twice read, and this afternoon assigned.

Bill An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, came back from the Senate the House amendments A and B non-concurred, and that branch insisting on its former vote. The House receded and concurred.

Petition of F. B. Leonard and others, for better regulation of railroad connections in this State, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill An act authorizing the town of Lewiston to choose Fire Wardens;

Bill An act to provide for the incorporation of Musical Societies;

Bill An act regulating the compensation of jailors for the support of prisoners in county jails—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of William Poor, Jr.;

Resolve in favor of plantations Nos. 33 and 21 in Hancock county;

Resolve making an appropriation for building fence and repairing Arsenal at Portland;

Resolve in favor of Charles Turner—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

Bill An act to incorporate the Mt. Katahdin Road Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The

rules were suspended. The bill was three times read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor that he had signed and approved the public acts as follows:

An act giving further remedies to the proprietors of aqueducts for the collection of assessments;

An act authorizing towns to purchase and hold fire engines;

An act in addition to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. STANTON of Poland, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported a bill An act to change the names of certain persons. The bill was three times read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of J. Knowles, that legislation is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to returns of votes for county officers, was read the third time, amended as on sheets A and B in concurrence, further amended as on sheet C, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Gilman Turner;

" in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State—were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the payment of additional Roll of Accounts No. 36, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1856.

Bill An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed for a hearing in the case of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The Convention took a recess till two and a half o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON.

The Senate came in, and the Convention was again formed for the hearing in Judge Davis' case.

The Convention took a recess till nine o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, moved that the House proceed to the consideration of bill An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops.

The same Gentleman moved the previous question.

The question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 72, nays 58.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood,

Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—72.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, J. W. Coffin, M. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—58.

The bill was passed to be enacted by yeas and nays—yeas 73, nays 63.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—73.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dennett, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—63.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias moved the previous question.

The question on Mr. FOSTER'S motion was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 73, nays 18.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, J. B. Coffin, Collins, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—73.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Barrows, Curtis, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Gilman, Ham, Hume, Lindsay, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Pool, Taylor, Vaughan, Weed, H. Wentworth—18.

The House refused to reconsider.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1856.

Petition of the proprietors of Stillwater Bridge, for an alteration of charter, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Corporation ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company ;

Bill An act to set off certain territory from the town of Man-

chester and annex the same to the city of Augusta—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of Aaron S. Lyford and another. The resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate came in, and the Convention was again formed.

The hearing in the case of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, in his defence, was completed, and thereupon the Convention was dissolved.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

On motion of Mr. COFFIN of Harrington,

*Resolved*, That in the absence of the Speaker, JOHN C. TALBOT, Jr., be declared elected Speaker *pro tempore*.

Bill An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17, 1852;

Bill An act to alter and amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of Stillwater Bridge—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act to authorize the assessment and collection of a district tax for school district No. 7, in Norway. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish, from the Committee on the Library, on the bill to provide for a State Librarian, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge, came back from the Senate amended as by the report of Conferees. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill to repeal An act in relation to bankrupt plaintiffs, that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act to set off a part of Norridgewock and annex the same to Skowhegan, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had signed and approved the following public acts, viz :

An act to provide for the incorporation of Musical Societies ;

An act regulating the compensation of jailors for the support of prisoners in the county jails.

Mr. WEDGEWOOD of Cornish, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill An act enlarging the criminal jurisdiction of the Police Court in the city of Belfast. The bill was twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act further defining the powers of Justices of the Peace in certain cases ;

Bill An act additional in relation to trustee process ;

Bill An act making further provisions respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks ;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Oxford—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The bills were severally twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act for enforcing common law liens, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Union,

Ordered, That the Messenger of the House be directed to procure a sufficient number of copies of the Rules and Orders of the House of 1856, with the accompanying statistics, for dis-

tribution to members at the commencement of the next session of the Legislature.

Bill An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors;

Bill An act respecting School District No. 3 in Exeter—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had signed and approved the following public acts:

An act relating to administration on the estates of married women;

An act to abolish town courts;

An act to amend chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes;

An act for the better security of the moneys in the State Treasury;

An act additional to an act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations, approved January 30, 1852;

An act regulating conveyances by married women.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Porter and another;

Petition of B. W. Lothrop and others, for the repeal of the act respecting banks, passed in 1855—were severally referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in further regulation of certain actions against towns, came back from the Senate that branch insisting on its former vote. The House adhered.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for carrying into effect the resolve for a permanent school fund, was taken up. The amendment A was amended and adopted as amended. The resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to establish a Court of Common Pleas, was received from the Senate referred to the next Legislature. The bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PATTEN of Richmond, from the Delegation of Sagadahoc county, on petitions of Judge and Register of Probate, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BARKER of Exeter called up a bill An act relating to Home and Agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies.

The House reconsidered the vote adopting amendment A.

The bill was further amended as on sheets C and D, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston called up the bill An act additional in relation to witnesses. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias called up a resolve relating to John Thompson, an insane person. The resolve was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston called up a resolve making an appropriation for the State Reform School. The resolve was read the second time, amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, relative to Savings Institutions, was accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1856.

Bill An act to incorporate the Mt. Katahdin Road Company;
Bil An act in relation to the returns of votes for county officers;

Bill An act additional to an act defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford, approved April 1, 1856;

Bill An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill An act to amend the sixth section of an act passed March 29, 1856, entitled an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856, amounting to \$201,153.44—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Aaron S. Lyford and another;

“ in favor of Gilman Turner;

“ in favor of the temporary clerks in the Secretary's Office;

“ relating to John Thompson, an insane person—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. IRISH of Union was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that branch that the House had made choice of JOHN C. TALBOT, Jr., for Speaker *pro tempore*.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that on the 7th instant he signed and approved the bill An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops.

Bill An act additional in relation to trustee process;

Bill An act to alter and amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of Stillwater Bridge;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Oxford;

Bill An act further defining the powers of Justices of the Peace in certain cases—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to authorize the assessment and collection of a district tax for school district No. 7 in Norway, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BARROWS of Camden, called up a bill An act to incorporate the town of West Rockland. The bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17, 1852, was read the third time, amended as on sheets A and B in concurrence, further amended as on sheet C, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus, called up the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of J. V. Putnam and others. The report was recommitted with instructions to report a bill.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for enforcing common law liens, came back from the Senate that branch insisting on its former vote and proposing a conference.

The House concurred in conference, and appointed as conferees on its part, Messrs. Moore of Ellsworth, Levensaler of Thomaston, and Titcomb of Kennebunk.

Bill An act respecting School District No. 3, in Exeter;

Bill An act to set off a part of Norridgewock and annex the same to Skowhegan;

Bill An act to amend an act entitled an act additional for the relief of poor debtors, approved August 11, 1848;

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons;

Bill An act to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company;
Bill An act to amend an act to incorporate the Proprietors
of Stillwater Bridge;

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for
the county of Oxford—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. HEWES of Masardis, called up a resolve in aid of roads
and bridges in the county of Aroostook. The resolve was
amended as on sheets A, B and C, and passed to be engrossed
as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in aid of road and bridge in the county of Penobscot,
was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMON of Saco,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to
make up the pay of the members of the House of Representa-
tives for travel and attendance up to and including Thursday,
April 10th.

Bill An act relating to the liabilities of stockholders of cor-
porations, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.
The bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to organize and discipline the militia, came up on
its passage to be enacted.

Mr. DUREN of Calais moved the indefinite postponement of
the bill.

The question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and
decided in the affirmative—yeas 61, nays 59.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, W. Brown,
Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, Clark, J. W. Coffin, Collins, Curtis,
M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Duren, Emerson,
Fisher, Gould, Gregg, Haley, Ham, Hodgdon, Howes, Hurd,
Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Mayo, Mc-
Gilvery, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris,
Owen, Patten, Pearson, Pool, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton,

Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Tuttle, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—61.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Cochran, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Dennett, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hume, Hunt, Irish, Levensaler, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norton, Palmer, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Standwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wedgewood, Wing—59.

Mr. EMERSON of Orland, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank. The bill was twice read, and this afternoon assigned.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in Franklin and Somerset, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed in pamphlet form An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, passed at the present session of the Legislature, and that five hundred copies be furnished and sent to the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations, postage paid, and the usual number of copies deposited in the Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act respecting habitual truants in the town of Saco. The rule was suspended, the bill twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth, from the conferees on bill An act for enforcing common law liens, reported that the House recede and concur.

The report was accepted.

Resolve fixing the salary of the Adjutant General, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORROW, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of Samuel Chadbourn. The rules were suspended, and the resolve was twice read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for completing the records of deceased Clerks of Courts, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve relative to the claim of Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act relating to the liability of stockholders in corporations, came back from the Senate that branch insisting on its former vote.

The House insisted on its former vote and appointed Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Fuller of Augusta, and Scammon of Saco, conferees.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels, came back from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The House insisted on its former vote.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society;

Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act additional in relation to trustee process;

Bill An act further defining the powers of Justices of the Peace in certain cases;

Bill An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors;

Bill An act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of Benjamin F. Stinson. The rules were suspended, the resolve was twice read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of overseers of Cape Elizabeth, granting leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Ezra Clark and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17, 1852, come back from the Senate that branch non-concurring in amendment C, and insisting on its former vote. The House receded and concurred.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A. The House receded and concurred.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, from the Committee on Finance, on a resolve to correct the State valuation of Unity plantation, reported reference to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Mr. SWAZEY of Bucksport, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of the selectmen of Manchester, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Mr. MORSE of Bath, laid upon the table the following order, viz:

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be required to give their opinion upon the following question, namely:

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Had the Governor, with the advice and consent of Council, on the fourth day of January last, or has he had at any time since, the power by and under the Constitution of the State to remove Sheriffs and Registers of Probate and appoint others to fill the vacancies thereby created.

*Ordered, further,* That a copy hereof signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk of the House, be forthwith communicated to each of the Justices above named, and an answer requested at their earliest convenience, and that said Justices be requested to send one copy of their opinion to the Governor and one copy to the Speaker of this House, and that said Speaker be directed to have the same published in the State paper at the expense of the State, and a copy thereof sent to each member of the House of Representatives.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston, from the Committee on Finance, on the communication from the State Treasurer as to advances made to M. H. Dunnell, reported legislation inexpedient. The report was accepted.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1856.

• Bill An act enlarging the criminal jurisdiction of the Police Court in the city of Belfast, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Isaiah Felker, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. RUSSELL of Phillips, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to incorporate the Blue Mountain Lodge. The

rules were suspended, the bill was three times read and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and this afternoon assigned.

Bill An act to change the time of holding the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Lincoln, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was twice read, and this afternoon assigned.

Bill An act to repeal an act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was received from the Senate referred to the next Legislature. The bill was laid upon the table.

Bill An act respecting habitual truants in the town of Saco, was read the third time, and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. CUSHMAN of Hebron, moved to reconsider the vote by which bill An act to organize and discipline the militia, was indefinitely postponed.

The question on this motion, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 72, nays 59.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, Collins, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hewes, Hobart, Hooper, Hume, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, Milliken, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Patten, Patterson, Prince, Putnam, Record, Reed, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—72.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gould, Gregg,

Ham, Hammond, Hines, Hodgdon, Howes, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—59.

The bill was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin;

“ in favor of B. F. Stinson;

“ in aid of roads and bridges in the counties of Franklin and Somerset;

Resolve in favor of Samuel Chadbourn—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. FISHER of Arrowsic, called up bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge. The bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, by leave, laid upon the table a bill An act to establish and maintain a high school in district No. 1, in the town of Saco. The rules were suspended, and the bill was three times read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CANNELL of Naples, by leave, laid upon the table a resolve in favor of Simeon S. Hasty. The rules were suspended, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank of Ellsworth, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, from the conferees on the bill An act relating to the liability of stockholders in corporations, reported that the House recede and concur.

The report was accepted. The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, transmitting to the House an Address to the Governor for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, of which Address the following is a true copy, viz:

STATE OF MAINE.

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, present this Address to the Governor for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, for the causes following:

Because, the said Woodbury Davis at the terms of the Supreme Judicial Court holden by him for the county of Cumberland, in the month of January last and in the present month of March, has refused to recognize the official authority and privilege of Daniel C. Emery, who had before been duly appointed, commissioned and qualified as the Sheriff of said county, and then held that office.

Because, the said Woodbury Davis, in his capacity as Judge, has assumed without legal issue or judicial trial thereof, to deny the lawful and actual validity of the commission issued to the said Sheriff under the hand of the Governor and the seal of the State.

Because, the said Woodbury Davis not regarding the lawful and actual custody held by the said Sheriff of prisoners confined in the jail of said county for trial at the present term of said court, has undertaken to remove said prisoners from jail, and has removed them by proceedings not warranted by law.

Because, the said Woodbury Davis at the times aforesaid, has recognized as the Sheriff of said county another person who had before been lawfully removed from that office, and has undertaken to issue the orders and precepts of the said court to be executed by the person who had been so removed from office, all of which acts and proceedings are and have been open and notorious and are persisted in hitherto.

Because, the continuance of such acts, proceedings and assumptions of the said Woodbury Davis tends to produce insubordi-

nation, confusion and violence, is of dangerous and pernicious example, confounds the distribution of the powers of government, and tends to the subversion of the actual constituted and lawful authority of the State.

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IN SENATE, April 9, 1856.

The foregoing Address was moved in the Senate on the 19th day of March, 1856, and adopted by the Senate this 9th day of April, 1856.

LOT M. MORRILL, *President of the Senate.*

A true copy. Attest—DAVID DUNN, *Clerk of the House.*

On motion of Mr. MORSE of Bath, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of adopting the said Address in concurrence with the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The Address was adopted in concurrence with the Senate—yeas 81, nays 60.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, R. M. Baker, Bean, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, J. B. Coffin, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hammond, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hodgdon, Hooper, Hunton, Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Knight, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morrow, Morton, Nason, Norton, Owen, Palmer, Patten, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Sawyer, Shackley, Smith, Stanwood, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Tuttle, Wall, Watson, Webster, D. Wentworth, Wing—81.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier,

Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gilman, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Handy, Hines, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Lancaster, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Vaughan, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—60.

Resolve in favor of William H. Lunt and another, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, fixing Thursday, the 10th instant, for the final adjournment of the Legislature, was passed in concurrence.

Resolve fixing the salary of the Adjutant General, came back from the Senate its indefinite postponement non-concurred and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred, by yeas and nays—yeas 60, nays 59.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Blake, J. Blanchard, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burkett, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, Cutter, Dakin, Dana, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Gilman, Goodale, Goodwin, Haley, Hanscom, Hewes, Hooper, Hunton, Hysom, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Palmer, Patterson, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Shackley, Smith, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Trickey, Wall, Walton, Webster, Wing—60.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, Britton, W. Brown, Cargill, Chamberlain, Chase, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, R. S. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Emerson, Fisher, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Hines, Hodgdon, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Leach, Levensaler, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morrow, Morse, Neal, Norris, Owen, Pearson, Pike, Pool, Sargent, Sawyer, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swa-

zey, Taylor, Vaughan, Watson, Weed, D. Wentworth, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—59.

Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts number thirty-six;

Resolve in relation to deed of conveyance made to Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall;

Resolve in aid of road and bridge in Penobscot county;

Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund, approved August 24, 1850;

Resolve in favor of Isaiah Felker;

“ in aid of road in the county of Aroostook;

“ in favor of William H. Lunt and another;

“ in favor of Simeon S. Hasty—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act for enforcing common law liens;

Bill An act in relation to home and agencies of foreign insurance companies;

Bill An act to authorize the assessment of a district tax for school district number seven in Norway;

Bill An act for completing the records of deceased clerks of courts;

Bill An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital;

Bill An act additional in relation to witnesses;

Bill An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes;

Bill An act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations;

Bill An act to establish and maintain a high school in school district No. 1 in the town of Saco—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act making further provision respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook, came back from the Senate the amendments non-concurred. The House receded and concurred.

The following order was received from the Senate, viz :

Ordered, That a Committee of three on part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be instructed to lay before the Governor the Address adopted by the two Houses for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and that a transcript of the record of the proceedings of the Senate thereon be also laid before the Governor, together with the Address, for the information of the Executive Department of the Government respecting the statements of the causes of removal, the entering the same on the Journal of the Senate, and the hearing had thereon.

The order was passed, in concurrence, and Messrs. Dennett of Kittery, Talbot of Lubec, Lyman of Portland, Merrill of Rockland, and Eaton of Plymouth, were joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Committee on 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 dollars and fifty cents 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.

Mr. SCAMMON of Saco, from the Joint Select Committee on the claim of Hall and Hersey, submitted a minority report, which was ordered to be printed.

Bill An act to change the time of holding the Supreme Judicial Court within and for the county of Lincoln;

Bill An act additional concerning electors and elections—were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston called up a bill An act additional to and explanatory of the 94th chapter of the Revised Statutes.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The bill was amended as on sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Resolve fixing the salary of the Adjutant General was finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. MORSE of Bath, from the minority of the Committee on the Affairs of Kansas, reported resolves relating to slavery in the national territories and to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise.

Resolves relating to the extension of slavery, the territory of Kansas, and secret political associations, were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The resolves were twice read.

Mr. MORSE of Bath, moved to amend by substituting the resolves reported by the minority of the Committee on the Affairs of Kansas.

The question on this motion, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 56, nays 64.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Archer, Barker, Barrows, J. Blanchard, Britton, W. Brown, Chamberlain, Chase, J. W. Coffin, Curtis, M. Currier, Cushman, Deering, Dingley, Duren, Elden, Emerson, Fisher, Gould, Gregg, Ham, Hines, Howes, Hume, Hurd, Johnson, Leach, Lindsay, Lunt, Lyford, Marr, Mayo, McGilvery, A. Merrill, Mitchell, J. L. Moore, Morse, Neal, Norris, Pearson, Pool, Pray, Sargent, Scammon, Silsby, Stanton, Stinson, Swazey, Taylor, Trott, Walton, Weed, H. Wentworth, West, Winslow, Woodman—56.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Messrs. Andrews, J. C. Baker, Bean, Blake, S. C. Blanchard, D. H. Brown, E. Brown, H. Brown, R. P. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Cannell, Chandler, Charles, Clark, Cochran, R. S. Currier, Cutter, Dakin, Darling, Dennett, Eaton, J. Foster, O. Foster, Frost, Fuller, Goodwin, Hanscom, Hasty, Hewes, Hooper,

Hunt, Hysom, Irish, Levensaler, Little, Lyman, J. Merrill, Miller, A. Moore, Morton, Nason, Norton, Palmer, Patterson, Pike, Pishon, Prince, Putnam, Record, Rich, Russell, Shackley, Smith, Sweat, Talbot, Titcomb, Todd, Treat, Trickey, Wall, Watson, Webster, Wing—64.

The resolves were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. MORSE of Bath offered a protest from certain members of the Legislature against the proceedings as to the Address for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The protest was indefinitely postponed.

Resolve fixing the compensation of the superintendent of public buildings, was twice read and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Mr. FULLER of Augusta, called up the report of the Committee on Elections in the Oldtown case.

The report was accepted, and the following resolve was passed:

Resolved, That Alden B. Weed not having been legally and constitutionally elected as a Representative from Oldtown, is not entitled to a seat in this House.

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was twice read, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to amend an act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society, was read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for procuring certain volumes of the publications of the Maine Historical Society, was twice read, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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Bill An act-granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to settle the accounts of John B. Hill, Joseph Baker and James Bell, was twice read, amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former vote. The House adhered.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1856.

Resolve in favor of William L. Putnam, was twice read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had approved and signed the public acts, as follows:

An act to amend the 6th section of an act passed the 29th day of March, 1856, entitled An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856, amounting to \$201,153.44;

An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors;

An act additional in relation to trustee process;

An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes;

An act defining the powers of Justices of the Peace in certain cases;

An act in relation to the returns of votes for county officers;

An act to organize and discipline the militia;

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An act to amend An act entitled an act additional for the relief of poor debtors ;

An act additional in relation to witnesses ;

An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17, 1852 ;

An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias ;

An act in relation to home, and agencies of foreign insurance companies ;

An act for enforcing common law liens.

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the House, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of William L. Putnam was finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MORSE of Bath,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be hereby authorized to mail two copies, postage paid, of the minority report of the Joint Special Committee in the case of Hall and Hersey to each member of the Legislature.

Resolve in favor of Otis Turner, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to change the time of holding the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Lincoln ;

Bill An act making further provision respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks ;

Bill An act enlarging the criminal jurisdiction of the police court of the city of Belfast ;

Bill An act additional concerning electors and elections ;

Bill An act granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company ;

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge ;

Bill An act in addition to, and explanatory of, the 94th chapter of the Revised Statutes—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of West Rockland, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate;

“ in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook;

“ for procuring certain volumes of the publications of the Maine Historical Society;

Resolve relating to the extension of slavery, the territory of Kansas, and secret political associations;

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and settle the claims of John B. Hill, Joseph Baker, and James Bell, Commissioners appointed to revise the laws of this State;

Resolve fixing the salary of the superintendent of the public buildings—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in relation to the late Adjutant General, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend an act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society, was passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MORSE of Bath,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the House be presented to the Hon. JOSIAH S. LITTLE, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations.

The SPEAKER rose and replied as follows:

I thank you most heartily, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, for the vote just passed, and I shall ever retain a grateful recollection of the kind and flattering expression of your approval of my conduct in the discharge of duties you have assigned me.

There have been wide differences of opinion among the members of the House on questions of public policy and upon the legislation best calculated to promote the general good. But

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it has been a source of sincere gratification, that the debates have been conducted with marked courtesy and without the acrimony and asperity that not unfrequently characterize such conflicts.

Notwithstanding political divisions, there has been much of personal good fellowship among us, and the associations here so agreeably formed will be remembered with much satisfaction after our separation about to take place.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for your kindness and your invariably courteous bearing toward me during the arduous session through which we have passed, permit me to wish you a safe return to your families and constituents.

On motion of Mr. HOWES of New Sharon,

Ordered, That the thanks of this House be presented to DAVID DUNN, Esq., for the faithful and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during this session.

On motion of Mr. MORSE of Bath,

The thanks of the House were presented to WILLIAM L. PUTNAM, Esq., Assistant Clerk, for the faithful and kind discharge of his duties.

On motion of Mr. TODD of Portland,

The thanks of the House were presented to the Messenger and Assistant Messengers, for the faithful performance of their duties.

On motion of Mr. BARKER of Exeter,

The thanks of the House were presented to the PAGE, for the faithful performance of his duties.

Resolve to authorize the printing of the Journal of the Constitutional Convention;

Resolve in favor of Otis Turner—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Resolve in relation to the late Adjutant General;
Resolve on the Pay Roll of the House—were severally finally passed.

Sent to the Senate.

Mr. DENNETT of Kittery, from the Joint Select Committee for that purpose, informed the House that the said Committee had presented to the Governor the Address adopted by both branches of the Legislature for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had signed and approved the public acts, as follows:

An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes;

An act to change the time of holding the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Lincoln;

An act additional concerning electors and elections;

An act making further provisions respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks;

An act in addition to, and explanatory of, the 94th chapter of the Revised Statutes;

Bill An act granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, came back from the Senate amended as on sheet A.

The bill was amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company;

Bill An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;

Bill An act repealing chapter 178 of the laws of Maine, approved March 16, 1855—were severally passed to be enacted.

Sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be authorized to procure the printing of five hundred copies of the Journal of this House. Each member of this House shall be entitled to receive one copy 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.

Order from the Senate, for a Joint Select Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have passed upon all matters before them and are now ready to adjourn, was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Fuller of Augusta, Blake of Bangor, Andrews of Bridgton, Bean of Brooks, Hewes of Masardis, and Britton of Winslow, were appointed on the part of the House.

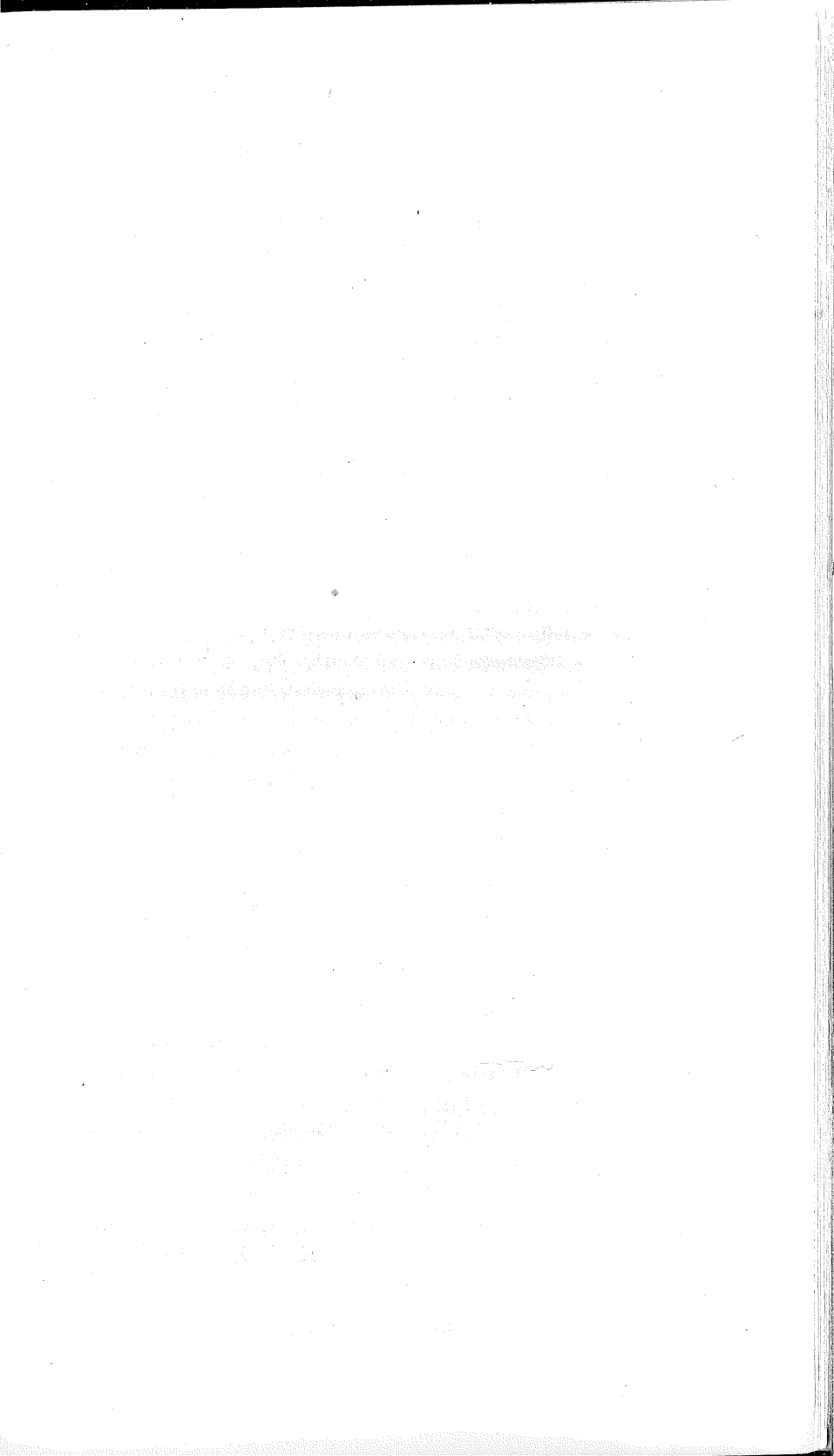
The Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two branches had passed upon all matters before them, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that the Governor was pleased to say, that he would forthwith communicate to the Legislature, and that after that he should have no further communication to make.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a list of the Acts and Resolves by him approved.

On motion of Mr. LEVENSALER of Thomaston,
The House adjourned *without day*.

ATTEST:

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk*.



TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1856.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An Act to repeal an act entitled "An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens."

to repeal an act entitled "An act annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this state."

additional concerning the supreme judicial court and its jurisdiction.

to repeal the one hundred eighty-third chapter of the public laws of eighteen hundred fifty-five.

to make valid the draft and doings of the grand jury for the county of Penobscot.

to authorize the establishment of city scales.

to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies. additional to an act to establish the state reform school.

in addition to an act approved March twenty-nine, eighteen hundred fifty-four, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate.

relating to the fees of justices of the peace, and of judges and recorders of municipal or police courts in criminal cases.

relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States.

to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake.

additional to "An act to provide for the education of youth."

to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer pond.

to establish a municipal court in the city of Portland.

to authorize the increase of pay to the register of probate in Penobscot county.

for the removal of paupers having no settlement within this state.

An Act to establish a police court in the city of Bangor.

making further provisions for laying out the money raised by towns for ways and bridges.

to give jurisdiction in equity, in cases between copartowners of ships.

in relation to the election of judges of probate, registers of probate, sheriffs, and judges of municipal and police courts. regulating proceedings on demurrer.

to repeal an act additional to chapter one hundred and seventy of the revised statutes.

relating to the disclosures of poor debtors.

providing for the appointment and duties of a recorder of the police court of Bangor.

further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters.

to prevent the destruction of pickerel in upper and lower Stone ponds in Stoneham.

in relation to the powers of constables.

to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying pond.

additional respecting elections in cities.

to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Somerset.

in further regulation of proceedings on indictments for defective ways.

to authorize the governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgment of deeds, or other contracts and depositions in foreign countries.

additional to "An act relating to hawkers and pedlers," approved July thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

to amend chapter one hundred and eighty-seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

explanatory of section five, article second, of an act entitled "An act to provide for the education of youth."

to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Washington.

additional relating to supervisors and superintending school committees.

regulating the commencement of actions, when the plaintiff is not an inhabitant of this state.

to increase the salary of the county attorney of the county of Cumberland.

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- An Act repealing chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the public laws, approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.
- to punish and prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks.
- additional concerning private ways.
- to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers."
- in relation to the collection of state taxes.
- further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.
- more fully prescribing the power and duties of agricultural societies.
- to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases.
- in relation to bank returns.
- to establish a board of agriculture.
- authorizing towns to purchase and hold fire engines.
- giving further remedies to proprietors of aqueducts for the collection of assessments.
- in addition to chapter one hundred and five of the revised statutes.
- for the better security of the moneys in the state treasury.
- to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Calais.
- to regulate the salaries of the warden and subordinate officers of the state prison.
- to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Waldo.
- to abolish town courts.
- additional to an act entitled "An act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations," approved January thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.
- to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of York.
- regulating conveyances by married women.
- relating to administration on estates of deceased married women.
- to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes.
- to provide for the incorporation of musical societies.
- regulating the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners in county jails.

An Act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops. additional to chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the revised statutes.

additional to an act defining the jurisdiction and powers of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford, approved April first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

in relation to returns of votes for county officers.

additional in relation to trustee process.

to increase the salary of the county attorney of the county of Oxford.

further defining the powers of justices of the peace in certain cases.

granting to subsequent attaching creditors, the review of actions against their debtors.

to amend an act entitled "An act additional for the relief of poor debtors," approved August eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias.

to organize and discipline the militia.

additional in relation to witnesses.

for completing the records of deceased clerks of the judicial courts.

additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the insane hospital, approved April seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

additional to chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes.

in relation to home, and agencies of foreign insurance companies.

relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations.

in relation to the supreme judicial court.

for enforcing common law liens.

enlarging the criminal jurisdiction of the police court of the city of Belfast.

making further provision respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks.

to change the time of holding the May term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Lincoln.

additional concerning electors and elections.

in addition to, and explanatory of, the ninety-fourth chapter of the revised statutes.

An Act repealing chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the laws of Maine, approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An Act additional to "An act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company."

granting further powers to the proprietors of Forest Grove Cemetery.

enlarging the powers of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

additional to the act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank.

to establish a public library in the town of Eastport.

to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company.

to incorporate the Castine Mechanics' Association.

to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company.

to incorporate the Maine Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

to incorporate the proprietors of Union Wharf in Portland.

additional to an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland.

authorizing the city of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for ocean steamships.

to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank.

to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank.

to increase the capital stock of the American Bank at Hallowell.

to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank.

to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank.

to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath.

to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford.

to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham.

to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company.

to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society.

An Act to revive the charter of the European and North American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same.

authorizing the construction and maintaining of certain bridges over the Kenduskeag river in the city of Bangor. to extend the time for filing the location of the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company, and building the same.

to increase the capital stock of the People's Bank.

to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company.

to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society. additional to "An act to establish the South Kennebec Agricultural Society."

to incorporate Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter.

to authorize James Miller to extend and maintain a wharf in tide waters in Belfast.

to incorporate the North Marine Wharf and Railway Company.

to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association.

additional to an act to establish the Sagadahock Ferry Company, approved March seventh, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to the town of Naples.

to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation.

granting further powers to the association for the relief of aged and indigent women, to hold property.

in addition to an act authorizing the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Folsom.

to incorporate the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company.

to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to incorporate the Brunswick Water Power Company.

authorizing James A. Creighton to change the bed or channel of Mill River stream, emptying into the Georges river.

to provide for the correction of certain deficiencies in returns made by a town officer of the town of Weld.

to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of St. John's Lodge.

to repeal an act entitled "An act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters of Damariscotta river."

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An Act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association in Belfast.

authorizing the extension of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river.

to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Manufacturing Company.

to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Bank.

to incorporate the Nezinscot Bank.

to set off Stephen Spaulding, together with his real estate, from the town of Sumner to the town of Buckfield.

to incorporate the Branch Mills Manufacturing Company.

additional to "An act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company.

to set off a portion of the town of Litchfield, in the county of Kennebec, and to annex the same to the town of Wales, in the county of Androscoggin.

to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation," approved March twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company.

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Freedom Lodge.

additional to "An act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad."

authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Camden.

to incorporate the Brunswick Marble Company.

to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.

to incorporate the Lewiston Village Corporation, and the Auburn Village Corporation; and to provide for the dissolution and closing up of the affairs of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation.

to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company.

to incorporate the Ellsworth High School.

to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast.

to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association.

additional to an act to incorporate the Waldeborough Village Corporation.

to incorporate the Bowdoinham Boot and Shoe Company.

to increase the capital stock of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company.

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An Act to authorize the diversion of the water from Long pond into Round pond.

to incorporate the Atlantic Bank.

to incorporate the Bank of Enterprise.

to remedy the loss of a certain assessment of taxes in the town of Newburg.

to incorporate the proprietors of the Livermore Falls Bridge.

to incorporate the town of Littleton.

to reduce the capital stock of the Veazie Bank of Bangor.

to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings.

to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boom Company.

to incorporate the Devonshire Mills Company.

further extending the time for the proprietors of the Rumford Falls Bridge Company to erect and complete the same.

to incorporate the Eastern Masonic Temple Company.

in addition to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company.

to change the name of Kilmarnock, in the county of Piscataquis, to that of Medford.

to incorporate North Somerset Agricultural Society.

to set off part of the town of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner.

additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company.

to change the names of certain persons.

to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Company.

to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company.

to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation.

additional to "An act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company."

to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield.

for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars, forty-four cents.

to annex a part of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldo-borough.

to set off certain lands from the town of Strong, and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard.

to incorporate the Gray Steam Mill Company.

to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

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An Act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank.

to incorporate the Kennebunk Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to amend chapter four hundred and fifty-nine of the special laws, approved February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

to incorporate the Alfred Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

authorizing the sale and transfer of the franchise and repealing the charter of the Machias River Company.

to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company.

to incorporate the Bridge Company of Canton Point.

to incorporate the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society.

to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to change the names of certain persons.

to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine.

to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society.

to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations.

to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company.

to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Loan Fund Association.

to preserve the harbor of Portland.

to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company.

giving further powers to the Auburn Village Corporation.

to incorporate the Skowhegan Savings Bank.

authorizing the town of Lewiston to choose fire wardens.

to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company.

to incorporate the Mount Katahdin Road Company.

to incorporate the town of Orient.

to change the names of certain persons.

to amend the sixth section of an act passed on the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An act for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars forty-four cents.

respecting school district number three in Exeter.

to alter and amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of the Stillwater Bridge.

An Act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Corporation.

additional to an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company.

to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company.

to set off certain territory from the town of Manchester and annex the same to the city of Augusta.

to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge.

to set off part of Norridgewock and annex the same to Skowhegan.

to authorize the assessment and collection of a district tax, for school district number seven in Norway.

to reduce the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank, of Ellsworth.

to incorporate the Blue Mountain Lodge.

to incorporate the proprietors of the Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge.

to establish and maintain a high school, in school district number one, in the town of Saco.

granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company.

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

to amend an act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society.

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## TITLES OF RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1856.

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Resolves providing for a public printer.

Resolve authorizing the renewal of a portion of the state debt.

in favor of John Francis.

in favor of the members of the executive committee of the  
Maine State Agricultural Society.

in favor of W. R. Webb.

in aid of the road leading from Fairfield's Mills, through town-  
ship four, range four, west from the east line of the state.

in favor of Joseph Sockabasin.

in favor of Peol Sockis.

in favor of William W. Quimby.

in favor of Peter S. Folsom.

authorizing the sale of shares, owned by the state, in the  
capital stock of the Augusta Bank.

authorizing the land agent to sell the lot reserved for the  
future disposition of the legislature, in plantation number  
fourteen, east division, in the county of Washington.

for the benefit of the ministerial and school fund of the town  
of Clifton.

in favor of Henry Upton.

in favor of John K. Russell.

Resolves in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Resolve for the payment of roll of accounts number thirty-six.

declaratory of amendments of the constitution.

in favor of Umcolcus plantation.

in favor of Benjamin Smith.

providing for the distribution of the report of the superin-  
tendent of common schools.

authorizing the land agent to convey Mark Island, in Goulds-  
borough, to the United States.

in favor of the insane hospital.

Resolves abating tax of town of Hollis, and assessing the same upon  
the town of Dayton.

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Resolve in favor of the insane hospital.

in favor of Bickford C. Mathews.

in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn.

in favor of the town of Waldoborough.

in favor of the insane hospital.

to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians.

in favor of Abigail O'Brien.

in favor of Simon F. Walker.

in favor of John N. Goodwin.

Resolves authorizing a loan in behalf of the state.

Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder.

in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin.

in favor of Thomas S. Roberts.

providing for repairing the state road through the town of  
Baileysville.

in aid of the Portland Cavalry Guards.

authorizing the land agent to sell certain lands in Bradley.

providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine  
obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream.

in favor of the town of Danville.

Resolves further to postpone the operation of a resolve, entitled a resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the state in the land office, approved April twentieth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Resolve in favor of James Pomeroy.

in favor of the Penobscot Indians.

relating to books for the several towns and cities.

laying a tax on the counties.

in favor of John Sargent, junior.

to diminish the state valuation of town of Addison.

in favor of Eliza Bartlett.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

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for the purchase and distribution of the Maine State Register  
and Business Directory.

in favor of Richard Libbey and John Lane.

Resolves to provide for the further revision of the public laws.

Resolve for the abatement of the state tax on the town of Cutler.

in favor of William Hogan.

to correct the state valuation of the town of Kingfield, in the  
county of Franklin.

in favor of the committee on the state prison.

Resolve in favor of the committee on the state reform school.

making an appropriation for the road across the Indian town-  
ship in the county of Washington.

in favor of Abial McAllister.

for abatement of state valuation of the town of Arrowsic.

in aid of roads in the town of Kingsbery.

in relation to the settlement of the account of the land agent.

for the payment of the militia called into the public service by  
order of the governor, June fourth, eighteen hundred and  
fifty-five.

in favor of Volney A. Sprague.

in favor of the Maine state prison.

relating to the Woodworth patent.

providing for religious services at the insane hospital.

to authorize fencing the tomb on the public grounds near the  
capitol.

relating to the state library.

Resolves in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of this state.

Resolve in favor of the town of Dixmont.

in favor of certain members of the house of representatives.

in favor of John B. Hill.

relating to school registers.

making appropriation for building fence and repairing arsenal  
at Portland.

in favor of William Poor, junior.

in favor of Charles Turner.

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