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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Tuesday, April 14, 1857. }

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.

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1857. }

THIS being the day assigned by the Constitution of this State for the meeting of the Legislature, the Members elect of the House of Representatives in attendance at the Representatives' Hall, were called to order by Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, and Mr. VINTON of Gray was appointed Chairman of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Newfield,

Messrs. Adams of Newfield, Wells of Freeport, Rowell of South Thomaston, Moore of Ellsworth, Tabbut of Addison, Danforth of Gardiner, Deering of Denmark, Brown of Solon, Hammatt of Howland, Milliken of Camden, Gammon of Phillips, Burleigh of Linneus, Gilbert of Bath, Holt of Turner, and Rice of Monson, were appointed to receive and examine the credentials of the members elect, and report whether a quorum was present. Mr. ADAMS of this committee, subsequently reported that a quorum of members elect was in attendance.

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

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

Whereupon the Governor, attended by the Council and heads of departments, came in, and the members elect took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Governor and suite then retired.

On motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta,

Messrs. Bicknell of Augusta, Ingalls of Bridgton, Marshall of Belfast, Bickford of Newburg, Talbot of Lubec, Hathaway of Bloomfield, and Hobbs of Hartford, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

Having attended to that duty, the committee reported,

That the whole number of votes was	143
Necessary to a choice,	72
George W. Wilcox had	118
Alanson B. Farwell had	25

The report was accepted, and GEORGE W. WILCOX was declared to be duly elected Clerk.

The Clerk elect appeared, and before JAMES C. MADIGAN, a member of the Executive Council, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon and discharge his official duties.

The Clerk presided during the further organization of the House.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln,

Messrs. Stinchfield of Lincoln, Gowen of Elliot, Deveraux of Penobscot, Johnson of Augusta, Lewis of Sangerville, Moulton of Porter, and Bickford of Newburg, were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

Having attended to that duty, the committee reported,

That the whole number of votes was	141
Necessary to a choice,	71
Charles A. Spofford had	118
John C. Talbot, Jr., had	23

The report was accepted, and CHARLES A. SPOFFORD was declared to be duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. SPOFFORD was conducted to the chair by Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, and addressed the House as follows :

Gentlemen of House of Representatives :

I am deeply grateful for this expression of confidence, and, for the honor you have conferred upon me by this election. And although I enter upon the responsible duties of this office with a diffidence, perhaps justified by my limited experience, I pledge you an honest purpose, impartially at least, and faithfully, to the extent of my ability, to discharge those duties. And so long as I shall not forget that the grand purpose of all rules and forms is to subserve the will of the Assembly, and to facilitate the expression of their deliberate sense, I shall hope to rely upon your kind indulgence and co-operation.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Messrs. Duren of Calais, Murch of Dayton, Wells of Freeport, Day of Waldoborough, Whittaker of Trenton, Wells of Clinton, and Rice of Monson, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Clerk.

Having attended to that duty, the committee reported,

That the whole number of votes was	140
Necessary to a choice,	71
Benjamin Freeman had	121
Elias G. Hedge had	19

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

Mr. DUREN of Calais, was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body that the House had permanently organized by the election of CHARLES A. SPOFFORD Speaker, and GEO. W. WILCOX Clerk.

Mr. DUREN subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Solon,

Ordered, That BENJAMIN B. THOMAS is hereby appointed Messenger of this House for the ensuing political year, with authority to choose his assistants.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown,

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last House of Representatives be adopted for the government of this House, until other-

wise ordered, and the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Messenger the copies reserved last year, for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

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

The Speaker of the House announced that he had received a communication from the Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, which he read to the House, as follows :

JANUARY 7, 1857.

Dear Sir :—I hereby resign the office of Senator in the Congress of the United States, to take effect on this day.

Very respectfully, yours,

H. HAMLIN.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 7, 1857.

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State, for the current political year, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Chapman of Lincoln, Hallowell of Penobscot, Brown of Cumberland, Smith of Aroostook, Herrick of Kennebec, Dane of York, and Wasson of Hancock, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

Read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Adams of Newfield, Day of Waldoborough, Webber of Castine, Foster of East Machias, Drummond of Waterville, Morse of Paris, Brown of Solon, Crosby of Dexter, Marshall of Belfast, Morrison of Farmington, Lewis of Sangerville, Barron of Topsham, Dingley of Auburn, and Burleigh of Linneus, were appointed on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1857.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the House was called to order by the Speaker, and the journal of yesterday was read.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. COLBY, of Augusta.

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen as monitors:

- 1st, Woodman of Bucksport,
- 2d, Chadbourne of Perry,
- 3d, Hall of Gorham,
- 4th, Bicknell, of Augusta,
- 5th, Cragin of Embden,
- 6th, Lane of Poland,
- 7th, Weed of Oldtown,
- 8th, Came of York.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the pay roll be authorized to make up the pay of the old Messenger and his Assistants, for ten days attendance at the present session.

On motion of Mr DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to

the Messengers the journals of preceding sessions, for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, of Augusta,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to report rules and orders for the government of this House.

The report of the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the returns of votes for Governor, was made by Mr. VINTON of said committee.

Read and accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The committee report the whole number of votes to be 119,814.

Necessary to a choice,	59,908
Hannibal Hamlin had	69,574
Samuel Wells “	43,628
George F. Patten “	6,554
George M. Patten “	23
Ether Shepley “	8
Samuel Wills “	8
Joseph Titcomb “	5
George Patten “	3
Madison Stevens “	2
Ezekiel Holmes “	2
Philip Oder “	2
Mark Shephard “	1
Samuel Foxcraf “	1
Steven Rice “	1
C. Moore “	1
Samuel “	1

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop,

Ordered, That after to-day, and until otherwise ordered, this House hold one session a day, commencing at 10 o'clock, excepting Mondays, when the hour of meeting shall be 11 o'clock.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 8, 1857.

Ordered, That a committee of three, with such as the House may join, be a committee to wait on the Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, and

inform him that he has been elected by the people Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

Read and passed; and Messrs. Hersey of Penobscot, Burbank of Cumberland, and Connor of Somerset, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 8, 1857.

Read and passed, in concurrence; and Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Deering of Hampden, Woodman of Bucksport, Danforth of Gardiner, Talbot of Lubec, Buxton of Warren, and Marshall of Belfast, were joined on the part of the House.

Subsequently, the committee, through Mr. VINTON, reported that they had waited on the Governor elect, and performed the duty assigned them, and that he was pleased to say that he accepted the election, and that he would be in attendance upon the Convention of the Legislature at the time indicated, in order to take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office.

A message was received from the Governor in relation to the reservation of certain townships of the public land for the use of schools, which was read and laid on the table, and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate proposing a Convention of the two bodies at 12 o'clock this day, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the Governor elect, and receiving from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Mr. GARCELON was charged with the message.

Subsequently, a message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, announcing the concurrence of that body.

At 12 o'clock, agreeably to assignment, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed, and called to order by the President of the Senate.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN of Lincoln,

A message was directed to be sent to the Governor elect, informing him that a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature was now in session for the purpose of qualifying him as Governor of the State of Maine.

Mr. MAGOUN was charged with the message, and reported that the Governor elect would be in attendance forthwith.

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

The Secretary of State then made the usual proclamation, after which the Governor was pleased to communicate to the Convention by message, information upon the affairs and condition of the State.

The Governor and suite then retired, and the Convention dissolved.

The House was called to order by the Speaker, and on motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, it was

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to furnish to the House of Representatives a copy of his address to the Convention of the two Houses.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1857.

10 o'clock A. M.

Journal of yesterday read by the Clerk.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Augusta, January 9, 1857. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor herewith to lay before you one hundred and fifty-one copies of the fortieth annual report of the Directors of the American Asylum at Hartford, for the education and instruction of the deaf and dumb, for the use of the members of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
C. R. AYER,
Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Newfield,

Ordered, That the 62d rule be suspended for this day.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to procure and distribute to each member of the House, one copy of the Thrice-Weekly Journal and Thrice-Weekly Age, during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing a Convention of both Houses in this Hall to-day, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing Secretary of State and seven Councillors.

Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect was charged with the message.

Mr. HICHBORN reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

A message from the Senate by its Secretary, announced the concurrence of that body for a Convention at 11 o'clock, to elect a Secretary of State and seven Councillors.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be prepared for the use of the House, lists of the members of the House, arranged alphabetically, according to the number of their seats, and according to their political classification, including their places of residence, post-office address and boarding place, and a diagram of the House of Representatives, and that four hundred and fifty copies of the same be printed.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That six hundred copies of the rules and orders hereafter to be adopted for the government of this House, with the Constitution of the United States and of this State, the census of this State for 1840 and 1850, the last State valuation, the last apportionment of this State for members of the Legislature and members of Congress, and the presidential vote of 1856, with an index, be printed for the use of the House.

Messrs. Johnson of Augusta, Talbot of Lubec, Woodman of Bucksport, Gilbert of Bath, and Hammatt of Howland, were appointed the Committee on rules and orders.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to contract with person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the current political year.

Read and passed; and Messrs. Duren of Calais, Strickland of Bangor, Burr of Mercer, Morrison of Farmington, Drummond of Waterville, Fox of Portland, and Dunn of No. 11, were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act entitled an act to amend an act for the better security of the monies in the State Treasury, approved April 4,

1856, came from the Senate, having had two several readings, the rules and orders having been suspended for that purpose, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the House for concurrence.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
January 9, 1857. }

Read once, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was ordered to be laid upon the table.

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

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN of York, of the Senate,

Messrs. Scamman of York, Smith of Aroostook, Garcelon of Lewiston, Dunning of Harpswell, and Chadbourne of Perry, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to that duty, the committee reported that

The whole number of votes was	171
Necessary to a choice,	86
Alden Jackson had	144
Caleb R. Ayer had	26
Samuel C. Fessenden had	1

It appearing that ALDEN JACKSON had a majority of all the votes cast, he was therefore declared to be duly elected as Secretary of State, for the State of Maine, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN of Lincoln,

Messrs. Chapman of Lincoln, Twitchell of Oxford, Johnson of Augusta, Adams of Newfield, and Crosby of Dexter, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for seven councillors.

Having attended to that duty, the committee reported the

Whole number of votes to be	173
Necessary to a choice,	87
William M. Reed had	146
Ichabod Frost had	147
Isaac Lincoln had	147
Nathaniel A. Joy had	146

Benjamin F. Eastman had	147
Joseph S. Monroe had	146
Abner Coburn had	147
Israel Chadbourne had	26
Samuel Jordan had	26
Henry Spaulding had	26
Arno Wiswell had	26
Daniel H. Brown had	26
William K. Kimball had	26
Joseph W. Eaton had	26
Joseph Murch had	1
Ezra B. French had	1

And William M. Reed, Ichabod Frost, Isaac Lincoln, Nathaniel A. Joy, Benjamin F. Eastman, Joseph S. Monroe, and Abner Coburn, having severally received a majority of the votes cast, were declared to be duly elected as the Councillors of the Governor of the State of Maine.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to the House one unabridged copy of Webster's dictionary, for the use of the House.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1857.

The Journal of yesterday was read by the Clerk.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DEXTER, of Augusta.

IN SENATE, January 9, 1857.

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with as many as the House may join, be raised to prepare joint rules and orders, for the government of the two Houses, for 1857.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Scamman of York, Magoun of Lincoln, and Ring of Washington, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
January 10, 1857. }

Read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Johnson, of Augusta, Talbot of Lubec, Woodman of Bucksport, Gilbert of Bath, and Hammatt of Howland, were joined on the part of the House.

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

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On Elections.

Messrs. Duren of Calais,
Talbot of Lubec,
Moore of Ellsworth,
Drummond of Waterville,
Weed of Oldtown,
Brackett of Westbrook,
Rowell of South Thomaston.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Deering of Hampden,
Allen of Thomaston,
Hobson of Saco,
Clark of Wells,
Deveraux of Penobscot,
Chadbourne of Perry,
Given of Brunswick.

On Finance.

Messrs. Foster of East Machias,
Strickland of Bangor,
Ingalls of Bridgton,
Adams of Newfield,
Danforth of Gardiner,
Dingley of Auburn,
Day of Waldoborough.

On County Estimates.

Messrs. Tolman of Rockland,
Bicknell of Augusta,
Dunning of Charleston,
Tabbut of Addison,
Hall of Gorham,
Hathaway of Bloomfield,
Hobbs of Waterford.

Bills of Third Reading.

Messrs. Marshall of Belfast,
Fox of Portland,
Buxton of Warren,
Woodman of Bucksport,
Sampson of Manchester,
Milliken of Camden,
Brown of Kennebunkport.

On Leave of Absence.

Messrs. Hinds of Dover,
Hunter of Clinton Gore,
Lewis of Boothbay,
Pike of Eastport,
Linscott of Jay,
Brackett of Acton,
Stone of Union.

On Pay Roll.

Messrs. Dunn of No. 11,
Joy of Surry,
Fletcher of Lincolnville,
Brown of Kennebunkport,
Huff of Alexander,
Merrill of Lee,
Gould of Casco.

On Change of Names.

Messrs. Burleigh of Linneus,
Gowen of Elliot,
Smith of Belgrade.

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

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

You have assembled to discharge the legislative duties devolved upon you by the people of the state. It becomes my duty, under the provisions of the constitution, to communicate to you such information as I may possess, upon the condition of the state, and to recommend such measures for your consideration as I may deem expedient. With a just reliance upon Divine Providence to sustain and direct us in all our deliberations—with a sincere desire to maintain and advance the best interests of our state, and to act in unison with the prosperity and

harmony of our whole country—with thankful hearts that the husbandman has been rewarded for his toil, by an abundant harvest—that peace and health have prevailed within our borders, and that the industrial pursuits of the state are in a prosperous condition,—let us enter upon the duties severally committed to our charge.

Whatever relates to the whole country, interests and affects the people of Maine, as they constitute a part thereof. The country has just emerged from an important and exciting presidential election; more important perhaps than any which has preceded it. In the issues involved in that contest, Maine, as one of the states of the Union, had, in common with all the others, a deep and direct interest. The general result was different from what was desired and hoped by a large majority of the people of the state, and from what they believed to be for the welfare of the whole country, and what they earnestly sought to accomplish. Still, it furnishes the highest hope for the future, and foretells, with unerring certainty, the ultimate triumph of that great principle for which we have struggled. Ten other states have concurred with Maine in the effort to restore the government of the United States to what its wise and patriotic founders designed and intended it should be. New England stood in the contest substantially where she was in the struggle of the revolution. That was an effort to establish a free government, and she was pre-eminent in her sacrifices and devotion to accomplish that object, as she is now to preserve and perpetuate what was then accomplished. The true question involved in the late election was substantially, whether the advancement of human freedom should continue to be a fundamental principle and a pre-eminent object of our national government, within the line marked out by the constitution, or whether its powers should be perverted to the extension of slavery. This it was that underlaid all other issues, however others may have mingled with it, or whatever may be the results that shall come out of it. It was an effort on one side to make the government of the United States, either by its direct acts, or its acquiescence, or its complicity, aid in spreading the evils of slavery over territories where it did not exist, but from which it had been excluded by positive law.

The history of the government shows conclusively, that the wise and good men who instituted and laid its foundation, and those who framed our constitution, designed and expected that it should be one of freedom, and not of slavery. It was upon this idea that the revolutionary war was successfully prosecuted, and the constitution adopted.

Slavery, it is true, existed in most of the states, as it had been forced upon the colonies by Great Britain, against their earnest and eloquent remonstrances. The fact was set forth in the original draft of the Declaration of Independence, as one of the causes of the revolution, when it came from the hand and pen of Jefferson. After our independence had been finally achieved, the institution was regarded as one of temporary character, and is not even named in the constitution. The acts of the men of that day show the sincerity of their intention. They did not desire to found a government upon moral, social and political wrong. The history of all the past warned them it could not be done. Their recorded acts prove indisputably what they did mean. Before the constitution was framed or adopted, and in a congress acting under the articles of confederation, Mr. Jefferson reported, in a bill for the government of the territories, the following clause, viz: "That after the year 1800 of the Christian era, there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any of said states, otherwise than in punishment of crimes whereof the parties shall have been convicted to have been personally guilty."

This provision applied to all the territory belonging to the United States at that time, and out of which the states referred to were to be formed. That provision failed to become a law, for the want of a single vote, and by the absence of a single member. In 1787 an ordinance for the government of the territories was adopted, and in that was included an article forever excluding slavery from all the territories of the United States, with the addition, that persons held to service in any state, *under the laws thereof*, and escaping into the territories, should be delivered up—the same provision having been incorporated into the constitution by the convention then in session.

In 1789, after the adoption of the constitution by the states, the question necessarily arose whether that did not abrogate or annul the ordinance of '87. To remove all doubt, or to make all certain, congress, at its first session under the constitution, in 1789, affirmed and made valid that ordinance, and the law was approved by George Washington. Such, briefly, is the early history of this government; and it proves beyond all doubt, that the men of that day designed and expected that the extension of slavery should be prevented by the government. Such is just what is now proposed—to follow the lights of their counsel, and by excluding slavery from the territories of the United States, make them the homes of free men.

Such are the prominent acts of the men who laid the foundations of

our government, and who may be justly supposed to know what they intended. Could any doubt exist, as there cannot, an examination of the debates and the history of the times render it more certain and clear as to what were their purposes. The opinions of that day were concurred in by the prominent men of the south. They were eloquent in depicting the wrongs and injuries which slavery inflicted upon both the colored and the white man. The sad evils connected with it, in all their relations, were portrayed by them in vivid colors. They saw, felt, and acknowledged its withering effect. But now all this is changed. In the southern states it has been boldly and fearlessly avowed, that they must have the right to people the territories with their slaves, who are made such, (in the language of the constitution, referring to the states where slavery existed,) "*under the laws thereof*,"—thus seeking to control and regulate the territories by virtue of state laws. It has also been asserted that slavery is right—that it is the normal condition of the laboring man, and not confined to race or color. Principles and objects like these strike at the very foundation of our government. To preserve that government, and to have it administered as designed by our fathers, should ever remain the purpose of all who cherish our free institutions.

In 1820, when Missouri, as a part of the Louisiana purchase, sought admission as a state into the union, and just preceding that time, the question of restricting slavery in the territories again arose, and agitated the country. After much controversy, a proposition was submitted and supported almost unanimously by the south, and approved by president Monroe and his cabinet, prohibiting slavery in all the territory north of the parallel of 36° 30' north latitude, but south of that line leaving it unprohibited by law. The proposition was at the time resisted by the north, for the reason that it did not exclude slavery from all the territory. As a compromise it was however adopted, and good faith required that it should not be disturbed or violated.

It so remained for more than a third of a century; and after all of the territory south of that line had been admitted as slave states into the Union, except a small portion reserved as Indian possessions, then, in utter violation of good faith, and at a time when quiet and peace had been restored to the country, it was ruthlessly violated and repealed. From that repeal has arisen the angry discussions in the country.

The object of the repeal, as frankly admitted and affirmed by some, and as could well be seen by all, was solely to extend slavery.

The acts of men are matters of just criticism, and we have a right to suppose and believe that men intend what is the fair and necessary result of their acts. If such were not the object, the repeal was useless. The facts that slavery was prohibited—that it has since been forced into the territory—that disgraceful and odious laws, repugnant to humanity and the age in which we live, have been enacted in Kansas by a legislature elected by persons who invaded the territory from a neighboring state—and all the scenes of anarchy and bloodshed which have there transpired with the complicity, if not the direct aid, of the general government, it would seem, can leave no room for doubt or controversy as to the object intended to be accomplished. Those who did that act are justly chargeable with all the discussion and excitement with which the public mind has been agitated—an agitation which cannot and will not cease until slavery is confined to the states where it belongs. Despotism is always aggressive, but freemen cannot submit to the aggressions of slavery, and will not be excluded from our territories. Quietly to submit to its despotic aggression, and its supremacy, would make slaves of our posterity, while we should deserve no better fate ourselves.

With slavery in the states we have nothing to do. For its extension or continuance, there, we are not responsible. It there depends upon state laws. But outside of the states, and in the territories belonging to the United States and subject to their jurisdiction, and of which states we constitute a part, we have both an interest and responsibility. An interest to preserve them for the homes of free men, from the blight and mildew of slavery, where men may be advanced socially, morally and intellectually in the scale of human existence. Responsible, because if such an evil is there allowed to spread and exist, it must be by the aid or acquiescence of the general government, of which we are a part. I can see no difference, morally, between doing a wrong directly, and in allowing it to be done when we have the power; and it is our duty to prevent it. There can be no distinction. We are alike responsible in each. A cheerful acquiescence by all the states in the exercise of all the rights that belong to each is our constitutional duty. A prompt demand of the rights that belong to us, and a fearless assertion of them, is also equally our duty.

While Maine, as one of the states of the Union, should at all times remain loyal to the constitution and the Union, and be ready to maintain all the rights secured by them to all the other states, and while

her citizens should manifest a fraternal regard for the citizens of each of the states, she should also be true to that freedom and those principles which the constitution was formed to preserve and perpetuate.

This is the object which has so cordially united our people to an extent before unknown, but upon a principle on which they have always had a uniformity of opinion. To accomplish so great and desirable a good, and of such vital importance, prudence will dictate that our counsels should not be disturbed by matters of less moment. The great question which underlies all others should be kept steadily in view by all, and success will be the sure and final reward. What we purpose is neither sectional or fanatical; has the greatest good of the whole country for its basis; is in accordance with the practice of the government for more than sixty years, and is worthy of the sincere and patriotic efforts of all. The time now is, and will continue, when all who agree in the great importance of restoring the country to what it was under Washington and Jefferson, must cordially unite in undivided ranks for that purpose. What will be the line of policy adopted by the incoming administration of the general government, and how far it will be affected, under all the circumstances which surround it, by the recent demonstration of public opinion in the free states, are questions to be solved in the future. To that future, also, must its own exigencies be left, and what those exigencies may demand. You cannot, however, have failed to notice a somewhat ominous foreshadowing in the claim of constitutional doctrine recently put forth, viz: That as the institution of slavery is, by virtue of certain constitutional provisions, made an element of political power, it is therefore entitled to an expansion and increase, outside of the states where it exists.

Whether the incoming administration will adopt and sanction a doctrine so utterly untenable, as a part of its policy, remains to be seen. Our duty is plain, in any event. It is to maintain the rights of freedom, by opposing, in every legal mode, the extension of slavery over the territory of the United States, and by persevering in that effort, firmly and consistently to the end.

The state of affairs which has existed in the territory of Kansas, growing out of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise line of 1820, furnishes only a true exhibition of what results from attempts to establish and extend slavery. It presents a deplorable spectacle, and one which makes what is called a free government, a miserable mockery. The free navigation of a great public river has been impeded,

or prevented. A legislature has been elected by armed mobs from an adjoining state. The rights guaranteed by the constitution to the citizens of each state have been disregarded. Laws have been passed by a legislature thus fraudulently elected, which are unequalled in their atrocity in any civilized country in the world; which virtually deny the right of trial by jury, abolish the freedom of the press and of speech, and which do not allow a citizen to participate in the government without first taking an oath repugnant to and in violation of the constitution. All these wrongs have been sustained by the government and a judiciary in the territory which has added to the oppression otherwise existing. Honest citizens have been murdered, and dwellings burned, and the laborer interrupted in, or driven from his pursuits, instead of receiving that protection in his rights and person to which he was justly as well as constitutionally entitled. From this sad state of things produced, it would seem to be the duty of our state to furnish the citizens of Maine, who have gone into that territory, with such aid and assistance as may be in its power. When the government of the United States shall become remiss in, or shall neglect its plain duty, it becomes the state to act. There can be no doubt that there is actual and severe suffering in that territory by those who have been prevented from pursuing their ordinary industrial avocations. I would therefore suggest, should the existing state of things continue in that territory, by the remissness or neglect of the general government, a liberal appropriation for the relief, in food and clothing, of the citizens of Maine in the territory of Kansas, under such limitations as you may deem necessary. It is due as an act of humanity, and if the government of the United States shall fail in its duty to them, and has neglected its plain constitutional obligations, they should know and feel that they are still cared for in the state from which they went to establish new homes, and extend liberty and civilization in the west.

I have been unable to examine the report of the treasurer of state. It will be submitted to the legislature, and will exhibit the finances of the state, as I learn from the treasurer, in a very prosperous condition.

The whole amount of the funded debt of the state, Dec. 31, 1856, was \$699,000; of that sum, thirty thousand dollars will become due March 1, 1857, which will be paid at that time, and the current expenses of the year will be discharged without resorting to other means than the usual state tax imposed by the legislature. No legislation will be required to provide for the payment of that sum.

The receipts and disbursements for the year ending Dec. 31, 1856, have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.			
Balance from year 1855,	.	.	\$ 39,130 37
From all other sources, .	.	.	593,312 04
Total,	<u>\$632,442 41</u>
DISBURSEMENTS,			
	.	.	<u>\$486,165 00</u>
Balance in the treasury, .	.	.	\$146,277 41

A detailed account of the receipts and expenditures will be presented in the report of the treasurer.

The amount of capital invested in the state under corporate charters, and especially for the construction of railroads, is of a magnitude to call for specific and certain laws, which shall protect not only the rights of the corporation, but the public and individuals. Bodies of this corporate character may become embarrassed and may be levied on by an execution creditor, or be transferred by assignment, and thus become the property of a single individual, while the charter requires an organized administration, consisting of several officers. What may be the rights of the respective parties in such a case under existing laws, is at least very doubtful. While no evils are known to have resulted from such a state of things, they may be easily foreseen, and against which it is prudent the legislature should guard as far as practicable.

The evils of intemperance are seen and acknowledged by all, even by its unfortunate victims. The crime, pauperism, and consequent misery produced by it, present a melancholy spectacle. Its prevention is earnestly desired by all right thinking men, but unfortunately, upon the best method of suppressing or preventing it there is a difference of opinion in our community. Laws for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops have been passed, designed to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks, except for mechanical and medicinal purposes. These laws have been repealed, and another enacted instead, licensing and permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors for all purposes, under the limitations and penalties therein contained. This law was passed under the alleged belief that it would better promote and secure the cause of temperance, than one of a prohibitory character. This is the state of the question as it is now presented. What should be done? What is wisest and best?

The public mind has been much and deeply agitated upon the matter, and it would seem to be most wise, under existing circumstances, not to disturb the present law until the whole subject can be more dispassionately discussed and determined. Such, undoubtedly, is the desire and expectation of the people of the state; such the implied, if not the actual pledge given in our recent election. Political bodies, like individuals, should always maintain good faith—and good faith requires that the question should not be disturbed during the present session. It is far better to wait patiently until all angry feeling shall have subsided, and when the whole subject can be more appropriately acted on. Then let a well matured and carefully prepared bill be submitted directly to the people, for their approval or rejection, at meetings held expressly for that purpose. The question would then be wrested from the vortex of party politics, connected with which any such measure must always, inevitably, be exposed to a constantly recurring opposition, and fail to secure that general acquiescence which alone can give it permanence. Under a government like ours, no law can stand the test of time which does not meet the support of a deliberate and enlightened public judgment. No judicious friend of either a license or prohibitory system, can desire to see either become a law, again to be repealed. That law, and that only, which shall receive the approbation of the community, by and for which it is enacted, can be permanent and useful.

An independent judiciary is of the utmost importance. A destruction of that independence is one step towards its corruption. Independent, honest and able, it is one of the strongest ramparts of defence for the liberty of the country, and the protection of its citizens. So far as may be possible, those who exercise the power should be removed from all influence of fear or hope, upon its judicial action. It exercises its power over life, liberty and property, and therefore interests all in the highest degree. That it should not depend, for the exercise of its power, on the fluctuation, caprice or whim of party success, is most obvious. A judiciary thus dependent would soon lose all respect of the community, if it did not become corrupt.

At the last session of the legislature, one of the justices of the supreme judicial court was arbitrarily, if not unconstitutionally, removed by address. In the opinion of many of the best legal minds of the state the act was entirely unconstitutional. Whether so or not, it was at least confessedly predicated upon an error of judgment, honestly exercised in the discharge of official duty, upon a matter of indisputa-

ble jurisdiction. Such error, if error it was, involved no want of adequate judicial ability, or integrity of purpose. If for such a cause, a judicial officer may be removed, in the malice or madness of party organization, where is the independence of the judiciary, and what can it become but the mere instrument of party? Does our constitution in truth contemplate a right of removal by address in such a case? I would suggest the propriety of ascertaining definitely, how far the power of the legislature, under Article IX, Section 5, of the constitution, extends. If it shall be determined that a judicial officer can be removed, in the mode there pointed out, for any opinion which may seem to the legislature erroneous, without other cause, then I would recommend such an amendment of the constitution as will meet the necessity of the case. Clearly, if such power does exist, it may prostrate the judicial at the feet of the legislative and executive branches of the government. The bad example set by one legislature may be followed by another. Such a power, in my judgment, cannot co-exist with an independent judiciary. At least, let the matter, if necessary, be submitted to the tribunal of the people, whose whole interests are so intimately and directly involved.

It may also become the duty of the legislature to ascertain whether the public exigencies require the aid of additional justices to discharge the duties that devolve upon the supreme judicial court.

In a state like ours, where the industrial pursuits are so varied, with a large population upon the frontier still progressing into, and subduing the forests, there is undoubtedly a greater necessity for legislation, than in a community where its industry has become settled and systematized. But still, one of the evils under which we suffer is excessive and useless legislation. Continual changes in our laws are productive of evil. Legislation, as far as practicable, should be general, and designed to produce system and order. Our people soon adapt themselves to laws so framed. Frequent amendments soon leave us in doubt as to what the law is. He who shall devote himself to prevent unnecessary changes and useless laws, will acquire the reputation of a conservative and wise legislator.

These frequent changes have led to the necessity of a revision of our statutes, made under the provisions of the resolves of March 12, 1855, and April 1, 1856. The code will be submitted to you for your action. Such ordinary legislation as shall be necessary at this session may form a part of the revised code. It is, I think, fairly to be presumed, that the principal object of the legislation referred to was to

condense existing laws, on the same subject, into one, with such alterations and amendments as the commissioners shall recommend, and be approved by the legislature. The enacting of this code will be an important labor for you to discharge. When a statute has received a judicial construction it would seem most wise to retain its language, so far as possible, so as not to render it necessary again to submit it to the judiciary for adjudication. The revision of the laws will necessarily be a labor which will require a longer session of the legislature than would be otherwise necessary. Still, with that degree of industry which will be given to its consideration, and with a wise effort to prevent useless amendments, it is sincerely hoped our labors may not be as extended, and that an example may be set of more limited sessions of the legislature.

It has grown into a proverb, that he who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before, is a public benefactor. The agriculture of every state, is one of the most important and necessary branches of industry. No state can be prosperous without it. It is as old as man, and we must depend upon it for most of the necessities of life. That policy which, therefore, shall in the greatest degree develop the resources and capabilities of the soil, and which shall teach the best method of producing the greatest crop at the least expense, is surely worthy of the attention of every state. There can be no doubt that we have a soil capable of producing, not only all the substantial articles consumed by the people of the state, but of sustaining a population much greater than we now have. Sound economy demands that we should produce more and purchase less, as we may easily do. The art of husbandry ought, as it may, to be reduced to a science. All may not be accomplished at once, but may we not make a commencement in what shall produce, in the end, that result? The state has done something for the purpose of increasing its productions, and developing its agricultural resources. It has given a direct bounty to stimulate the production of certain crops. As a system, however, this, though seeming partially to accomplish its purpose, was found objectionable, and was abandoned. Agricultural societies have been formed for the same object, and it is confidently believed with far greater success, even if they have failed to accomplish all that is desirable. Sums of money are granted to these societies, which are awarded to those who produce the largest crops, raise the best stock, and manufacture the most finished articles. All this has its good effect, and, under that provision of the law of last year which requires an account

of the mode of culture, and to some extent the kind of soil on which the crop is produced, we may fairly suppose will be productive of much practical good. An improved state of agriculture may be seen in other countries, resulting from similar associations. Each learns from the experience and practice of the other, and each is also stimulated to excel the other. A State Board of Agriculture has also been created by the legislature, to promote that science. It is composed of one member from each county in the state, and a secretary chosen by the board, whose duties under the laws are prescribed by the board. The duties of the secretary are responsible and arduous, as will be seen on examination. If his duties are faithfully and efficiently discharged, they must result in much good. His first annual report will be submitted to you for your consideration. From an examination of it, I am led to believe it will be most useful to the agricultural interest of the state, for the valuable information it contains. These are now existing institutions under the care of the state; and it is hardly necessary to enlarge on their importance. While, however, they remain, I would suggest the propriety of having the board consist of one member from each society, instead of one from each county, as is now the case. I would also recommend that the selectmen of towns, aldermen of cities, and assessors of plantations be required to make an annual return to the Board of Agriculture, of all agricultural products of each city, town and plantation. Such statistics would soon furnish us a correct account of our productions, and as continued from year to year, would show the progress made. The compensation of the secretary seems entirely inadequate for his services, after deducting his necessary expenses.

But does not the true and best policy of the State require that we should go one step further? Knowledge is the only sound basis of all pursuits. Practice I know, is indispensable, but a knowledge of that which lies at the foundation is necessary to guide and direct practice. Agricultural chemistry is the foundation of enlightened agriculture. A knowledge of what composes the soil, of what it contains, of what it is deficient, what should be added, or subtracted, to make it productive, and what are the plants or roots best adapted to each, is most obviously necessary to an improved and enlightened cultivation. The relation between agriculture and chemistry is truly important, and when that relation shall be fully understood and applied, agriculture will really become a science, and production will, it is believed, be so much increased, that our present crops will be regarded almost

insignificant. I have not the time, nor is this the occasion to go into details of experiments which test the truth of what I have said. We all understand the high necessity of the knowledge to which I have alluded. The question for us is, shall we make an attempt to acquire information so necessary to advance the best interests of the State? To me it would seem most wise. Next to a knowledge of our own language, I would hold in importance a knowledge of the soil we cultivate. All are interested, and more are employed in that pursuit than in any other, if not more than in all others. How necessary then is a full knowledge and understanding of it, to advance the prosperity of the State. It is confidently believed that a wise system which shall develop our agricultural resources, will tend to check the great emigration of our citizens to other sections. It is highly desirable that such an object should be accomplished, and I have full confidence that much can be done to effect it. I would therefore recommend for the consideration of the legislature, that some provision be made by law for teaching agricultural chemistry in our schools, and for analysing soils at some place in each county; or to endow some of the existing literary institutions in the state, at which agricultural chemistry, and the analysis of soils shall be taught.

It can hardly be denied that some of the past legislation of the State has tended to lessen the efficiency, if not to bring into disrepute, one of our institutions created by the Constitution of the United States, and adopted by our own State. Its importance has been conclusively demonstrated in the history of the past. The prevalence of any sentiment in the community, which has a tendency to lessen our regard and respect for an efficient military system, must necessarily occasion the advancement of a policy which will lead to an increase of the standing army of the United States. Such a result was feared by the fathers of the republic, and is to be deprecated by all true friends of constitutional liberty.

The constitution of the United States declares "that a well regulated militia is necessary to the security of a free state," and requires congress to provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia of the several states, reserving to the states the appointment of the officers, and training the troops according to the discipline prescribed by congress. The constitution of Maine provides "that no person of the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty-five years (excepting certain specified classes) shall be exempt from military duty, unless he shall pay an equivalent to be fixed by law." It will be

within your province to enquire whether our present militia laws are in conformity with these constitutional requirements, and to provide by legislative enactment, for any important defects that shall be found to exist. It cannot be doubted that sufficient numbers of our citizens can at all times be relied upon, whose zeal and patriotism will induce them to engage in voluntary military organizations suitable for present, and which shall form a sufficient nucleus for all prospective purposes. They should understand that they may confidently rely upon all proper aid, and be protected in the enjoyment of their rights. The small amount which would be found sufficient to lighten the military labors of our citizen soldiers would bear no comparison to what we would be obliged, as a state, to contribute for the support of a standing army. The entire abolition of the militia would tend to that result. It is presumed that such a system may be enacted as will impose upon the soldier only a contribution of his time, and the cost of the uniform of his corps. The whole subject is one of great importance, and is commended to your careful consideration.

The State Reform School was, it is believed, most wisely instituted, and promises to accomplish all the good results that were anticipated. It will, undoubtedly, be the means of reclaiming, by its system of discipline and education, many of the youth who become its inmates, from habits of vice, and make them useful members of society. Its true value cannot well be over-estimated. It is wise even in an economical view, without regard to the more important aspect of it in a moral sense. It is cordially commended to the fostering care of the legislature.

The reports of the trustees and of the superintendent present a very satisfactory account of the condition of the school, its management and importance. These reports will be submitted to you, for your examination, and will furnish you with information of the school in detail. It will be noticed that there is a deficiency in the current expenses for the year ending March 31, 1857, of five thousand dollars. This deficiency, it will be seen, has mostly arisen from an under-estimate of the number of inmates for the preceding year. Unless that deficiency shall be supplied at an early day, the usefulness of the school will be impeded very much by the embarrassment it must necessarily occasion.

It is believed that all the affairs of the school have been managed with rigid economy, perhaps with more economy than its best interests and the interest of the state will justify. A rigid economy, in all the

departments of the school, is not only desirable, but is demanded. But it may be a want of economy to withhold necessary appropriations when demanded for public objects. The attention of the legislature is invited to early action on this subject.

I have not been able to examine, as I have not seen, the report of the superintendent of the Insane Hospital of the state. For information of its condition and its necessities I must refer the legislature to that report. And I commend the institution to your liberal and generous care. It was founded by the state for a most humane and noble purpose, and is entitled to receive its support. Its unfortunate inmates appeal to the humanity and benevolence of the state, and are entitled to it, from every consideration that should govern an enlightened community.

Intelligence is the sure basis of a free government. A well-informed people is the only security upon which we can rely for the perpetuity of our liberties. The common school is one of our most cherished institutions, and marks the wisdom of its founders. There is no duty more important than in providing, by just and wise laws, for the general advancement of education. In a revision of the laws, our school system, in all its departments, should, as I am sure it will, receive your careful attention. Our schools have always received the fostering care of the legislature; and it cannot be doubted or justly questioned that our common schools have much improved within the few past years. Much more may, however, be accomplished, and they may be more useful and efficient in educating the children of the state. Wise laws and such means as the legislature may impart will still advance their usefulness.

Schools and institutions of a higher grade become necessary for instructing those who engage in teaching, and for other and important pursuits. Their importance is as obvious as the common schools, though of a different character. So important have they been regarded that the constitution of the state requires that the legislature shall suitably endow them. The whole matter is one of deep interest to the welfare of the state, and as such is submitted to your care and attention.

The report of the land agent will be submitted to you, and you will learn from it the transactions of the past year, and the conditions of the public lands, and of all that relates to that department. I have not had an opportunity to examine the same.

The present system of managing our lands, on the whole, so far as

I am able to judge, is wise and proper. The best interests of all require that the timber lands should not be put into the market in quantities beyond the actual wants of the community. It is believed the laws now regulating the sale of the public lands answer all present necessities. If, however, any measure can be devised which shall induce the settlement of the lands suitable for agricultural purposes, it will commend itself to, and should receive your cordial action. We have vast tracts of land of unsurpassed fertility, and when made productive by the husbandman, will add much to the wealth and power of the state. If that can be effected by any reasonable system of legislation, it is surely desirable.

It will be seen, on examination of the law, that the charters of all the banks in the state will expire on the first day of October, 1857. The subject of their re-charter will invite your early attention. The system of banking in Maine, as a whole, has proved a safe one for the public. No losses to the public have taken place, it is believed, which cannot be traced to a violation of the spirit or letter of the law. Such additional safeguards as time and experience shall have proved to be necessary for the safety of the community should be added. It may be deemed expedient to designate some officer, by law, who shall deliver to each bank blank bills, duly countersigned and registered, which shall constitute the circulation of the bank; and also to determine by law the amount of bills to be thus delivered.

Having resigned the office of senator from this state in the United States Senate, to take effect on the seventh instant, it will become necessary for the legislature to make an appointment to supply the vacancy thus created. The duty will also devolve upon you to make an appointment of senator for six years, from and after the fourth of March next, when the present term will expire by constitutional limitation.

It will become my duty, and I shall with great pleasure co-operate with the legislature, in all measures to secure and advance the prosperity of the state. If any facts shall come to my knowledge, demanding your consideration, the same will be duly and promptly communicated.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect,

Ordered, That the copy of the Governor's message be laid on the table, and two thousand copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, presented the remonstrance of Firman Cyr, against the right of William Dickey to hold his seat as a Representative from the Madawaska District. Read and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, presented the petition of James Couzens, for change of name. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. POOL of Bristol, presented the remonstrance of Levi Willey, against the right of Silas Lewis to a seat in this House. Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House, on the 9th day of January, directed the Clerk to procure and distribute to each member one copy of the Thrice-Weekly Journal and one copy of the Thrice-Weekly Age, during this session of the Legislature.

The House refused to reconsider the vote by which the order was passed.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown,

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

A communication was received from Abner Coburn, Joseph S. Munroe, N. A. Joy, B. F. Eastman, Ichabod Frost, and William M. Reed, severally signifying their acceptance of the office of members of the Executive Council, to which they had been elected.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing a Joint Convention this day at twelve o'clock in this Hall, for the purpose of choosing a State Treasurer and Land Agent for the current political year, and of qualifying the Executive Councilors, who have signified their acceptance of the office to which they had been elected.

Read and passed; and Mr. DRUMMOND was charged with the message.

Mr. DRUMMOND subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate concurred in the proposal of the House for a Convention for the purposes of choosing a Treasurer of State, a Land Agent, and of qualifying such of the Councilors elect as had signified their acceptance.

At 12 o'clock, that being the hour assigned, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK of Kennebec, a Committee of five was raised to receive, sort and count the votes for Treasurer of the State; and Messrs. Herrick of Kennebec, Burbank of Cumberland, Vinton of Gray, Marshall of Belfast, and Leavitt of Pembroke, were appointed such Committee.

The Committee reported :

The whole number of votes given, was	149
Necessary to a choice,	75
B. D. Peck had	117
Isaac Reed had	24
Scattering,	6
Blank,	2

It appearing that B. D. PECK had a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared to be duly elected as Treasurer of the State of Maine for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. DANE of York, a committee of seven was raised to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent. Messrs. Dane of York, Woodbury of Oxford, Brown of Solon, Richardson of Tremont, Talbot of Lubec, Milliken of Camden, and Chadbourne of Perry, were appointed such Committee.

The Committee reported :

That the whole number of votes was	155
Necessary to a choice,	78
Noah Barker had	130
James Walker had	24
B. D. Peck had	1

And it appearing that NOAH BARKER had a majority of all the votes, he was declared to be duly elected Land Agent, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Convention be directed to inform the Councilors elect, that the two Houses are met and are now in Convention, for the purpose of their taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary of the Convention was charged with the message, and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Councilors elect would attend forthwith upon the Convention, for the purposes indicated in the message.

The Councilors elect, attended by the members of the Council and the heads of departments, came into the Convention, and William M. Reed, Ichabod Frost, Nathaniel A. Joy, Benjamin F. Eastman, Joseph S. Munroe, and Abner Coburn, in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, severally took and subscribed the oaths required by law to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councilors then retired from the Convention, which was then dissolved, and the House adjourned.

ATTEST: GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM, of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to deliver to the Messenger, for the use of the House, six copies of the revised statutes, and six copies of the public laws, from 1852 to 1856, inclusive.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, presented the credentials of John Gabriel, a Representative of the Passamaquoddy Indians. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM.

The Speaker announced that the Clerk would be absent several days, and it would be necessary to choose a Clerk.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Clerk, BENJAMIN FREEMAN be unanimously declared elected Clerk *pro tempore*.

The Clerk *pro tempore* was duly qualified by taking and subscribing the necessary oaths before the Governor of the State.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

The Clerk was authorized to employ an Assistant.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, presented the credentials of John Lambard, of Wales, Representative elect, and by direction of the Speaker, he was accompanied to the Council Chamber, by Mr. Talbot, where he took and subscribed the oaths of office.

Mr. WEED of Oldtown, presented the credentials of Peol Sockis, Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and they were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

A communication was received, through the Senate, from Isaac Lincoln, Councilor elect, respectfully declining the office to which he had been elected.

The communication was read, and placed on the files.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint Convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall, at half past 10 o'clock, to choose an Adjutant General, Attorney General, and one Executive Councilor.

The House non-concurred, and proposed 11 o'clock as the hour for holding the Convention.

The Senate receded, and concurred.

Messages were sent respectively to the Senate, and to the Governor and Council, informing those branches of the government that the House had, in the absence of the Clerk, chosen Benjamin Free-

man as Clerk *pro tempore*. The message to the Senate was conveyed by Mr. Duren, of Calais; and that to the Governor and Council by Mr. Drummond, of Waterville.

The following order came from Senate,

That there be a committee of three, with such as the House may join, whose duty it shall be to examine the papers and files relating to the business referred by the last Legislature to the present, and report what disposition ought to be made of the same. Passed, and Messrs. Hersey of Penobscot, Davis of Cumberland, and Smith of Aroostook, were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

The order passed in concurrence, and the House joined Brown of Solon, Banks of Biddeford, Pearson of Machias, Morrison of Farmington, Gross of New Gloucester, Holt of Turner, and Bicknell of Augusta, as committee on its part.

The vote of the House passing an order introduced yesterday, by Mr. BROWN, of Kennebunkport, relating to copies of the revised statutes and the public laws, was reconsidered, the order amended by substituting 1842 for 1852, and on his motion, passed as amended.

Order from the Senate, referring the report of the Treasurer of Maine to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Strickland of Bangor, Ingalls of Bridgton, Adams of Newfield, Danforth of Gardiner, Dingley of Auburn, and Day of Waldoborough, were appointed on the part of the House.

Resolve providing for a State paper, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

IN CONVENTION.

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

Messrs. Scamman and Graves, of the Senate, and Messrs. Hathaway, Ingalls, Leavitt, Lombard, and Dingley, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to that duty, they reported :

That the whole number of votes was	169
Necessary to a choice,	85
N. D. Appleton had	144
George Evans had	22
Scattering,	3

The report was accepted, and NATHAN D. APPLETON was declared to be duly and constitutionally elected Attorney General, for the current political year.

Messrs. McGilvery and Berry, of the Senate, and Morrison, Foster, Woodman, Carr, and Gilbert, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Adjutant General.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported :

Whole number of votes	159
Necessary to a choice,	79
J. W. Webster had	132
Darius Alden had	23
Scattering,	2

The report was accepted, and JAMES W. WEBSTER declared to be duly and constitutionally elected Adjutant General, for the current political year.

Messrs. Davis and Hoyt, of the Senate, and Parlin, Hunter, Rice, Chadbourne, and Hamblen, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for one Councilor.

Having attended to that duty, they reported :

That the whole number of votes was	158
Necessary to a choice,	80
Edward Fox had	136
Samuel Jordan had	22

The report was accepted, and EDWARD FOX declared duly and constitutionally elected Councilor, for the current political year.

The Convention then dissolved.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

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

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On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Herrick,
Chapman,
Chandler, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Deblois of Portland,
Talbot of Lubec,
Vinton of Gray,
Woodman of Bucksport,
Danforth of Gardiner,
Gilbert of Bath,
Crosby of Dexter, *of the House.*

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On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Messrs. Magoun,
Ring,
Davis, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Fox of Portland,
Deering of Hampden,
Hobson of Saco,
Sampson of Manchester,
Weeks of Alna,
Gammon of Phillips,
Tabbut of Addison, *of the House.*

On Education.

Messrs. Hoyt,
Wasson,
Twitchell, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Pearson of Machias,
Garcelon of Lewiston,
Morrison of Farmington,
Brown of Kennebunkport,
Hathaway of Bloomfield,
Moulton of Porter,
Ingalls of Bridgton, *of the House.*

On Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Dane,
Brown,
Connor, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Hersey of Bangor,
Duren of Calais,
Drummond of Waterville,
Buxton of Warren,
Marshall of Belfast,
Brown of Solon,
Hobson of Saco, *of the House.*

On Incorporation of Towns.

Messrs. Sargent,
McGilvery,
Hallowell, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Chadbourne of Perry,
Merrill of Lee,
Wells of Clinton,
Chandler of Chesterville,
McKenney of Limington,
Lane of Poland,
Weeks of Jefferson, *of the House.*

On Division of Towns.

Messrs. Chapman,
Woodbury,
Sargent, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Pool of Bristol,
Hobbs of Waterford,
Tenney of Chelsea,
Gowen of Elliot,
Pitcher of Belmont,
Lombard of Wales,
Hinds of Dover, *of the House.*

On Division of Counties.

Messrs. Webb,
Wallace,
Hobbs, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Blaisdell of Frankfort,
Guptill of Berwick,
Rowell of South Thomaston,
Lewis of Sangerville,
Huff of Alexander,
Fletcher of Lincolnville,
Brown of Milford, *of the House.*

On State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. Hersey,
Smith,
Scamman, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Strickland of Bangor,
Foster of East Machias,
Moore of Ellsworth,
Williamson of Starks,
Morse of Paris,
Littlefield of Alfred,
Walker of Harrison, *of the House.*

On Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Hallowell,
Hobbs,
Wallace, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Woodbury of Litchfield,
Weed of Oldtown,
Leavitt of Pembroke,
Marston of Windham,
Murch of Dayton,
Silsby of Aurora,
Albee of Forks of Kennebec, *of the House.*

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On Agriculture.

Messrs. Lothrop,
Scamman,
Smith, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Hammatt of Howland,
Hall of Gorham,
Leavitt of Pembroke,
Allen of Thomaston,
Pottle of Salem,
Parlin of Winthrop,
Coffin of Waterborough, *of the House.*

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On Fisheries.

Messrs. Ring,
Sargent,
McGilvery, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Dunning of Harpswell,
Stone of Brewer,
Webber of Castine,
Baker of Wiscasset,
Leadbetter of North Haven,
Dennett of Kittery,
Pike of Eastport, *of the House.*

On Manufactures.

Messrs. West,
Chandler,
Dane, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Banks of Biddeford,
Dingley of Auburn,
Day of Waldoborough,
Church of Levant,
Brackett of Westbrook,
Given of Brunswick,
Deering of Denmark, *of the House.*

On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Messrs. Brown,
Lothrop,
Hoyt, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Drummond of Waterville,
Garcelon of Lewiston,
Strickland of Bangor,
Chadbourne of Perry,
Bicknell of Augusta,
Fletcher of China,
Clark of Wells, *of the House.*

On Interior Waters.

Messrs. Connor,
Hallowell,
Woodbury, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Hichborn of Prospect,
Adams of Newfield,
Dunning of Charleston,
Dunn of No. 11,
Stinchfield of Lincoln,
Hobbs of Falmouth,
Houdlette of Dresden, *of the House.*

On Accounts.

Messrs. Wallace,
West,
Smith, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Adams of Newfield,
Merrill of Harmony,
Houghton of Greenwood,
Smith of Hudson,
Ford of Monroe,
Chadbourne of Standish,
Burleigh of Linneus, *of the House.*

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On Claims.

Messrs. Woodbury,
Lothrop,
Chandler, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Pierce of Montville,
Brackett of Acton,
Deveraux of Penobscot,
Patten of Pittsfield,
Bickford of Newburg,
Weeks of Roxbury,
Hunter of Clinton Gore, *of the House.*

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On the Militia.

Messrs. Phinney,
West,
Berry, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Milliken of Camden,
Hamblen of Portland,
Linscott of Jay,
Steward of Newport,
Lord of Detroit,
Holt of Turner,
Carr of Palermo, *of the House.*

On Military Pensions.

Messrs. Twitchell,
Burbank,
Webb, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Davis of Buxton,
Roak of Durham,
Gould of Casco,
Whittaker of Trenton,
Smith of Belgrade,
Stone of Union,
Copp of Liberty, *of the House.*

On the Insane Hospital.

Messrs. Burbank,
Graves,
Jones, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Garcelon of Lewiston,
Wells of Freeport,
Moulton of Scarborough,
Longfellow of Beddington,
Barron of Topsham,
Robinson of Sumner,
Bennett of Troy, *of the House.*

On State Reform School.

Messrs. Scamman,
Oak,
Wasson, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Vinton of Gray,
Deering of Hampden,
Sawyer of Minot,
Rice of Monson,
Kimball of Bethel,
Joy of Surry,
Richardson of Tremont, *of the House.*

On the State Prison.

Messrs. Jones,
Hersey,
Magoun, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Moore of Ellsworth,
Tolman of Rockland,
Burr of Mercer,
Andrews of Monmouth,
Rollins of Livermore,
Campbell of Medford,
Buxton of Warren, *of the House.*

On Public Buildings.

Messrs. Graves,
Berry,
Phinney, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Gross of New Gloucester,
Little of Vienna,
Came of York,
Lewis of Boothbay,
Merriam of Garland,
Cotton of Bowdoin,
Cragin of Embden, *of the House.*

On the Library.

Messrs. Davis,
Herrick,
Oak, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Johnson of Augusta,
Butler of Sanford,
Bryant of Webster,
Martin of Rome,
Hilton of Bremen,
Parsons of Glenburn,
Jewell of Phippsburg, *of the House.*

Mr. DEERING of Hampden, moved to reconsider the vote of the House of Friday last, whereby 2,000 copies of the Governor's Address were ordered to be printed *for the use of the House*.

The vote was reconsidered, and on his motion, 3,000 copies were ordered to be printed *for the use of the Legislature*.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to contract for public printing, came from the Senate, with accompanying contract made with Stevens & Blaine, of the Kennebec Journal, to do the public printing.

Accepted, and the contract approved. The report and contract were read, and the House concurred in the acceptance of the report and in the approval of the contract.

On motion of Mr. BUXTON of Warren,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering sections 50 and 77, of chapter 1 of acts and amendments of 1841, relating to banks and banking.

Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland, presented the petition of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for increase of their salaries, and the same was read, and on motion of Mr. VINTON, of Gray, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Tileston B. Clark, of Brownville;

“ of Major Morton Wescott;

“ of H. Harrison; and

“ of Rufus Carter; were severally presented, and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Lemuel Trott and others, of Woolwich, for alteration of laws relating to private ways, was received and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Wakefield and others; and

“ of George Bran; were received and severally referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Singer, of Thomaston Bank, for renewal of

charter of said bank, and for alteration in the laws relating to banks and banking, was received, and referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John W. Hall and others, for incorporation of Buxton Manufacturing Company, was received and referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to secure a uniform registration of the births, marriages and deaths, and causes of death, in the State of Maine, (laid on the table by Mr. DANFORTH, of Gardiner,) referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

The credentials of Socabason Swarson were presented by Mr. WEED, of Oldtown, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER, of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

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. MORRISON of Farmington,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to a change in the State Board of Agriculture, so that each agricultural and horticultural society shall be represented, instead of each county, as is now provided by law, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown,

Ordered, That all petitions for private legislation which shall be presented to this Legislature, after the 20th day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature, and that notice of the passage of this order be published in the Tri-Weekly Journal and in the Tri-Weekly Age, three weeks successively.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Normal School, for the better education and qualification of teachers of common schools.

And it is further *Ordered*, That the aforementioned Committee be directed to inquire and report what amount of appropriations would be required for that purpose.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to education, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUNN of No. 11,

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

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire if any further legislation is necessary in relation to capital punishment, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOX of Portland,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to banks, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown,

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. HICHBORN of Prospect,

Ordered, That the 14th day of February next be assigned as the last day of this session for receiving new business, requiring order of notice.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to slavery and Kansas affairs, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

The order was passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the encouragement of agriculture, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, the same was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That a committee of five on the part of this House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the modification of the impost duties of the United States, and especially as respects such articles or raw materials as may be, or are used in manufactories, with instructions to report by resolve or otherwise, the sense of this Legislature upon this subject.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect,

Ordered, That to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, be assigned as the time for the House to go into a ballot for a United States Senator, to fill the vacancy already existing, and for the term commencing the 4th of March next.

The order was passed. Subsequently the vote passing the same was reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. HICHBORN, it was laid on the table.

The following resolve was laid on the table, by Mr. VINTON of Gray :

Resolved, That on Friday, the 16th day of January, inst., at 12 o'clock at noon, both branches of the Legislature will proceed to ballot for a Senator to fill the vacancy now existing in the United States Senate from this State, occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Also, to ballot for a Senator, to be elected to the Senate of the United States, for the term of six years from and after the 3d day of March, A. D. 1857. And if any person shall be elected in either House, the result shall be communicated to the other by message. And if the Senate and House of Representatives shall elect the same persons, such persons shall be considered as elected by the Legisla-

ture to be Senators as aforesaid, and the fact shall be communicated to the Governor, by message from each House.

And if either House shall fail to make an election on the first ballot, the balloting shall be continued in each House until the adjournment thereof on that day, and afterwards, from day to day, from 12 o'clock at noon, until its adjournment, until an election shall be made, or until otherwise ordered. And if the Senate and House of Representatives shall elect different persons, each House shall proceed to ballot as herein before provided, and until the same persons shall be elected in both, or until otherwise provided.

This resolve was read once, the rule suspended, and the same read the second time and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting a copy of the several titles of the statutes of this State, as revised by the Hon. Ether Shepley.

On motion of Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland,

Ordered, That the report of the Commissioner appointed by "Resolves to provide for the further revision of the public laws," approved April the 1st, A. D. 1856, be referred to a committee, consisting of sixteen members, to be selected from this House, together with such as the Senate may join.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Deblois of Portland, Talbot of Lubec, Danforth of Gardiner, Woodman of Bucksport, Adams of Newfield, Fletcher of China, Drummond of Waterville, Hobbs of Waterford, Holt of Turner, Brown of Solon, Crosby of Dexter, Dunn of No. 11, Gilbert of Bath, Johnson of Augusta, Pearson of Machias, and Foster of East Machias, appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders from the Senate:

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the condition and standing of all banks applying for recharter, and report their conclusions on each application separately, by bill or otherwise, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence; also,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering sections 50 and 77, of chapter 1 of the acts and amendments of 1841, relating to banks and banking, was amended in the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The House amended, and referred in concurrence.

A communication was received, through the Senate, from B. D. Peck, Treasurer elect, accepting the office to which he had been elected, and the same was read, and placed on file.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, by leave, laid upon the table a bill entitled An act to make valid the doings of school district number five, in the town of Otisfield, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Caroline, Mary, Ann, and Joseph Brimigeon ;

“ of Henry C. Davee, and others ;

“ of Mary Helen Davee ;

“ of Augusta Davee ;

“ of Eliza J. Banks ;

“ of Richard Boyington ; for change of name of Edwin Wallis Averill—were severally received, and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Rules and Orders, made a report that the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives, for the year 1856, as amended, be permanently adopted, with the amendments herewith submitted, and the same was accepted.

Petition of Androscoggin Railroad Company, for an act additional to their charter ;

Petition of David Hayes, and others ;

“ of C. M. Holland, and others ;

“ of Sireno Gould, and others ; severally asking for a charter to be granted to the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—were referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas J. Haines and others, to be set off from Levant to Kenduskeag, was referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edward Robinson and others, for a repeal of the act incorporating the town of Bowerbank, was referred to Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Bangor Horticultural Society, for representation in the Board of Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Directors of the Bank of Commerce, of Belfast, for renewal of charter, was referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Proprietors of Bangor House, for authority to sell real estate, was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Proprietors of Falmouth Academy, for aid to said Institution, and to change its name, was referred to Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Judge of Probate of Penobscot county, for increase of salary, was referred to Committee composed of the Penobscot Delegation.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND presented the county estimates for the county of Kennebec, and the same were referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Petition of Jesse Thing, for the promotion of peace, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of St. Albans Academy, for aid, was referred to Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: BENJ. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN, of Augusta.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate had concurred in the passage of the resolves defining the time and manner of choosing United States Senators, and that the Senate would, at 12 o'clock, at noon, agreeably to the provisions of said resolves, proceed to ballot for United States Senators.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Newfield,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as refers to the judiciary, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress to use their influence against the repeal of the law giving bounty to vessels engaged in the cod fisheries, and report by resolve or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Garcelon of Lewiston, Banks of Biddeford, Foster of East Machias, Danforth of Gardiner, and Buxton of Warren, as the committee on the part of the House, on order passed yesterday, on motion of Mr. GARCELON, relating to the impost duties of the United States.

Messrs. Chandler of Piscataquis, Smith of Arôostook, and Lothrop of Somerset, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Order laid on the table yesterday, by Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, relating to so much of the Governor's message as relates to the encouragement of agriculture, was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. PARLIN, passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Hathaway of Bloomfield, Wells of Freeport, Parlin of Winthrop, Garcelon of Lewiston, Dennett of Kittery, Dickey of Fort Kent, and Morrison of Farmington, as the committee on the part of the House, on order passed yesterday, on motion of Mr. Hathaway, relating to so much of the Governor's message as relates to slavery and Kansas affairs.

Messrs. Oak of Penobscot, Wasson of Hancock, and Chandler of Piscataquis, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Order relating to so much of the Governor's message as relates to the reform school, was received from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Reform School.

Referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of legislative action to encourage the art and practice of the underdraining of soils.

And it is further ordered, that the same committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of such an alteration of the law as to withhold the aid of the State from such agricultural societies as shall introduce into their exhibitions, fairs, or cattle shows, races or other trial of speed of horses, or horsemanship.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of State be directed to procure twenty-five copies of the revised statutes, and twenty-five copies of the public laws of the State from 1842 to 1856, inclusive, for the use of the Legislature.

The same was read and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any or what alteration should be made in that part of the law regulating attachments of real estate, and immovable personal property, which requires the attaching officer to state in the copy of

his return, filed with Town Clerk or Register of Deeds, the sums sued for in the writ, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received through the Senate, from Edward Fox, Esq., Councilor elect from Cumberland Councilor District, declining the office to which he had been elected.

The same was read and placed on file.

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

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Aaron B. Holden, Register of Probate for the County of Cumberland, was referred to the Cumberland Delegation.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Toma Sockalexis and Attian Orson, in relation to the booming privilege of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Johnson Neal and others, of Webster plantation, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Horace Mixer and others, asking that said Mixer may be set off from Sedgwick and be annexed to the town of Penobscot, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur L. Grant and others, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Treasurer of Eastbrook ;

“ of Treasurer of Franklin ; came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Claims. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas H. Keating and others, for a charter for a boat company, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Referred in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a Convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Councilor, in place of Edward Fox, declined.

The House concurred in the proposition.

At 11 o'clock the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

Messrs. Phinney and Graves, of the Senate, and Garcelon of Lewiston, Dunning, Joy, and Pike, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Councilor, to advise with the Governor in the executive department, for the current political year. Having attended to that duty, they reported :

Whole number of votes,	165
Necessary for a choice,	83
George Pierce has	139
Samuel Jordan has	25
Scattering,	1

Report was accepted, and GEORGE PIERCE declared duly and constitutionally elected Councilor.

The Convention was then dissolved.

The House then took recess for fifteen minutes, on motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais.

The House on being called to order, proceeded agreeably to the provisions of the joint resolve providing for the manner of choosing Senators in Congress, at 12 o'clock, noon, to ballot for a Senator in Congress, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin. Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Chadbourne of Perry, Tolman of Rockland, Hersey of Bangor, and Hall of Gorham, were appointed a committee to receive the votes and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

The committee were directed to receive the votes of the members, when called by the Clerk, and to count the votes at the Clerk's table. The committee having attended to that duty, reported :

Whole number of ballots,	142
Necessary to a choice,	72
Amos Nourse has	118
Nathan Clifford has	21
George Evans has	3
Blank	11

And the committee further report that they have sealed up the ballots, and hereby forward them to the Clerk's desk.

The report was accepted, and AMOS NOURSE declared duly and constitutionally elected Senator in Congress, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin.

The same committee were charged with the duty of receiving, sorting and counting the votes for a Senator in Congress, for the term commencing with the fourth of March, A. D. 1857, and having attended to that duty, reported:

Whole number of ballots,	140
Necessary to a choice,	71
Hannibal Hamlin has	115
Nathan Clifford has	21
David Bronson has	3
Lot M. Morrill has	1
Blank	1

And the committee further report that they have sealed up the votes, and hereby forward them to the Clerk's desk.

The report was accepted, and HANNIBAL HAMLIN declared duly and constitutionally elected Senator in Congress, for the term of six years, commencing with March 4, A. D. 1857.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate on its part had chosen Amos Nourse Senator in Congress, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin; and that it had also chosen on its part Hannibal Hamlin Senator in Congress, for the term of six years, commencing with March 4, A. D. 1857.

A message was sent to the Senate informing that branch that the House had by ballot chosen on its part Amos Nourse Senator in Congress, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Han-

nibal Hamlin; and that it had, also, on its part, chosen Hannibal Hamlin Senator in Congress, for the term of six years, commencing with March 4, 1857. This message was conveyed by the Clerk.

A message similar to that conveyed to the Senate by the Clerk, was sent to the Governor and Council, by Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: BENJ. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1857.

No chaplain present.

Bill entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court, approved April 9, 1856, came from the Senate, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Referred in concurrence.

Order from the Senate,

Referring so much of the Governor's message as relates to agriculture, to the Committee on Agriculture, was referred in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the papers and files referred by the last Legislature to this, with accompanying order reported by said committee, came from the Senate, accepted, and the order passed.

The House accepted the report, and passed the order in concurrence.

The bond of B. D. Peck, Treasurer elect, was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Report, in concurrence.

An order from the Senate, directing the Secretary of State to notify all banks wishing for a recharter, to petition on or before the 10th of February next, was passed in concurrence.

The report of the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Bond, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on Rules and Orders, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill entitled an act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels, laid on the table, by Mr. STONE of Brewer, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

Also, a bill an act requiring the Indian Agent to sell lands in Brewer, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Attian and others, of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, in relation to Schools;

Petition of John Attian and others, in relation to their funds—were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Morrill and others, of Van Buren, for an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Directors of Orono Bank, for renewal of charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Penobscot tribe of Indians, against change in treaty, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of Treasurer of Wesley, for bounty, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Silas S. Low, for compensation for services and losses, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of William Buckman and others, for an amendment to act incorporating East Portland Real Estate and Mining Company,

was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Traders' Bank, Bangor, for renewal of charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Judge of Probate for Piscataquis County, for increase of salary, was referred to Piscataquis Delegation, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: BENJ. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1857.

No chaplain present.

The report of the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Report was accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of Ira Fish and others, for an appropriation, to erect a bridge over the Mattawamkeag stream;

Petition of Phineas Boynton, for compensation, for repairing bridge—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it adjourn to meet tomorrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, laying before the Legislature such returns of the cashiers of banks, and clerks of corporations, comprising the names of stockholders, their residence, and the amount of stock owned by each, as had been returned to his office.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: BENJ. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY, of Augusta.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that JOSEPH K. CLARK had been elected Secretary *pro tempore* of the Senate.

Claim of the Treasurer of the town of Alexander, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Clark, of Township No. 9, to be set off from said township and annexed to the town of Franklin, was referred to Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

The vote accepting the report of the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Report was reconsidered, and on his motion, the report was recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary, for aid, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Clara H. Timm, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish one copy of the late edition of Colton's map of Maine, for the use of this House.

A bill entitled an act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1857.

The journal of yesterday was read by the Clerk *pro tempore*.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM, of Augusta.

Orders from the Senate :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relative to recording mortgages on personal property, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent down for concurrence.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committees be directed, in the consideration of business which shall be referred to them, to give precedence to public acts and resolves, and to report such acts and resolves in the appropriate branch of the Legislature, as early in the session as practicable.

Read and passed, and sent down for concurrence.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Solon, presented the claim of the Treasurer of the town of Bingham, for bounties paid on animals, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Monmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of a further increase of the tax now required of the several towns in this State, for the support of common schools, and report thereon.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 2, of chapter 123 of the public laws of 1844, so that lands owned by non-residents, to be advertised for unpaid taxes, shall be advertised in the counties where such lands are located; *provided*, there be a paper published in such counties.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER of Chesterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering or amending the school laws of this State, as to provide for the distribution of a certain percentage of the school money in each town among the smaller districts.

Read and passed, and 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.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be directed to procure twenty-five copies of the revised statutes, for the use of the Legislature.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MERRILL of Lee, presented the claim of the Treasurer of the town of Lee, for bounties paid on animals, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY of Bangor, presented the petition of James Smith, Jr. and others, praying for a repeal of chapter 168 of the revised statutes.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur Pratt and others, praying that the Land Agent be authorized to sell a certain strip of land lying between Penobscot and Aroostook Counties, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making valid the doings of officers in relation to the attachments of real estate and personal property, and the returns to the Register of Deeds' office, and to the Town Clerk, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of William Wakefield and others, came from the Senate, having been read and accepted.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the same committee, on petition of George Brown, came from the Senate, having been read and accepted.

Read and concurred.

Report of the same committee, on the petition of Horace Mixer, came from the Senate, having been read and accepted.

Read and concurred.

Report of same committee, on the petition of T. H. Haynes, came from the Senate, having been read and accepted.

Read and concurred.

Mr. SAMPSON of Manchester, presented the petition of Harriet Emma Rockwood, for change of name, and on his motion, it was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. BLAISDELL of Frankfort, presented the petition of John Carlton, 2d., of Frankfort, for an increase of pension, which, on motion of Mr. BLAISDELL, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, presented the petition of Daniel Sargent, 2d., and others, for a recharter of the Bangor boom, and on motion of Mr. HAMMATT, it was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent to the Senate, for concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, presented the petition of the Eastern Bank, of Bangor, for recharter;

Also, of the Grocers' Bank, of Bangor, for same object;

And the petition of the Merchants' Bank, of Bangor, for same object; and they were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. KIMBALL of Bethel, presented the petition of Isaac S. York and others, for aid, to make a road through the town of Grafton.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOX of Portland, presented the petition of C. H. Waterhouse and others, of Cape Elizabeth, that the charter of the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Ferry Company be repealed, and another company be authorized by charter to take its place.

Mr. FOX also presented the petition of Joseph H. Perley and others, for same object. Read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1857.

Journal read.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE, of Augusta.

Petition of Patrick Darling and others, praying that money be refunded, that was paid by said Darling for land in No. 6, Range 5. This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Referred in concurrence.

Mr. GILBERT of Bath, presented the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, for leave to County Commissioners to lay out a road over tide waters in Bath and Phippsburg.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORRISON of Farmington,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering or amending chapter 26 of the public laws of 1847, entitled "an act respecting the election of

electors of president and vice-president," in such manner as will prevent the vote of any city, town or plantation being rejected, because of its not being returned before a certain day named in said law.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus, presented the claim of the Treasurer of the town of Linneus, for bounty paid on animals, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

Order from Senate :

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of taxing, in the towns where the banks are located, bank stocks of banks in this State, held out of this State, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. ALLEN of Thomaston, presented the petition of Edward O'Brien and others, of Thomaston, for the incorporation of the Thomaston Insurance Company. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be directed to furnish twenty copies of the public laws of the State, from 1842 to 1852, inclusive, for the use of the Legislature; and if he has not a sufficient number of copies on hand, to procure enough to make up the deficiency.

And it is further ordered, the Senate concurring, that he furnish twenty copies of the public laws, from 1853 to 1856, inclusive, for the use of the Legislature.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Fisher and others, for a law regulating fee of blank writs, and salary of Judge of Bath Municipal Court, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred in concurrence.

Mr. STONE of Brewer, laid on the table a bill to provide for the transcribing conveyances, recorded in Lincoln and Hancock, of

lands lying in Penobscot County. Referred to the Joint Delegation from Penobscot County.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Pembroke, presented the petition of the citizens of the town of Trescott, asking that the Falls Island, so called, be set off from that town to the town of Pembroke. Referred to Committee on Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Pembroke, presented the petition of the citizens of the town of Pembroke, asking that the Falls Island, so called, be set off from the town of Trescott to the town of Pembroke. Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that in case of the death of a married woman, possessed of real or personal estate not disposed of by will, and leaving a husband, that he shall be entitled to the same proportion of said estate, in the distribution thereof, that a widow now has in the estate of her deceased husband; and of further providing by law, that in all respects, the survivor, whether husband or wife, shall be entitled to an equal interest or proportion in the estate, real and personal, left by the other.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill entitled "an act in favor of the State Reform School," came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Reform School, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of G. L. Boynton and another, that the proceeds of stumpage be allowed on their note, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

Ordered, That the standing hour of adjournment be to 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, until otherwise ordered.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Brewer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be directed to inquire into the expediency of a new arrangement of seats, in the Representatives' Hall, with a view to the greater convenience of members of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of F. M. Sabine and others, praying for the enactment of an insolvent law, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred in concurrence.

Mr. LOMBARD of Wales, presented the petition of Isaac N. Davis and others, to be set off from Greene, and annexed to Webster. Referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Report, came from the Senate, with the following endorsement thereon :

IN SENATE, January 21, 1857.

The Senate recede and recommit the report, with instructions to the committee to report whether any, and what sums have been drawn out of the treasury, last year, on warrants beyond appropriations; what sums on warrants for which no appropriations had been made, and what sum has been paid out of the treasury since Dec. 31, 1856, on warrants drawn before that time.

Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tempore*.

The House concurred in the instructions of the Senate.

A communication was received from George Pierce, Esq., signifying his acceptance of the office of Executive Councilor, to which he had been elected, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declination of Edward Fox, Esq.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, proposing a Convention of the two Houses of the Legislature, at half past 11 o'clock, of this day, for the purpose of qualifying George Pierce, Esq., as a member of the Executive Council, by his

taking and subscribing the oaths of office required by law, to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate, signifying the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the proposition for a joint Convention.

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

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Cumberland,

The Secretary of the Convention was directed to inform George Pierce, Councilor elect to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declination of Edward Fox, Esq., that the two branches of the Legislature are now in convention, for the purpose of his taking and subscribing the oaths required by the constitution, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary of the Convention subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Pierce was pleased to say, that he would be in attendance upon the Convention forthwith.

Thereupon, Mr. Pierce, attended by the members of the Executive Council, and the Secretary of State, came into the Convention, and in presence of the two Houses of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by law, to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Convention was then dissolved, and the House adjourned.

ATTEST: GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE, of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. BUXTON of Warren,

The county estimates were taken from the Speaker's table, and referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

On motion of Mr. HAMMATT of Howland,

Ordered, That the members of the Board of Agriculture, during their present session, be admitted to the privileges of the State library, on the same conditions as the members of the Legislature.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary and proper, to render the collection of taxes assessed on lands of non-residents more speedy and certain.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Levi Willey against the right of Silas Lewis to a seat in this House, reported that the remonstrant have leave to withdraw.

Read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Levi Willey up to, and including to-morrow.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee upon the Revision of the Statutes be authorized to employ a clerk.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, laid on the table a resolve, that there be paid out of the State treasury to John Gabriel, delegate of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, the sum of eighty-five dollars, as

a gratuity, for his expenses in attending upon the present session of the Legislature.

This resolve, having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY of Litchfield, laid on the table a resolve, in favor of Socabasin Swarson.

This resolve had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUNNING of Charleston, presented the claim of the Treasurer of the town of Lagrange, for bounty paid on wild animals. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LINSBOTT of Jay, laid on the table a bill entitled an act to amend chapter 149 of the revised statutes. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEAVITT of Pembroke, presented petition from citizens of the towns of Pembroke, Charlotte, Perry and Robbinston, asking protection for the pickerel in the Pennamaquan and Boyden lakes, and tributary waters. Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ALLEN of Thomaston, presented the petition of I. F. Chapman and others, of the town of Thomaston, to surrender the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Incorporation of Towns, on petition of Edward Robinson and others, praying for a repeal of the act incorporating the town of Bowerbank, came from the Senate, ordering notice thereon.

House concurred.

On motion of Mr. TOLMAN of Rockland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law in regard to elections, approved April 10, 1856, in such a manner that aldermen of

cities, selectmen of towns, and assessors of plantations, may be authorized to strike off the names of persons from the check list, when the evidence is sufficient to satisfy said officers that said persons are not voters in the city, town, or plantation, where their names appear upon the list, without giving notice to the party of the intention to strike off his name, as required by said act.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LINS COTT of Jay,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary, if any, to secure the instruction of the higher English branches, in our common schools, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of H. J. Libbey and others, praying that they may be made a body corporate, under the name of the Royal River Manufacturing Company, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of the Medomak Bank, at Waldoborough, for a recharter of said bank, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Jacob Frye and others, for an appropriation, to make a road from Patten to township No. 5, R. 7, W. E. L. S., came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Referred in concurrence.

Order from the Senate,

Relative to amending section 4 of chapter 243 of laws of 1852, and an order relative to an amendment of lien law, were severally received from the Senate, and passed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act to establish a Board of Agriculture, approved April 1, 1856, came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, and the same was twice read, and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill an act amending section 20 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred in concurrence.

Bill an act providing for the collection of taxes, in incorporated places, on lands of non-resident owners, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred in concurrence.

The following order came from the Senate :

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Banks and Banking be, and hereby are directed, to inquire into the expediency of refusing all applications for the charter or recharter of banks, where the capital stock is less than one hundred thousand dollars, which was passed by the Senate.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the modification of the impost duties of the United States, and especially as respects such articles or raw materials as may be, or are, used in manufactures, be referred to the Joint Select Committee who have that subject under consideration.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOX of Portland,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to ascertain from the treasurers of the several counties within this State, the amount of all the debts and liabilities of their respective counties, at the present time, and report the same to this Legislature.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 1, in the Madawaska plantation, with accompanying papers. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PEARSON of Machias, presented the petition of S. Stone and others, to have lot No. 1, Range 7, set off from Columbia to Centerville. Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY of Auburn, presented the petition of John Gowell, for change of name. Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. BURR of Mercer, presented the petition of Edwin W. Avery, for change of name. Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. MOULTON of Porter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the 30th chapter of the revised statutes, as to allow each town to provide one or more buildings or inclosures, for the reception of such beasts as may be, by law, liable to be impounded. Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUFF of Alexander,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the 4th section of chapter 207 of the public laws, passed A. D. 1850, in order that persons wishing to avail themselves of the provisions of the homestead act, may do so without filing a certificate of property in the office of Register of Deeds, and that the committee be instructed to report by bill or otherwise. Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1857.

No chaplain present.

Order from the Senate,

Relative to issuing, illegally, certificates of stock in corporations, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Referred in concurrence.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, laid on the table a bill An act relative to the city of Calais. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln, presented the petition of William G. Sawyer and others, for an appropriation for a road through Mattamiscontis and No. 2. Read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate,

Relative to 183d chapter of laws of 1855. Referred by that branch to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Tallman Lowell and others, on petition of Androscoggin Railroad Company, and on the petition of the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company, ordering notice on the same, were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Jesse Thing, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the constitution and laws of the State, as to render elective by the people, Secretary of State, State

Treasurer, Land Agent, State Attorney, Adjutant General, Superintendent of Schools, and Warden of State Prison, and report by bill and resolve, or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of refusing all applications for charter or re-charter of banks with a capital stock of over seventy-five thousand dollars.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STONE of Brewer, offered the following order :

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be printed for the use of the Legislature, three hundred and fifty copies of the general banking law of New York, as found in the laws of New York for 1841, from page 351 to page 368, inclusive.

Which on motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. BAKER of Wiscasset, presented the petition of Caleb Pottle, for a change of name. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. CRAGIN of Embden, presented the petition of Albert Moore and others, of Anson, Embden, Lexington, and New Portland, for an amendment of the law in relation to insane persons.

The same gentleman presented the petition of Joshua Hilton and others, for same object. Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. KIMBALL of Bethel, presented the claim of the Treasurer of the town of Newry, for bounty paid on bears. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Gabriel, and resolve in favor of Socabasin Swarson, were severally reported as truly and strictly engrossed, and were finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to establish a Board of Agriculture, approved April 1, 1856, was reported by the Committee on Bills of the Third Reading, without amendment, and on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the same was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. FELCH, of Hallowell.

The first annual report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture, for 1856, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Referred in concurrence.

Order from the Senate,

Directing the Committee on Education to inquire into the expediency of supplying poor children with school books, without interfering with the right of suffrage.

Read and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of John Moran and others, of Trescott, came from the Senate, ordering notice.

Read and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Isaac N. Davis and others, came from the Senate, ordering notice.

Read and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Daniel Sargent, 2d., and others, came from the Senate, ordering notice.

Read and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of C. M. Holland and others, for Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, came from the Senate, ordering notice.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the report was ordered to be recommitted, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Division of Towns, on the petition of I. H. Clarke, came from the Senate, ordering notice thereon.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the South Berwick Bank, for a renewal of charter, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred in concurrence.

Order from the Senate,

Directing the petition of the inhabitants of Waldoborough to be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Delegation from Lincoln County.

Read and referred, in concurrence.

Mr. STONE of Brewer, offered the following order :

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, to consist of one from each county, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Laid on the table.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, laid on the table a bill entitled An act to incorporate the St. Croix Insurance Company. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Leave was granted to Mr. SILSBY of Aurora, to vote out of his seat.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Joseph H. Perley and others, came from the Senate, with notice ordered thereon.

Read and concurred.

Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, presented the petition of Hiram Peavey, for charter to navigate Passadumkeag stream, with steam

boats. Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TOLMAN of Rockland, presented the petition of S. N. Hatch and others, of the city of Rockland, for the renewal of the charter of the North Bank, of Rockland. Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BANKS of Biddeford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 63 of chapter 119 of revised statutes, relative to foreign attachments.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln, presented the petition of Aaron Clapp, for a change of name. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Sumner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be required to examine into the expediency of so altering, or amending the 58th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of hops, that the same shall be deemed merchantable without inspection.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Commissioner to the Universal Exhibition of Industry, at Paris, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Referred in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN, of Hallowell.

Order from the Senate,

Directing the Committee on Education to inquire into the expediency of altering the school law.

Passed in concurrence.

Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, presented the petition of the Register of Probate for the County of Kennebec, for an increase of salary. Referred to the Delegation of Kennebec County, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, laid on the table a bill an act in relation to the registry of deeds, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, laid on the table a bill an act in relation to wills. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested to furnish the House with any report, paper, or reliable information in their possession, from the Commissioner on Claims of the State of Maine, at Washington, which will assist the House in determining the progress made, or making, of said commissioner.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, presented the petition of H. N. West and James Jenkins, asking remuneration for building a bridge on Fish river.

Read, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman presented the petition of I. L. Turner and another, in aid of the same. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland, presented the petition of Seward Merrill and others, for an act additional to an act, approved February 24, 1855; the petition of Moses Gould and 83 others, in aid of same; and the petition of C. D. Bearce and 140 others, in aid of same.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER of China, presented the petition of Daniel Libbey, to have the names of Everett O. Starkie and Edward S. Starkie changed. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. DANFORTH of Gardiner, presented the petition of the Oakland Bank, of Gardiner, for a renewal of charter. Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LONGFELLOW of Beddington, presented the petition of Daniel W. Campbell and Alexander Campbell, asking to be released from the payment of certain notes. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUNN of No. 11, presented the petition of the Treasurer of the town of Monticello, for bounties paid on animals. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, presented the petition of inhabitants of Bangor, for railings to be put upon the roofs of slated buildings, to provide against accident from snow slides. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUNN of No. 11, presented the petition of D. G. Cook and 11 others, for an appropriation in favor of Sanford Noble.

Read, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LEWIS of Boothbay, presented the remonstrance of Ichabod Pinkham and others, of Boothbay, against the petition of Benjamin Reed, for a bridge from Indiantown Island to the main land. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEED of Oldtown, laid on the table a resolve, to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Solon, presented the petition of the Bank of Somerset, for a renewal of charter. Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEEKS of Roxbury, presented the petition of Jonas Green and 40 others, in favor of the petition of Ebenezer Small and others, for a charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law directing the assessors of the several cities, towns, and plantations, in the State, at the time of taking the valuation of personal and real estate, to also procure the amount and estimated value of some of the principal agricultural and mineral products, and the manufactures resulting therefrom, agreeably to the suggestions contained in a circular of the United States Commissioner of Patents, dated February 29, 1856, and published in the Agricultural Patent Office Report of 1855.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to communicate to this House the amount of compensation paid to the Commissioner of Claims of this State upon the United States, or to any other person, on account of the same, within the last two years; when and how paid, and by what authority, so far as such information may be gathered from the records of his office.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the ten copies of the revised statutes, from the

Secretary of State, be distributed to the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes.

On motion of Mr. BICKFORD of Newburg,

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 be chosen by a plurality vote, instead of a majority, as they now are.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE of Vienna,

Ordered, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence in favor of the payment of the French spoliation claims. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, {
AUGUSTA, January 27, 1857. }

To the President of the Senate,

and Speaker of the House of Representatives :

In compliance of the order of the Legislature of the 21st instant, and an order of the Legislature of the 23d instant, I have procured ten copies of the revised statutes, ten copies of the public laws, from 1845 to 1854, inclusive; twenty copies of the public laws, from 1842 to 1844, inclusive; and twenty copies of the public laws, from 1853 to 1856, inclusive, which are now ready for distribution. The residue of said order, fifteen copies of the revised statutes, and ten copies of the public laws, from 1845 to 1854, inclusive, will be ready for distribution in the course of the present week.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. JACKSON, *Secretary of State.*

The order which was offered yesterday, by Mr. STONE of Brewer, in relation to referring that part of the Governor's message relating to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, was, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, taken from the table, and on motion of Mr. STONE, amended, so as to read as follows :

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and that all bills, resolves, petitions, and memorials, relating to this subject, presented, or which may be presented, during the session, be referred to the same committee.

The order was passed.

Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland, laid on the table a bill, entitled an act for the appointment of a railroad commissioner. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, laid on the table a resolve, repealing the resolve authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to Washington, which, under the rule, is laid over.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BURGESS, of Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, came from the Senate, with the following endorsement :

IN SENATE, January 28, 1857.

The vote accepting the report of this committee was reconsidered, and the same recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Reconsidered, and recommitted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be allowed to the Board of Agriculture, on the evening of Thursday, the 29th instant, for the purpose of a public discussion on subjects relating to agriculture.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Auburn,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the chaplains of this Legislature have the same privileges, in regard to the library, as members of this Legislaturc.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the resolve authorizing the Calais Academy, or their assigns, to locate their grant on land in township No. 18, Range 3.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER of Chesterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 89 of the statutes of 1854, by

striking out of the 6th section thereof, the words "or which he may deem necessary to be made by school officers and teachers," thereby limiting the powers of the State Superintendent in preparing blank forms for school registers, within the bounds prescribed by the statutes.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, presented the petition of the Directors of the Freemans Bank, of Augusta, for a renewal of their charter.

The same gentleman presented the petition of the same parties, for an increase of their capital stock.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Solon, presented the petition of William H. Stevens and others, for incorporation, with the right of building a bridge across the Kennebec river, from Solon to Embden.

Mr. GROSS of New Gloucester, presented the petitions of citizens of Raymond, in aid of the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, presented the petition of Charles T. Holland, for the adoption of the State of Maine log rule, as the standard rule for scaling logs.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GILBERT of Bath, presented the petition of Thomas Oliver and others, that Timber Island, in Phippsburg, may be annexed to Bath. Referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUNN of No. 11, presented the petition of I. M. Winslow and 22 others, for an appropriation, to make a road from plantation No. 9, to the Aroostook road. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden, presented the petition of the Judge of Probate for Waldo County, praying for an increase of salary. Referred to the Delegation of Waldo County, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GROSS of New Gloucester,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing school districts to take land for the purpose of erecting a school house thereon, in a similar manner as lands are taken for other public uses.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GROSS of New Gloucester,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law, that the Judge of Probate, or any Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, may have the power of appointing some person with power to relinquish the right of dower of insane married women to real estate of their husbands, on proof of permanent insanity of such married woman.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, laid on the table a resolve, as follows:

Resolved, That the Land Agent be, and he is hereby authorized to sell the interest of the State, in any lands owned by the State, in the towns of Burlington, Lowell, and Passadumkeag, on such terms and conditions as he shall deem to be for the interest of the State. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, presented the claim of the city of Calais, for bounty paid on animals. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act entitled an act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose river. Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MARSHALL of Belfast, presented the county estimates for the County of Waldo. Referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, laid on the table a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the State lands in the town of Carroll. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the York Bank, of Saco, for a renewal of charter, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred in concurrence.

An order came from the Senate, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of passing a law prohibiting the exhibition of circuses.

Passed in concurrence.

Bill an act entitled an act to repeal the 9th section of an act authorizing the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, approved April 1, 1856, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Referred in concurrence.

Mr. DUNN of No. 11, presented the petition of G. S. Foster and 26 others, in aid of a road in township letter C.

Read, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BLAKE of Gardiner.

Mr. WOODBURY of Litchfield, laid on the table a resolve in favor of Peol Sockis.

This resolve was twice read and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman laid on the table a resolve in favor of Sabattis Lewy.

This resolve was twice read and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of Tallman Lowell and others, was read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to the State Temperance Convention, this afternoon and evening.

Read and passed.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee on the part of the House, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law:

Messrs. Stone of Brewer, Morrison of Farmington, Holt of Turner, Hammatt of Howland, Littlefield of Alfred, Tolman of Rockland, and Burr of Mercer.

And the order was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. SAMPSON of Manchester, presented the petition of the selectmen of Manchester, for a change of town line between Manchester and Augusta. Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMBLIN of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of so far amending the 60th section

of the 77th chapter of the revised statutes, as to add one more member to the board of Bank Commissioners, and report upon the same.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, presented the account of L. H. Eaton against the Land Office, for survey of State lot in Clifton, and scaling logs cut thereon. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, presented the petition of the Bank of Winthrop, for a renewal of charter.

Mr. GILBERT of Bath, presented the petition of the Directors of the Richmond Bank, for a renewal of charter.

Mr. HAMBLIN of Portland, presented the petition of the Mechanics' Bank, of Portland, for a renewal of charter.

Mr. HOBSON of Saco, presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Manufacturers' Bank, of Saco, for a renewal of charter.

Mr. GILBERT of Bath, presented the petition of the Directors of the Bath Bank, for a renewal of charter.

Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, presented the petition of the Searsport Bank, for a renewal of charter.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, presented the petition of Gideon Mayo and others, for the extension of the Penobscot Railroad to the north line of Milford. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln, presented the petition of Joseph Snow and others, inhabitants of Five Islands plantation, to be incorporated into a town, to be called Winn.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STONE of Brewer, presented the petition of I. G. Swett and 73 others, for an appropriation, for repairing gun house in Brewer. Referred to the Committee on the Militia, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEED of Oldtown, presented a claim of the County of Penobscot, for the support of insane and indigent Indians. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845, in relation to the taxation of logs and timber. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of C. L. Owen and others, for a new bank at Bath, in place of the Commercial Bank.

Petition of the President and Directors of the City Bank, of Bath, for a renewal of charter.

Petition of the Directors of the Ocean Bank, of Kennebunk, for a renewal of charter.

Petition of the President and Directors of the People's Bank, for a renewal of charter.

These petitions came from the Senate, severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and they were severally referred in concurrence.

Petition of the Judge of Probate for the county of Somerset, for an increase of salary, came from the Senate referred to the delegation from the county of Somerset.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of the President and Directors of the American Bank of Hallowell, for a renewal of charter, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels, came from the Senate with a report of the Committee on the Judiciary, as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on this bill is, that they ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

IN SENATE, January 28, 1857.

Read and accepted.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

The House reconsidered the vote referring this bill to the Judiciary Committee, accepted the report of the Committee, and referred in concurrence.

Claim of Robert Martin, as committee of Executive Committee of Maine State Agricultural Society, for services and travel, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of William M. Rogers and others, for an additional act in relation to the Sagadahoc Ferry, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of the Westbrook Seminary, for aid, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

Referred in concurrence.

Order requiring the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of amending laws relating to plantations, passed the Senate, and came down for concurrence.

The House non-concur with the Senate referring to the Committee on the Judiciary, and refer to a committee of one from each county, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order instructing Committee on Military Affairs to visit the arsenal at Portland, came from the Senate, having passed that House.

Passed in concurrence.

A communication was received from NOAH BARKER, Esq., signifying his acceptance of the office of Land Agent of the State of Maine.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on an order relative to issuing, illegally, certificates of stock in corporations, came from the Senate accepted.

Accepted in concurrence.

Order requesting the Committee on the Reform School to visit the Reform School, at some time during the session, came from the Senate, and was passed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1857.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,
The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Rev. Mr. MATTHEWS, of Gardiner, was in attendance upon the House as chaplain.

Report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Firman Cyr, against the right of William Dickey to a seat in this House, with resolutions accompanying the same, was laid on the table, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed, for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday morning next, at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GARRATY, of Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of C. M. Holland and others, came from the Senate, ordering notice thereon.

Accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, laid on the table a bill, entitled an act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, and 350 copies of the same were ordered to be printed, for the use of the Legislature.

A message from the Governor, transmitting a report of the Bank Commissioners, came from the Senate, the report having been referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Sagadahoc Bank, for renewal of charter; and

“ of Manufacturers and Traders’ Bank, of Portland, for renewal of charter, and increase of capital stock, with a bill, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred in concurrence.

An order referring reports of Trustees of Insane Hospital to Committee on Insane Hospital, came from the Senate, having passed in that branch.

Passed in concurrence.

An order instructing the Committee on Education to inquire into the expediency of any legislation on a resolve approved April 9, 1857, came from the Senate, having been passed.

Passed in concurrence.

Order directing the Committee on Agriculture to inquire into the expediency of allowing Agricultural and Horticultural Societies to hold real and personal estate, came from the Senate, having passed that House.

Passed in concurrence.

Order directing petition of Henry Upton and others to be taken from the files and referred to Committee on Military Pensions, came from the Senate, having passed.

Passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on order directing said Committee to inquire into the expediency of amending section 50 of chapter 77 of revised statutes.

Report of the Committee on Public Printing and Binding, with contract with Hartford & Smith for binding, came from the Senate, the report having been accepted, and the contract approved.

Accepted and approved, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of John W. Hall and others, for an act of incorporation.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Patrick Darling and others.

These reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted. And they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HALL of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the management of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society, for the past year, with reference to the payment of the allowance provided by the State for Agricultural Societies, and report a statement of facts.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Secretary of State laid upon the Speaker's table the following communication :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
AUGUSTA, January 30, 1857. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In compliance with an order of the House of Representatives of the 27th instant, I herewith transmit an abstract of the several sums

paid the commissioners at Washington, and other persons, during the last two years, for services in prosecuting the claims of this State upon the government of the United States, as appears by the records in this department. Also, copies of the respective accounts, together with reports of council thereon.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. JACKSON, *Secretary of State.*

Mr. VINTON of Gray, by leave, laid on the table a bill, entitled an act concerning reviews in civil actions. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman, by leave, laid on the table a bill, entitled an act concerning suits for false representations. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS of Waterford, by leave, laid on the table a bill, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to home, and agencies of foreign, insurance companies. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEED of Oldtown, by leave, laid on the table a bill, entitled an act to make valid the doings of the County Commissioners, in the several counties in this State. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CAMPBELL of Medford, presented the claim of James H. Macomber, Treasurer of the town of Milo, in the county of Piscataquis, for bounty paid on bears. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Newfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider the expediency of reducing the bounty on wild animals.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOULTON of Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Patterson, for pension,

with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford,

Ordered, That the 28th chapter of the second revision of the laws of Maine be taken from the Committee on Revised Statutes, and referred to the Joint Select Committee to which was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERRIAM of Garland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to lay before the Legislature the number of academies and other institutions of learning endowed by the State, the date of their incorporation, their location, the sum of each endowment, the amount of appropriation to each, and when made; whether such appropriations were in money or land, and the number of students attending each the last year.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ADAMS of Newfield, presented the petition of Nathaniel Brackett and others, of the town of Cornish, to have certain lands of said town set off and annexed to the town of Limerick.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland, presented the petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Atlantic Bank, at Portland, for a renewal of charter.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Calais Bank, for a renewal of charter.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, presented the petition of D. L. Milliken and others, for a re-charter of Waterville Bank.

These petitions were read, and severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. McKENNEY of Limington, presented the petition of Thomas Webb, for pension. Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, presented the petition of Charles S. Crosby and another, to have certain taxes, illegally assessed, refunded. Referred to the Committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, presented the petition of Samuel Appleton and others, accompanied with a bill, for the incorporation of the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUNN of No. 11, moved a suspension of the 24th rule of the House.

The House voted not to suspend the rule.

Adjourned.

ATTEST: GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. HANSON of Gardiner.

Resolve in favor of Sabattis Lewy, and resolve in favor of Peol Sockis, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed—were severally read a second time and finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of selectmen of Strong, for abatement of State tax, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Dennis Sprague and others, for an appropriation to build a gun-house, was received from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Referred in concurrence.

Claim of Daniel Blanchard, Treasurer of Blanchard, for bounty on bears, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Sandy River Bank, for a renewal of charter of said bank ;

Petition of A. H. Kimball and others, for the re-charter of the Rockland Bank at Rockland ;

Petition of Knott Crockett and others, of the city of Rockland, for the re-charter of the Lime Rock Bank at Rockland ;

Petition of the Directors of Belfast Bank, for a renewal of charter ;

Petition of President, Directors and Company of Bucksport Bank, for a renewal of charter ;

Petition of Ezra Tobie and twelve others, citizens of Gray, praying for a bank.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Luther Luce and others, to be set off from the town of Industry and annexed to the town of Farmington. Read and referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Wilson Hichborn and ninety-five others, inhabitants of Prospect, for division of said town. Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Lucy Crockett and nine others, of the city of Rockland, for the incorporation of the Achorn Lime Rock Company. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. C. Parks, relative to Maine State Register. Referred to the Committee on Library, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. S. Morse and twenty-four others, of the town of Dixfield, for an alteration of county and town lines. Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Wilton Manufacturing Company, for repeal of charter. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Assessors of Plantation No. 2, 2d Range, praying that the name of said plantation may be changed to Buchanan. Referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, for amendment of their charter. Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BICKFORD of Newburg, laid on the table a resolve, in favor of the town of Newburg. Referred to the Committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, laid on the table a resolve, providing for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Board of Agriculture, and for other purposes. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. COPP of Liberty,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Library be directed to report to this House, what public documents there are in the several departments of said library, that may be had for distribution.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Litchfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of making some alteration in, or addition to, an act entitled an act in addition to the 32d chapter of the revised statutes, touching the settlement of paupers in certain cases, approved August 10, 1846, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That the use of this hall be granted to the Board of Agriculture, this evening.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. ROLLINS of Livermore,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to the State Prison, together with the reports of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prison, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Secretary of State laid on the Speaker's table a message from the Governor, transmitting copies of all papers on file in the State department, relating to the Commissioner on Claims at Washington, under resolve of March 12, 1855. It was

Ordered, That 350 copies thereof, together with the communication of the Secretary of State, transmitting information in relation to sums paid to said commissioner, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, moved to take from the table a resolve in relation to the repeal of a resolve appointing a Commissioner of Claims of the State of Maine against the United States.

The House refused to take the resolve from the table.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

The report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Firman Cyr against the right of William Dickey to a seat in this House, was taken up, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned for the consideration thereof.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, offered the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Revision of Public Laws inquire into the expediency of striking out the word "one," in the eighth line of section 63, chapter 80, title 8, so that it shall read "and the Sheriff of Aroostook to two hundred and twenty-five dollars."

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

The order was laid upon the table.

Order from the Senate,

Directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the security of persons signing notes as sureties.

This order having passed the Senate, came to the House for concurrence. The House refused to concur, and laid the order on the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield.

On motion of Mr. BUXTON of Warren,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the claim of S. G. Bowes, for pension, be taken from the files in the Secretary of State's office, and placed before the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Northern Bank of Hallowell, for a renewal of charter;

Petition of Edmund Smith and 112 others, for a new bank at Lewiston;

Petition of the Directors of Farmers' Bank of Bangor, for extension of charter.

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Thoms and 172 others, citizens of Buckfield, praying for a charter for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;

Petition of Shannon Robinson and 55 others, citizens of Sumner, for same;

Petition of A. G. Tinkham and 72 others, citizens of Hartford, for same purpose.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Rhoades for change of name. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of D. Brastow, for deed of lot No. 11, in Indian Township No. 2. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. G. Bowes of Washington, for pension. Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the President, Secretary and Trustees of Corinna Union Academy, for a donation of land or money. Referred to the Committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of G. H. Haskell and others, in aid of petition of Joseph Snow and others, to incorporate Five Islands plantation. Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Claim of L. N. Jones, Treasurer of the town of Holden, for bounty on bears. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations to finish making the road from Fort Kent to Allegash. Also, to finish making the road from Presque Isle to the St. John river. Also, for making an appropriation to assist the settlers in making some deep cuts and building bridges on the road from the boundary line to Fort Kent.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Casco Bank of Portland, for a renewal of charter;

Petition of the Bank of Cumberland of Portland, for a renewal of charter.

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas S. McConkey, for change of name. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Moses Gould and others, to construct a railway around Munjoy hill in Portland. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Memorial of the city of Portland, with accompanying bills, asking further legislation, 1st—In reference to opening streets; 2d—In reference to interest on taxes overdue. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, laid on the table a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity. Referred to the Committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ROLLINS of Livermore,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be to meet at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, until otherwise ordered.

Read and passed.

At the hour assigned, the House took up the report, and the resolves accompanying the report, of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Firman Cyr, and further considered the same. The consideration of the report and resolves being pending, when the House adjourned.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM, of Augusta.

Petition of the Augusta Bank, for renewal of charter ;

“ of Stockholders of State Bank of Augusta, for renewal of charter of said bank ;

Petition of the Granite Bank, at Augusta, for renewal of charter ;

Petition of the Stockholders of Marine Bank, for renewal of charter ;

Petition of President and Directors of the Ticonic Bank, for renewal of charter ;

Petition of the Stockholders of the Newcastle Bank, for renewal of charter ;

These petitions came from the Senate, having severally been read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Seward Merrill, ordering notice thereon.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Gideon Mayo and others, ordering notice.

Report of same committee, on petition of W. M. Rogers, ordering notice.

These reports came from the Senate accepted.

Accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, with resolve accompanying, on petition of Charles S. Crosby and another, came from the Senate accepted.

Accepted in concurrence, and the resolve was read once, and assigned for Wednesday next, for its second reading.

Petition of Thomas Webb, for a law authorizing an appeal in certain cases, was received from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Smiley and 81 others, for a law prohibiting the exhibitions of traveling circuses, in this State, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Gould Academy, in Bethel, for aid to enable them to purchase apparatus, to teach agricultural chemistry;

Petition of Josiah Brown, 2d., and others, for aid in behalf of Gould Academy;

These petitions came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Education.

Referred in concurrence.

Bill an act entitled an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws, approved March 17, 1855, came from the Senate, referred to the Joint Select Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs.

Referred in concurrence.

Order directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 212 of the public laws of 1856, came from the Senate, having passed therein.

Passed in concurrence.

Order directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire what further legislation is necessary respecting collection of taxes, on real estate of resident owners.

This order was received from the Senate, as having passed that body.

Passed in concurrence.

Message from the Governor, transmitting copies of reports of Adjutant General, Trustees and Superintendent of Insane Hospital, and of Trustees of State Reform School, came from the Senate, with the report of the Adjutant General referred to the Committee on Militia.

Referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Solon,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of increasing the fees of Justices of the Peace, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BANKS of Biddeford,

Ordered, That the papers in the office of the Secretary of State, connected with the passage of the act entitled an act further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford, approved April 1, 1856, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Land Agent be directed to procure for the use of the Legislature, a State plan, on which shall be delineated the townships, and parts of townships, now belonging to the State.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be directed to ascertain, and report to this House, the amount paid in bounties to the Penobscot Indians, the last year, as appears by the agent's accounts. The number of bushels of the several agricultural products upon which bounty has been paid, and (if practicable)

whether bounties or dividends have been paid to persons not legally entitled thereto.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Solon,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 282 of the public laws of 1852, relating to publication of intentions of marriage, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Merchants' Bank, of Portland, for the renewal of its charter;

Petition of the City Bank, of Biddeford, for renewal of charter;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Burrill, for a change of the name of Nathaniel Albert Nye. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of D. E. Somes and others, inhabitants of Biddeford, for change in the powers of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of D. Stewart and others, praying for a law against circus exhibitions.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas S. Roberts, for compensation, for land sold by the State;

Petition of John S. Patten and others, that the Land Agent be authorized to sell State land in Lowell and Enfield;

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Harriet Doe, for compensation, for injuries received by her husband, Esty N. Doe, while acting as an officer of the State;

Petition of Constant A. McLaughlin, for additional compensation, for injuries received in aiding an officer;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of David Jenkins, to be set off from West Gardiner, and annexed to Gardiner. Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John A. West of Franklin, and 112 others, for increase of bounty on wolves. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to the 77th chapter of the revised statutes. This bill was laid on the table by Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth, laid on the table a bill entitled An act for the education of youth. Referred to the Committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Wm. H. Mills and others, granting leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill to make valid the doings of school district number five in the town of Otisfield, was accepted, the bill was twice read, and to-morrow at 10 o'clock assigned for the third reading thereof.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect,

Ordered, That 12 o'clock to-morrow be the hour assigned for taking the vote on the question under discussion, unless sooner ordered by the House.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown,

Ordered, That when the question is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays.

The report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Firman Cyr, was under consideration and pending when the House adjourned.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

The House resumed the consideration of the report and accompanying resolves of the Committee on Elections on the remonstrance of Firman Cyr, against the right of William Dickey to a seat in this House; and the question being on the acceptance of the report and the passage of the resolves, the yeas and nays were taken, and the report was accepted and the resolves passed—yeas 78, nays 36, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andrews, Allen, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Banks, Bicknell, S. Brackett, W. M. E. Brown, Bickford, Blaisdell, Bennett, Barron, Bryant, G. W. Chadbourne, Church, Chandler, Campbell, Cotton, Duren, Davis, Deveraux, Dunn, Dingley, Ford, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Given, Hamblin, Hilton, Houghton, Hersey, Hammatt, Hichborn, Hinds, Holt, Jewell, Littlefield, Leavitt, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Linscott, Leadbetter, Lane, Murch, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill, Merriam, D. Merrill, Marshall, Milliken, Moore, Pearson, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Rollins, Roak, Robinson, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, G. Smith, Steward, R. Smith, Stinchfield, S. B. Stone, Tolman, Tenney, E. Wells, Walker, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Woodman, Webber, Whittaker, Weed.

NAYS—Messrs. Albee, Buxton, Burleigh, Cragin, Clark, Came, H. M. Chadbourne, Crosby, Copp, Carr, Dennett, J. H. Dunning, Day, Danforth, Drummond, Foster, Fox, Gowen, Gilbert, Huff, Hobson, Hunter, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Johnson, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Lombard, Milliken, Pike, Pierce, Strickland, Tabbut, R. Wells, Woodbury, Williamson.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB, of Augusta.

The Speaker announced the absence of the Clerk, and that it would be necessary to choose a Clerk during his absence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Clerk, BENJAMIN FREEMAN be declared elected Clerk *pro tempore*, with power to choose his assistant.

Mr. BROWN accompanied the Clerk elect *pro tempore* to the Council Chamber, where he took and subscribed the necessary oaths required by law, to enable him to enter upon the duties of his office, before Hon. B. F. Eastman, Councilor, authorized by *dedimus potestatem*.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Luther Luce and others, ordering notice, was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to agriculture and chemistry, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

A message was sent to the Senate, informing that body that the House, in the absence of the Clerk, had made choice of Benjamin Freeman, as Clerk *pro tempore*. Mr. JOHNSON was charged with the message, and subsequently reported he had discharged the same.

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth,

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.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a road across township letter B, range 1, in the county of Aroostook.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll, be instructed to make up the travel and attendance of WILLIAM DICKEY up to and including Monday next.

On motion of Mr. BRACKETT of Westbrook,

Ordered, That the cashiers of the several banks in this State, be directed to make return to the Secretary of State, under oath, on or before the first day of March next, of the amount loaned by their several banks, and the amount of interest and exchange charged thereon.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOULTON of Porter,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of the State's furnishing the several towns and organized plantations, for the use of their respective superintending school committees, supervisors and district clerks, one copy each for said officers, of the school laws of this State as contained in the revision, printed in pamphlet form, and containing such important judicial decisions relating to public schools, as said committee shall deem requisite, together with the blank forms required by law in the management of school district affairs.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings, reported by Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read a third time, laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on petition of Joseph Snow and others, ordering notice, was accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of Milltown Union Temperance Society ;
“ of Mrs. Lydia M. Smith and 140 others ;
“ of Mrs. Anna Lamb and 96 others ;
“ of John T. Tinker and 71 others ;

All for a prohibitory liquor law, were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the subject of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of treasurer of town of Milford for bounty ; and
Petition of T. H. Fassett for compensation ;
Were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of selectmen of Salem, for aid in the construction of a road to Dead river settlement,—was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Hensey and 22 others, in aid of petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others,—was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Stephen Purrinton and 21 others of Harpswell, for a law for the preservation of clams,—was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Robert Bowker and others of Brunswick, for a fire insurance charter ;

Petition of Charles F. Barker and others, for a charter to build a Marine Railway in the town of Jonesport ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas G. Walker and 39 others, in aid of petition of Thomas J. Haines and others ;

Also, remonstrance of Greenlief Wing of Levant, and 172 others, against the same ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Gilbert Voter and others, for aid in the construction of a road to Dead river settlement,—was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Abiel McAllister, for pay for timber, lumber and hay furnished the State,—was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of President, Directors and Company of Mousam River Bank;

Petition of Market Bank, Bangor;

“ of Lumberman’s Bank;

“ of Lewiston Falls Bank;

“ of Waldoborough Bank;

“ of Union Bank, Brunswick;

“ of William S. Dennett, cashier of the Bank of the State of Maine;

All for the renewal of the charters of their respective banks,—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of W. Coburn and others, for a bank charter;

Also, petition of Joseph Gilchrist and others of Thomaston, asking for a renewal of charter of Georges Bank;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Clark and others, for the repeal of the act incorporating the town of Bowerbank,—was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of commissioners of Cumberland county, for leave to build a new jail in said county,—was referred to the Cumberland county delegation.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William R. Miller and others, for an appropriation to

build a road,—was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. POOL, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice on the following petitions, to wit: on the

Petition of selectmen of the town of Manchester;

“ of Nathan Brackett and others;

“ of Thomas Oliver and others;

“ of S. Stone and others;

“ of Wilson Hichborn and others;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Melvina S. Holt, for change of name,—was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State on account of township number 8, range 8; and

Bill, entitled An act to incorporate the town of Islandport, reported by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading;

Were severally passed to be engrossed.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference on petition of Charles T. Holland to the Committee on State Lands and State Road,—and the report was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced the following members as the committee on the part of the House, to which was referred an order relating to changes in the laws respecting the levying of taxes in plantations, for roads, schools, and support of poor, viz:

Messrs. Burleigh of Linneus, Hammatt of Howland, Hamlin of Portland, Silsby of Aurora, Woodbury of Litchfield, Holt of Turner, Barron of Topsham, Hinds of Dover, Pool of Bristol, Linscott of Jay, Bennett of Troy, Hobbs of Waterford, Leavitt of Pembroke, Merrill of Harmony, and Brown of Kennebunkport.

Bill, entitled An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 5, in Otisfield, was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN, laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Sec-

retary of State, in 1855, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Frye and others, for change of law relating to roads,—was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg, was read once, and Wednesday assigned for a second reading.

Bills, An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 1, in the county of Aroostook;

An act to amend the 31st section of 25th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways;

An act relating to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property;

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary; and

An act giving the Waldo Dam Company further time to complete its dam, reported in the Senate from the Judiciary Committee, and passed to be engrossed;

Were read twice, and Monday assigned for a third reading.

Mr. MERRIAM of Garland, moved that the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Ferman Cyr, and of the passage of the resolves accompanying the report, be reconsidered, and Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, and assign Tuesday of week after next, to further consider the same; and the question being taken, the motion to lay upon the table was lost, 26 voting in favor and 70 against. Mr. MERRIAM then withdrew his motion to reconsider.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, informed the House, that Mr. FERMAN CYR of Madawaska, was present and ready to take the oaths to qualify him to discharge the duties of representative from the Madawaska district, and by direction of the Speaker, he was accompanied

to the Council Chamber, where he took and subscribed the oaths of office.

Petition of overseers of the poor of the town of Blanchard, for aid in supporting paupers at the Insane Hospital,—was referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, in concurrence.

Petition of Caleb D. Stevens and others of Jackson plantation, for aid in the construction of a road to Dead river settlement,—was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of stockholders of Village Bank;

“ of Hancock Bank;

“ Alfred Bank;

All for renewal of charter.

Also, petition of stockholders of Alfred Bank, for increase of capital stock;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of directors of Lincoln Bank of Bath, for renewal of charter,—was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Hiram Ricker and others, in aid of Portland and Oxford Central Railroad charter;

Petition of Samuel Veazie and others, for the extension of the Bangor and Milford Railroad;

Petition of Samuel Veazie and others, for further time to complete the Branch track of the Bangor and Milford Railroad;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Reuben S. Hunt and 212 others, against the petition of Tollman Lowell and others,—was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee, on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of George Bran and others,—was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition

of the selectmen of the town of Strong, asking leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the same,—was accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Petition of the president and directors of the Canal Bank; and

“ of the directors of Skowhegan Bank;

Severally for a renewal of charter, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of E. G. Harlow and 41 others, citizens, tax payers, and voters of Canton, for charter of Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Petition of William and James Frye of North Haven, for corporation to build a bridge across Pulpit harbor, with bill accompanying same.

These papers came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Sylvester J. Roberts, for privilege to maintain a weir near Bobear island. This petition was received from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Fisheries. Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of C. R. Paul of Letter D plantation, that the Land agent be authorized to convey to him certain lands in Letter D, range 1, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Medford and vicinity, for grant in aid of erecting bridge across Piscataquis river, in said town of Medford;

Petition of Stephen Danforth and others;

“ of inhabitants of the town of Atkinson;

“ of inhabitants of the town of Alton;

“ of Russell Kittredge and others;

“ of the inhabitants of the town of Sebec;

“ of Eleazer Jenks and others; in aid of the petition of the petitioners from Medford.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William McGilvery and others, for recharter of Maritime Bank;

Petition of stockholders of Maritime Bank, for an increase of capital stock;

Petition of directors of Biddeford Bank, for a renewal of charter.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus A. Packard and others, for an appropriation on the State road from Brighton to Greenville;

Petition of inhabitants of Bridgewater plantation, praying for an appropriation to repair the road leading through township Letter B, range 1, in the county of Aroostook;

Petition of Leonard Bradbury and others, for an appropriation on the State road from Brighton to Greenville;

Petition of Isaac Witham and others, for an appropriation on the road from Greenville to the head of Chesuncook lake.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John S. Baker for an increase of salary as county attorney of Sagadahoc. On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais, it was laid on the table.

Petition of Charles R. Porter for an increase of salary as judge of probate of Sagadahoc. Referred to the Sagadahoc delegation.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Campbell Bachelder and others, for an act of incorporation for manufacturing lumber and running a grist mill. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles Cayford, for annexation to the town of Skowhegan ;

Petition of Joshua E. Jenks and others, to be set off from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation ;

Petition of F. H. Hutchins and 18 others, to be set off from the town of Rumford and annexed to Hanover.

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Burlington, in relation to the collection of non-resident taxes. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of selectmen of South Thomaston, for expenses incurred by said town in supporting a pauper in the Insane Hospital. Referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses G. Rollins and others, for aid to Vassalboro' Academy. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Hannah Murphy, of Tremont, for military pension. Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William B. Lapham and others, to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's Pond, in Woodstock. Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin B. Benson and 20 others, for a charter of a

marine railway at Tremont. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel M. Higgins, of Eden, for a change of name. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Clifford and others, against the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, to lay out a road from Bath to Phippsburg, across tide waters of Winnegance Creek. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. KIMBALL, of Bethel, presented the claim of the Treasurer of plantations No. 1 and 2, range 5, in Oxford county, for bounty paid on animals;

Also the claim of the Treasurer of Bethel, for bounty paid on animals.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART of Newport, by leave, laid on the table a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which on his motion was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on order directing them to inquire into the condition and standing of banks, recommending a change in the phraseology of said order;

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient on order directing inquiry into the expediency of further legislation relative to a resolve approved April 9, 1856;

Report of same committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to authorizing school districts to take land on which to erect school houses;

Report of same committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relative to instruction of the higher English branches in common schools;

Report of same committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relative to increase of taxes for the support of common schools.

The above reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted therein.

They were accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Interior Waters, reported a bill extending the time for the Waldo Mills Company, to build their dam across Goose river. This bill accompanying the report, came from the Senate amended as per sheet A; and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, amendment adopted, and bill as amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of the several county Treasurers in this State, so far as they have been received at his office, to this date.

On motion of Mr. DENNETT of Kittery,

One member was added to the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, to fill the vacancy which occurred by the withdrawal of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent. Mr. Allen of Thomaston was appointed to fill said vacancy.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to insurance, that all foreign companies shall be required to establish an agency in accordance with chapter 270 of the acts and resolves of 1856, before making insurance upon property in this State.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUFF, of Alexander,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the repair of the Baring and Houlton road across the Indian township, in the county of Washington.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL, of Harmony,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to consider whether any legislation is necessary to secure the stockholders of bank stock who may not consent to, or petition for, a renewal of their charters, the right to withdraw their stock

from such banks as may obtain such renewal, together with their full proportions of profits (if any) that may have accrued thereon, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER, of Chesterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the twenty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes, as to provide that the money raised in accordance with the seventy-fifth section thereof, to repair ways and bridges, may be expended by highway surveyors, whose duty it shall be to give every person in their respective districts an opportunity to furnish labor upon the roads to the amount of his tax.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

The order, offered by Mr. STONE of Brewer, on the twenty-fourth day of January, in relation to printing 350 copies of the general banking law of New York, and which was on that day laid on the table, was, on motion of Mr. TOLMAN of Rockland, taken from the table and passed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on a bill entitled An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 1, in Madawaska plantation, came from the Senate with the report accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Board of Agriculture, as reported by the Committee on Agriculture, was read once and assigned for a second reading on Wednesday, February 18.

On motion of Mr. SAMPSON, of Manchester,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at ten o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered, except Mondays, when it meet at eleven o'clock.

Read and passed.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate:

Petition of the president, directors and company of Kenduskeag Bank, at Bangor, for a renewal of charter. This petition came from the Senate, having been referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred, in concurrence.

Bill, An act repealing chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of the laws of Maine, approved April 10, 1856, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

Bill, An act to amend the one hundred and nineteenth chapter of the revised statutes, relating to "Trustee" process. This bill came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient on order directing them to inquire into the expediency of repealing section 2 of chapter 123 of the laws of 1844. This report was received from the Senate, having been therein read and accepted.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SAMPSON of Manchester, the twenty-fourth rule of the House was suspended, the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of the Selectmen of Manchester was reconsidered, said report was amended by striking out the word "seventh" therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eighth," and the report thus amended was accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill, An act to incorporate the town of Islandport, as truly and strictly engrossed.

This bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

- Petition of Cobbossee Contee Bank, for extension of charter ;
“ of D. Bugbee and others, for a charter for a bank ;
“ of Auburn Bank, at Auburn, for a renewal of charter ;
“ of H. H. Boody and others, for a charter for a bank ;
“ of Gardiner Bank, at Gardiner, for a renewal of charter ;
“ of City Bank, Bangor, for renewal of charter.

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Larrabee and others, for extension of time to cut timber from the State lands ;

Petition of J. A. Cushing and others, for a road from Nickatow to Patten.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac S. Hall and others, of school district No. 1, in South Thomaston, praying that school districts No. 1 and 2 be set off from said town, and annexed to Thomaston ;

Petition of James Bryant and others, of school district No. 2, in South Thomaston, praying that school district No. 2 may be set off from said town, and annexed to Thomaston ;

Petition of Milton Robbins and others, of South Thomaston, in favor of same.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for change of name.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Vespasian Wardwell and 58 others, asking for an additional act for the preservation of moose and deer ;

Petition of E. Holmes and 102 others, for a law to prevent the poisoning of foxes.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Peter M. Folsom, for compensation for damages sustained while in the service of the State. Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles N. Germaine and others, officers and members of the Aurora Lodge, for an act of incorporation. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order directing said Committee to inquire if any, and what alterations of law regulating attachments of real estate and other immovable property, report a bill, An act entitled an act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property.

The report was accepted, and the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Bangor House proprietary, with a bill, came from the Senate with the report accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, and bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, by leave, laid on the table a bill, entitled An act respecting judicial proceedings—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus, by leave, laid on the table a bill, entitled An act respecting the redemption of lands sold for taxes—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus, by leave, laid on the table a resolve authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock planta-

tion, in the County of Aroostook—referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to communicate to this House the action of the Governor and Council under the Resolve in favor of Abial McAllister, approved April 2, 1856, together with a copy of the vouchers furnished by said McAllister, in support of his claim recognized in said resolve.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of Harmony,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the common school fund of the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUXTON of Warren,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 125, section 35 of the revised statutes, so as more clearly to define the extent of lien claims.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHURCH of Levant,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the claim of Arthur L. Grant, for pension, be taken from the files in the Secretary of State's office, and placed before the Committee on Military Pensions.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the propriety of enacting a law specifying those articles embraced in the term "appurtenances," as used in deeds conveying real estate.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Newfield,

Ordered, That the petitions for aid to the Limerick Academy, referred to the Legislature of 1855, be taken from the files in the

office of the Secretary of State, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That all petitions for increase of salary of State or County officers, whose salaries are paid by the State, be referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of one from each county, with such as the Senate may join, and all petitions on that subject be referred to this Committee.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be to meet at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, until otherwise ordered.

Read and passed.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. RICE of Monson,

Ordered, That the petition of the county commissioners of Piscataquis County, be taken from the files of 1856, and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Theophilus Cushing and others, for leave to purchase east half of No. 2, range 5—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of William Frye and others, ordering notice, was read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Barnabas Webb and others, of Thomaston, against the petition of the inhabitants of school districts No. 1 and 2, of South Thomaston, praying to be set off from said town, and annexed to Thomaston.

Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to open and make passable the State road leading from Portage lake to Fort Kent, in the County of Aroostook, and to make such alterations in the location of said road as he may deem necessary.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to protect *bona fide* creditors and stockholders of corporations, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMMATT of Howland,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the resolve, entitled a Resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land office, approved March 22, 1856, so that the mortgages of any part owner, may be better protected in case said part owner fails to comply with the provisions of said resolve, to save his land from forfeiture.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

The following named gentlemen were appointed on the part of the House, on the Joint Special Committee on petitions for increase of salary of State and County officers :

Messrs. Duren of Calais,
Richardson of Tremont,
Burleigh of Linneus,
Stinchfield of Lincoln,

Messrs. Hinds of Dover,
Chandler of Chesterville,
Morse of Paris,
Marshall of Belfast,
Baker of Wiscasset,
Bicknell of Augusta,
Jewell of Phippsburg,
Holt of Turner,
Adams of Newfield,
Hamblen of Portland, and
Burr of Mercer.

Petition of John M. Noyes and others, in regard to the publication of unpaid non-resident taxes;

Petition of first school district in Bucksport, for leave to raise money in aid of the bequest of J. R. Folsom;

Petition of A. Billington and others, for alteration of law in advertising unpaid non-resident taxes;

Petition of I. S. Osgood and others, for same purpose;

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of Nobleboro' and adjoining towns, for an alteration in the law in regard to mill dams, where there are different owners on each side of the stream;

Petition of H. A. Wood and others, for extension of charter of Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company;

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Jackman and 41 others, for an appropriation for road from Nickatow to Patten. Read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles O. Record, keeper of the State Arsenal at Bangor, for an appropriation to repair the same. Read and referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of L. W. Howes of Rockland, that Rockland may be made a half-shire town of the county of Lincoln. Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles E. Ranlett and others, of the town of Thomaston, praying for the privilege of extending a wharf beyond tide water in Georges river. Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STONE of Brewer, laid on the table a resolve for promulgating the annual general laws of the State. Referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Lemuel Trott and others, with a bill accompanying, entitled An act to amend the 31st section of the 25th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways. This bill, having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order in relation to the property of deceased married women, reporting a bill entitled An act relating to the property of deceased married women. This bill was twice read, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Thomas A. White and others, for a bank ;

Petition of directors of the Bank of Hallowell, for renewal of charter ;

These petitions came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of William Bearce and others, for a law allowing owners of water power on one side of streams, to build dams across the

same. This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Johnson Rideout and others, for a marine insurance company at Bath. This petition was received from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Paul Peavey, asking to be reimbursed for losses in building a bridge in No. 6, range 5. This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Referred, in concurrence.

Order relative to an appropriation for Presque Isle road;

Order relative to expediency of altering chapter 67 of revised statutes;

These orders came from the Senate, having passed therein.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was re-committed their report on the "Treasurer's report," was received from the Senate, having been read and accepted therein.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to repeal an act imposing a duty of twenty dollars upon inspectors general before receiving their commission, came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. This bill was read twice, and assigned for to-morrow for the third reading.

Resolve in relation to bounties to fishermen, came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. Read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill entitled An act to amend chapter 149 of the revised statutes, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass. This report and bill came from the Senate, with the bill referred to the Joint Select Committee on Revision of the Statutes. On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the bill was laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg, came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. This resolve, having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Charles S. Crosby and another, came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed; and it having had two several readings in the House, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the Judiciary; also on a bill entitled An act to repeal an act relating to the Supreme Judicial Court, approved April 9, 1856, came from the Senate with the report accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted. Bill was twice read, and pending a motion to suspend the rules to give the bill a third reading to-day, the House Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Industry, for annexation of part of New Sharon. Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, entitled An act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose river. This bill was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and the same having had three several readings, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State. This resolve was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and having had two several readings, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The Secretary of State laid on the Speaker's table a communication transmitting a copy of the report of council, together with a copy of the vouchers furnished by Abial McAllister in support of his claim against the State recognized in a resolve approved April 2, 1856.

Petition of Andrew J. Donnell and others, to be set off, together with their property, from the town of Searsmont, and annexed to the town of Belmont;

Petition of Josiah A. Judkins, to have his buildings set off from the town of Roxbury and annexed to the town of Mexico.

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Freeman Kingsbery and others, for a law authorizing the destruction of dogs. This petition was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. L. Milliken and others, for a manufacturing corporation. Read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Irish of Union, for alteration of the law regulating the sale of liquor. Read and referred to the committee having the subject of a prohibitory liquor law under consideration.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Asa Davis and others, in aid of the petition of the citizens of Medford. Read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William J. Thomas and 12 others, in reference to unpaid taxes of non-residents. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the president, directors and company of the York and Cumberland Railroad Company, for amendment of charter and

other purposes, with a bill. This petition was read, and with the bill referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John G. Hayes and 21 others, merchants of Portland, for an insolvent law. Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Smith Cram, for a military pension. Read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George E. Burr and 25 others, for a law for the preservation of pickerel in North pond and tributaries. Read and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Abel Hovey and others, in relation to the publication of unpaid taxes of non-residents;

Petition of Mark Shepherd and others, for same.

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to manufacturing corporations, so that the stockholders therein shall not be personally liable for any contracts of such corporation entered into after the adoption of such amendment; and also that the stock and fixtures of such corporations shall be exempt from taxation for a limited time.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the Constitution relating to the right of suffrage, that any legal voter changing his residence from one city or town within this State to any other city or town under the same jurisdiction, and not otherwise disqualified, excepting three months

residence, shall have a right to vote for all National and State officers.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether further legislation is necessary in relation to mortgages coupled with a power to sell on breach of same. Also, in relation to the sale of timber on lands reserved for public uses.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Messenger of this House be directed to reserve one hundred and fifty-five copies of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives, for the use of the House of Representatives of 1858.

On motion of Mr. FLETCHER of China,

Ordered, That when any public act is approved by the Governor, the Secretary of State shall forthwith furnish a copy thereof to the Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Statutes, and said committee are directed to incorporate the same into the revision in their appropriate place.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Sumner,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of making valid the doings of county commissioners in the assessments of money upon unincorporated townships and tracts of land for the repair of roads therein, and to make valid the sales by county treasurers of such townships and tracts sold to pay the assessments made thereon, if the purchase money is not refunded to the purchaser within four years from the date of the sales of the treasurer, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DANFORTH of Gardiner, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An act to provide for proof of deeds in certain cases, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of Samuel Veazie and others, was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reporting a bill, entitled An act additional to an act entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, and that the bill ought to pass. The report was accepted, the bill read once, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others, granting leave to withdraw. On motion of Mr. Drummond of Waterville, it was ordered to be laid upon the table.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on order relative to French Spoliation Claims, reporting that said order ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of Johnson Neal and others, reporting that said petition ought to be referred to the Joint Select Committee on plantation laws ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on order relating to furnishing poor children with school books, reporting legislation inexpedient.

These reports having been read and accepted in the Senate, were read and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of William M. Brooks and another, for recharter of Frontier Bank at Eastport ;

Petition of Mariner's Bank for a recharter ;

These petitions were received from the Senate, having been referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Lebanon Academy, for aid ;

“ Noah Lord and others, in aid of same ;

These petitions came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Education.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Reed and 92 others, from the county of Lincoln, praying that Waldoborough may be made the shire town of said county, came from the Senate, having been referred to the committee on Division of Counties.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Insane Hospital, asking legislation relative to a certain note. This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of William Morse and others, in aid of the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Judge of Probate of Oxford county, for increase of salary. This petition came from the Senate, referred to the delegation of Oxford county.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of the Treasurer of the town of Cutler, for correction of a mistake in assessing the State tax on said town for the year 1856;

Petition of Thomas Moore and others of Trescott, for abatement of State tax.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of P. W. Perry and 21 others, in reference to unpaid non-resident taxes. Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of T. and B. Brastow, to be set off from the town of Orrington, and annexed to Brewer. Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of incorporated towns in the county of Aroostook, praying for the passage of a law to promote the incor-

poration of towns in new settlements. Read and referred to the Joint Select Committee on Plantation Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the question pending at the time of adjournment yesterday. Mr. GILBERT of Bath, withdrew the motion for a suspension of the rules, and on motion of Mr. FOX of Portland, the house assigned five minutes before one o'clock to-day for the third reading of the bill. The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported the bill without amendment, and at the time assigned the bill was read a third time, and pending the question of its passage to be engrossed, the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of inhabitants of Industry, ordering notice.

Read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMMATT of Howland,

Ordered, That the communication of the Governor in relation to the claims of this State under the treaty of Washington, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, and that said committee be directed to inquire and report what further legislation may be needful to obtain the early adjustment of all the treaty claims, and to secure the legal and equitable rights and promote the prosperity of the French settlers on the St. John river.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before

the House the Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools for the year 1856.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown,

Ordered, That the claim of the county of Penobscot for the support of insane and indigent Indians, be taken from the Committee on Accounts and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUNN of No. 11,

Ordered, That all remonstrances against the incorporation of plantations in the county of Aroostook, be taken from the files of last year's Legislature, and be referred to the Joint Special Committee who have the subject of incorporation of plantations under consideration.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Newfield,

Ordered, That the petition for aid to Parsonsfield Seminary, referred to the last Legislature, be taken from the files, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAY of Waldoborough,

Ordered, That the Agricultural Committee, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 72 of the revised statutes, so that a standard weight may be established for corn, rye and wheat.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Reuel Washburn, judge of probate for Androscoggin county, for increase of salary.

Read, and referred to the delegation of Androscoggin county.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the register of probate for Androscoggin county, for increase of salary.

Referred to the Androscoggin delegation.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John S. Baker, for increase of salary as county attorney of Sagadahoc county, was, on motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath, taken from the table and referred to the Joint Select Committee having the subject of salaries of State and County officers under consideration.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, An act additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary;

Bill, An act to make valid the doings of school district No. one, in Madawaska plantation, in the county of Aroostook;

Bill, An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, and they were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg;

Resolve in favor of Charles S. Crosby and Arvida Hayford, were severally and finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Remonstrance of Tristram Hill and 225 others, legal voters in the town of Greene, against the petition of Isaac N. Davis and others.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William F. Penniman and others, for An act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Machias river.

Petition of William B. Hayford and others, for a charter to build a boom across the east branch of Penobscot river.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. and Rebecca Curtiss, for divorce.

Referred to a Joint Select Committee.

Petition of Abner Lowell and 76 others of Portland, for an insolvent law;

Petition of J. N. Winslow and 26 others of Portland, for same.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Dunn and 175 others of Portland, for the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad.

Read and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the president and directors of the Lumberman's Bank, for increase of capital.

Read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of I. G. Hunt, treasurer of the town of Albany, for bounty paid for killing a bear.

Read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the subject of witness and jurors' fees. On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, it was ordered to lie on the table.

Petition of Franklin Adams, for an extension of time to cut timber on State land.

Read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BARRON of Topsham, by leave, laid upon the table, a bill, entitled An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, by leave, laid upon the table, a bill, entitled An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, An act additional in relation to Banks and Banking. This

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

Reports of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient on order to amend chapter 89, section 6, of laws of 1854;

Also, reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to increasing school fund;

Also, reporting legislation inexpedient on bill, entitled An act for the education of youth.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to word "appurtenances," reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, concerning Gas Meter Inspector, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Manufactures,—were severally read and accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Report of same Committee, to which was referred bill, entitled An act relating to the city of Calais, reporting the same with a new title and in a new draft, and entitled An act enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais,—was read and accepted, and the bill was read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Wm. M. Rogers and others, ordering notice, came from the Senate recommitted to said Committee, and was recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Wm. M. Rogers and others, ordering notice, came from the Senate, having been read and accepted.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of William and James Frye;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Hiram Peavey, Jr., to navigate the Passadumkeag stream with steamboats;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of Moses Gould and others, for a railroad around Munjoy hill, in Portland;

Report of the Committee on Accounts, on petition of T. H. Fassett, for compensation for design and pattern for the King monument, recommending a reference of said petition to the Committee on Claims.

These reports were received from the Senate, having severally been read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the St. Croix Insurance Company, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company. This bill came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act for the repeal of all acts, and parts of acts, imposing a duty of twenty dollars upon Inspectors General before the issuing of a commission.

This bill came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed, and having had three several readings in the House, it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Order instructing the Agricultural Committee to inquire into the expediency of appointing a commissioner. This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Smith and another, asking for relief;

“ of Daniel Cummings and 59 others, asking an appropriation to build a bridge over the Mattawamkeag river, in Bancroft plantation.

These petitions came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Referred, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Boothbay, against the petition of C. McKown and others, for a bridge;

Remonstrance of Willard Lewis and others, against bridge from Southport to Boothbay.

These remonstrances came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and 7 others, to be incorporated into a company to construct a canal, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Silas Coburn, Jr., for an allowance of labor on road in payment for a lot of land. This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and was referred, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to bounties to fishermen, having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill reported by the Judiciary Committee, in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court, and pending a motion to lay the bill on the table, the House Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1857

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of R. S. Morse and others, ordering notice ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill, entitled An act to make valid the doings of the county commissioners of the several counties in this State, reporting that the bill ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of James Bryant and others ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of F. H. Hutchins and others, ordering notice ;

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on petition of John Carlton, 2d, for increase of pension ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, ordering notice on petition of Isaac Reed and others, to make Waldoboro' the shire town of Lincoln county ;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on an order directing them to inquire into the expediency of chartering banks with a capital of less than one hundred thousand dollars, reporting legislation inexpedient ;

Report of same Committee on an order directing them to inquire into the expediency of chartering banks with a capital of more than seventy-five thousand dollars, reporting legislation inexpedient ;

Report of the Judiciary Committee, on an order in relation to altering chapter 30 of the revised statutes, reporting legislation inexpedient ;

These reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of H. J. Libbey and others, granting the petitioners leave to bring in a bill. This report came from the Senate, with the report read and accepted.

Read and accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Petition of the First Baptist Society in Bath, for change of name ;
Petition of Josiah Emery, for pay for personal services ;

These petitions came from the Senate, having been severally referred, and they were severally referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act concerning passenger carriers, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the House re-considered the vote referring the petition of Charles W. and Rebecca Curtiss for divorce, to a joint select committee, and on motion of Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, it was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. BROWN of Milford, by leave, laid upon the table a bill, entitled An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to directors of corporations, was laid on the table, by Mr. TALBOT of Lubec. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GAMMON of Phillips, by leave, laid upon the table a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers' Relief Association. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the West Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society, was laid on the table, by Mr. SAWYER of Minot, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, laid upon the table a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Luce and Madawaska High School. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others, for an appropriation on the road from Greenville to the head of Chesuncook lake. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Stinchfield, Jr., and others, of the city of Rockland, that the costs incurred in securing themselves against loss on account of Shipbuilders' Bank bills, be made preferred claims by law;

Petition of president, directors and company of Ellsworth Bank, for abatement of tax;

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer Brown and others, inhabitants of Orland, for the preservation of fish in Eastern river. Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Robert Woodhouse and others, for an alteration of law in relation to probate courts. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Jeremiah Merrill and others, of Westbrook and Falmouth, against petition of William Bucknam and others. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the treasurer of the town of Gilead, for bounty. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 5, in the town of Otisfield, was, on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, taken from the table, read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance, reporting a bill to provide in part for the expenditures of government. Report read and accepted, and, on motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais, the bill was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Militia be directed to ascertain what repairs are necessary to be made on the State Arsenal at Bangor, in order to preserve the public property deposited therein. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That the papers in relation to the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law making it the duty of selectmen of towns where military companies exist, to collect and secure for the State the arms and equipments of such companies, when they shall be disbanded. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Bridgton,

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

On motion of Mr. BURR of Mercer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to consider whether any legislation is necessary in relation to deposit made at Suffolk Bank by the banks in this State, and the redemption of their bills at Boston, and report by bill or otherwise. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen as a committee on the part of the House, on order in relation to the communication of the Governor on the claims of Maine on the general government under the Washington treaty :

Hammatt of Howland, Littlefield of Alfred, Buxton of Warren, Fox of Portland, Foster of East Machias, Danforth of Gardiner, and Hichborn of Prospect.

On motion of Mr. HUFF of Alexander,

Ordered, That the petitions of the inhabitants of Waite and Talmadge plantations, in the county of Washington, asking for an act of incorporation, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court. Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, withdrew the motion made by him to lay the bill upon the table, and the question recurred upon the passage of the bill to be engrossed. And on motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, ordered, that Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, be assigned as the time for taking the vote on its passage to be engrossed on the bill entitled An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Committee on Public Buildings on order relating to new arrangement of seats in the Representatives' Hall, reporting legislation inexpedient, came from the Senate having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-five, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed. Resolve read once, and Wednesday, February 25, assigned for a second reading.

Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong and to add the same to the State tax of the town of New Vineyard, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The resolve was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Silas S. Low, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed. Read once, and Wednesday, February 25, assigned for a second reading.

Bill An act relating to the municipal court of the city of Biddeford, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed. The bill was read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Messrs. Chapman of Lincoln, Hersey of Penobscot, and Connor of Somerset, were joined by the Senate to the Committee on Claims arising under the Treaty of Washington.

Bill An act to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company. This bill came from the Senate amended, as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed. The bill having had three several readings, the amendment was adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais, having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to the connection of railroads, was laid on the table by Mr. GOWEN of Elliot, and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act giving towns a lien on vessels for taxes, was laid on the table by Mr. DUREN of Calais, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to Banks and Banking, was read a third time. Mr. STONE of Brewer, offered an amendment to the bill, and on his motion, the bill and amendment were laid upon the table and 350 copies of the bill and amendment ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, was on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, taken from the table, and Thursday next at 11 o'clock assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, the House reconsidered the vote referring the petition of Charles W. and Rebecca Curtiss to the Committee on Interior Waters, and on motion of Mr. COTTON of Bowdoin, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Eveleth and J. H. Eveleth, for a grant of the lower Cancomgomac falls, with eight hundred acres of land, for the purpose of aiding them in building a saw mill and grist mill on said falls;

Petition of Ansel Smith and others, in aid of same;

“ Enoch Ford and others for an appropriation for building and repairing the road from Greenville to the Head of Chesuncook lake;

Petition of Henry T. Hildreth and others, for same;

Petition of William Jameson for an extension of time to cut timber from the State lands.

These petitions were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William P. Doughty and 20 others, in aid of a petition of Ezra Tobie and others, for a bank. Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of T. L. Stanton and 22 others of North Monmouth, for the prevention of the destruction of foxes by poison. Read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Belinda D. Clark, for change of name;

“ John Plaisted and wife, for change of name.

Read and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. DUNNING of Charleston, presented the claim of the treasurer of the town of Alton for bounty on bears;

Mr. DUREN of Calais, presented the claim of James Nichols for services as sheriff of Washington county.

These claims were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend the 31st section of the 25th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways. This bill was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in relation to bounty on cod fisheries. This resolve was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CAME of York,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent misapplication of moneys raised by towns for the support of schools.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Militia be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 196 of the public laws of 1856.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary in relation to the sale of unwholesome meats.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GOWEN of Elliot,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revised statutes, chapter 18, section 10, that after the words "incidental charges" in the tenth line, it may read: And if any owner of such pews or seats shall refuse to accept such moneys, if any, or consent to such sale, such owner shall not commence any action within thirty days after the time of said sale, nor after the expiration of one year.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUFF of Alexander,

Ordered, That a bill, entitled An act for the incorporation of the town of Waite, in the county of Washington, with the accompanying papers, if there are any, be taken from the files and laid before the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GOWEN of Elliot,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Library, be directed to inquire into the expediency of republishing the geological reports of the State, and report as soon as practicable.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court. The question being upon the passage of the bill to be engrossed. Mr. ADAMS of Newfield, moved that the bill lie on the table, and 350 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature. Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, moved an amendment, that all acts proposed to be repealed by the bill, and all laws and acts to be enacted, be printed with the bill. The House refused to adopt the amendment, and ordered the bill to lie on the table, and 350 copies of the same, printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on the petition of Spencer G. Bowes, for pension, reporting a resolve in favor of said Bowes, came from the Senate, having been read and accepted.

Read and accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and February 25th assigned for its second reading.

Petition of William E. Evans and others, praying for legislation in regard to justices of the peace.

Petition of Ammi R. Mitchell and others of Freeport, for an alteration of the law relating to the foreclosure of mortgages ;

Petition of the selectmen of the town of Oldtown, asking for the enactment of a law making the collection of non-resident taxes more sure and certain ;

Petition of Lewis Libbey and others, praying that the unpaid taxes of non-residents may be published in the local papers ;

Petition of George L. Cox and 28 others of Amherst, for amendment of section 2 of chapter 123 of public laws of 1844 ;

Petition of Francis Purington and others, praying for a change of the law relating to the settlement of paupers.

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John C. Stockbridge and 42 others, for a change in the law relative to the inspection of hops;

Petition of Henry Abbott, Jr. and others, for same;

Petition of Levi Hayes and others, for same;

“ of Joseph Knapp and others, for same;

“ of Elisha Chick and 109 others, for a statute providing for the exchange and sale of corn, grain and meal, by weight;

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Paul T. Merrill and others for an appropriation for a road in Shirley.

Read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur McArthur, committee of Trustees of Limington Academy, for an endowment;

Petition of Waterville College, for an endowment of a Professorship of Chemistry;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Mitchell and others of Machiasport, asking for a charter for a Marine Railway.

Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Bridgham and 70 others of Poland, for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad.

Read and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Mousam River Bank, for increase of capital stock twenty-five thousand dollars.

Read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Hopkins of Fort Fairfield, to be indemnified for loss and damage.

Read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of H. Green and 44 others of Freeport, for compensation to members of volunteer companies of militia.

Read and referred to the Committee on Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of city of Bath, against the petition of Tallman Lowell and others.

Read and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Hosea Hildreth and others, against the petition of B. Rackliff and others, for a change of name of First Baptist Society in Bath.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting a bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 77 of the revised statutes.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of William Fisher and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to regulate the salary of the judge of the municipal court of the city of Bath, and fees accruing therein.

Report accepted. Bill read twice; and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of Harmony,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering and amending the law granting bounty on bears and wolves, that the bounty of two dollars on bears be repealed and the bounty on wolves be reduced to five dollars, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER of Chesterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for a uniformity of school books throughout the State. And also of contracting with the publishers of such books as may be selected, to furnish them for a given number of years at a specific price, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ALLEN of Thomaston,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Prison be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the number of officers of the prison for the better security of the prisoners in said prison.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas Moore and others, against setting off Falls Island from Trescott to Pembroke. Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the bill in relation to the alteration of the Supreme Judicial Court, was taken from the table and was under consideration at the time the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield.

Remonstrance of S. L. Hill and 60 others, legal voters of Webster, against annexing any other territory to Webster from Greene than that prayed for in the petition of I. N. Davis and others.

Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the city council of Rockland, that Rockland be made a half-shire town for Lincoln county.

Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jonathan Spear and 17 others of the city of Rockland, that a lien law be passed to secure the rights of those furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting a bill, entitled An act in relation to directors of corporations.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. WOODBURY of Litchfield, by leave, laid upon the table, a Resolve abating tax on the town of Litchfield and assessing the same on the town of West Gardiner.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop,

Ordered, That when the question on the judiciary bill is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays.

A message was received from the Governor, by the Secretary of State, transmitting the information, that the Governor had, on the 16th day of February, A. D. 1857, approved and signed the bill, entitled An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property ;

Also, transmitting a copy of a communication from George M. Weston, commissioner to prosecute the claims of the State of Maine upon the government of the United States at Washington;

The communication was referred to the Joint Select Committee, having under consideration the claims of Maine against the government of the United States arising under the treaty of Washington.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the order by which the House directed the question upon the act relating to the Supreme Judicial Court, to be taken at 12 o'clock this day, be rescinded, and that the question thereon, be taken at 1 o'clock this day.

Read and passed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court, the question being upon the passage of the bill to be engrossed, at the time assigned by the House for the taking of the vote. The question was taken by yeas and nays, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by 107 yeas to 22 nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andrews, Adams, Allen, W. Brown, Banks, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Baker, Butler, Burr, W. M. E. Brown, Bickford, S. D. Brown, Dennett, Barron, G. W. Chadbourne, Church, Copp, Chandler, Campbell, Cotton, Cyr, Duren, Davis, Deveraux, N. C. Deering, Drummond, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Ford, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Fox, Guptill, Gowen, Given, Gross, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, Hall, J. Hobbs, Hilton, Hobson, J. S. Hobbs, Houghton, Hathaway, Hersey, Hammatt, Hichborn, Hinds, Holt, Joy, Jewell, Johnson, Kimball, Littlefield, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Linscott, Murch, Marston, Martin, Morse, T. Moulton, Merriam, D. Merrill, Milliken, Morrison, McKenney, Pool, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Roak, Robinson, Stone, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, G. Smith, Strickland, Steward, R. Smith, Stinchfield, S. B. Stone, Sawyer, Tolman, Tenney, Vinton, Walker, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, J. L. Weeks, Woodbury, Williamson, Weed.

NAYS—Messrs. Albee, Burleigh, Cragin, Clark, Came, Coffin, Crosby, Carr, J. H. Dunning, Foster, Hunter, Ingalls, S. Lewis,

G. H. Lewis, Lombard, C. F. Moulton, Pearson, Pike, Rowell, Tabbut, Talbot, R. Wells.

Mr. TALBOT of Lubec, moved that the House adjourn, but by a vote of 79 to 7, the House refused to adjourn.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported bill, entitled An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court, as truly and strictly engrossed; and the question being on its passage to be enacted, on motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais, the previous question was ordered, and the main question put, and the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Petition of William T. O'Brien of Bath, for change of name;
" of George J. Burns of Rockland, for change of name;
" of Matthew O'Brien of Bath, for change of name.

Read and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of C. R. Mallard and 77 others of Rockland, that Rockland be made a half-shire town for Lincoln county;

Petition of Ephraim Perry and 71 others, in aid of same;
" of William Wilson and 53 others, in aid of same;
" of Jonathan Spear and 40 others, in aid of same;
" of Asa Crockett and 69 others, in aid of same;
" of Samuel Rankin and 55 others, in aid of same;
" of John Bird and 69 others, in aid of same;
" of Joseph Farwell and 92 others, in aid of same;
" of N. A. Farwell and 61 others, in aid of same;
" of H. G. Berry and 53 others, in aid of same;
" of Knott Crockett and 45 others, in aid of same;

Petition of Charles McLoon and others, in aid of same;

“ of John Tobin and 124 others, for a new county;

Remonstrance of William Singer and others of Thomaston, against the removal of the Lincoln county buildings, or constituting a half-shire town in the eastern portion of said county;

The foregoing petitions and remonstrance were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Bryant and others, to be set off from South Thomaston and incorporated into a town by the name of Melrose.

Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Howe and others, in aid of the petition of Henry Upton.

Read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Charles T. Barker and others, ordering notice;

Report of same Committee, on petition of William Mitchell and others, ordering notice.

These reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of Ira Keys and others, officers of the Washington Guards of Orland, praying that the volunteer militia may receive compensation for each day's service in performing military duty;

Petition of Samuel L. Morris and others, for same;

“ of John L. Hodsdon and others, for same;

“ of John Carroll and others, for same;

“ of William H. Garnsey, in aid of same;

“ of John A. Elden and others, for change of militia law;

“ of G. J. Burns and others, for compensation to members of the uniformed militia;

Petition of E. F. Beal and others, for same;

“ of Samuel T. Beal and others, for same;

of A. H. Kelsey and others, for same;

Petition of James B. Beedle and others, for same ;

“ of Major General Wendall P. Smith and officers of fifth division Maine militia, for amendment of militia law ;

Petition of M. D. L. Lane and others, for same ;

“ of the commissioned officers of Portland regiment volunteer militia, for same ;

Petition of James Mann and others, for same ;

“ of G. V. Farnham and five other commissioned officers in the volunteer militia of Maine, for same ;

Petition of I. C. Weston and others, in aid of the volunteer militia ;

Petition of J. W. Mansfield, to be paid damage done his horse while doing military duty, in May, 1856 ;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. A. Fenderson and others, to amend city charter of Biddeford ;

Petition of Thomas Little and 92 others, praying that the municipal court in Augusta may be abolished ;

Petition of Joseph Springer and 41 others, for same ;

“ of C. E. Hayward and 9 others, for same ;

“ of F. W. Brann and 21 others, for same ;

“ of James W. Davis and 23 others, citizens of the town of Surry, for an amendment of the law in regard to the advertising of non-resident lands for unpaid taxes ;

Petition of E. E. Bourné and others, for the removal of the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court from Alfred to Saco ;

Petition of William Wyman and others, for a law more effectually to protect the raising of cranberries ;

Petition of Samuel G. Pike and others, for a reduction of salary of the judge of the police court at Calais ;

Petition of D. Alden and 110 others, for an alteration in the charter of the city of Augusta ;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the city of Portland, presenting account for supplies to troops, in June, 1855 ;

Claim of Daniel C. Emery against the State, for services as sheriff of Cumberland county ;

This petition and claim were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Virgin and 54 others, for the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Bridgton, for an appropriation for a road ;

Petition of inhabitants of Kingsbery, for an appropriation for a road ;

Petition of William M. Drury and 54 others, for aid in completing road from Kennebec river to Moosehead lake ;

Petition of Greenlief M. Fogg and others, for aid from the State to build a road from Greenbush to Lowell ;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of American Bank, for extension of time in paying in capital stock ;

Petition of the directors of the Ellsworth Bank, for leave to surrender its charter ;

Read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Nicola and Tomer Sabattis, in relation to taking census of Indians ;

Petition of G. A. Hudson, for protection against depredations of Passamaquoddy Indians ;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Josiah P. Bean, for compensation for injuries received while in the service of the State;

Petition of the selectmen of Kingfield, for abatement of State tax;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others, proprietors of Custom House Wharf, in Portland, for an act of incorporation;

Petition of David Talbot and others, that an act be passed prohibiting vessels mooring during the winter in the main passage of Rockport harbor;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Nickerson and others, inhabitants of incorporated towns in the county of Aroostook, praying for the passage of a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.

Read and referred to the Committee on Plantation Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Rodney G. Dennis and others, to be incorporated into a society by the name of the Somerset and Franklin Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles R. Porter and others, for an appropriation to grade the ground and erect a fence around the monument of the late Governor King.

Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of C. J. Fay and others, against the petition of Joseph Snow and others.

Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Mary Rockwood and another, against setting off their land from Augusta to Manchester.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Daniel Jones and 25 others, against the petition of citizens of Nobleborough and vicinity, in relation to mills and dams.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of Lee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering and amending the law granting bounty on wolves, that the bounty of eight dollars be raised to ten dollars, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, informing the House that the Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools has not as yet been deposited in his office for distribution.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Augusta, was laid on the table by Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais. This bill having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Agricultural Board. This resolve came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed. The House adopted the amendment, and the resolve having been read twice, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Petition of Elijah Upton, register of probate for the county of Sagadahoc, for increase of salary.

Read and referred to the delegation from Sagadahoc and the member from Webster.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

The bill, entitled An act additional to an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, was taken from the table and amended as per sheet marked A, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of F. M. Sabine and others, for an insolvent law, and on papers taken from the files in regard to same subject, asking to be relieved from any further consideration of the matter, and that the same may be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the delegation of Piscataquis county, on petition of James Bell, granting leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, with a resolve in favor of the State Reform School, came from the Senate, having been read and accepted.

The report was read and accepted, in concurrence, and the resolve was read once, and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Thomas Oliver and others, ordering notice returnable to present Legislature.

This report came from the Senate, having been recommitted. On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath, the report was amended by striking out the word "eighth" and instead thereof inserting the word "tenth," and as amended, accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Charles W. and Rebecca Curtiss, granting leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell, Lucy Stone, and Ernestine L. Rose, praying for a law to secure women's rights.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House non-concurred, and referred to a Joint Select Committee of ten, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, and Messrs. Talbot of Lubec, Pearson of Machias, Parlin of Winthrop, Allen of Thomaston, Buxton of Warren, Brown of Solon, Brown of Milford, Milliken of Camden, Pierce of Montville, and Murch of Dayton, were appointed said committee, on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Chester and 56 others, praying that the public land reserved for school purposes in said town, be made equal to other lands in said town.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and was referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Henry Upton, for pension.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, and was referred, in concurrence.

Order to the Judiciary Committee in relation to the misappropriation of money raised for the support of district schools, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in referring the order to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referring the same to the Committee on Education. The House reconsidered the vote referring the order to the Judiciary Committee, and referred, in concurrence.

Order relating to furnishing surviving members of the Constitutional Convention, with a copy of the journal of said convention, came from the Senate, having been read and passed therein.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Account of J. Y. McClintock, for services as sheriff of the county of Waldo, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Accounts, and was referred, in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of Lisbon Academy, for endowment.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Education, and was referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Phillis Russell of Deer Isle, for the conveyance to

her as heir, a lot of two hundred acres of land, being lot No. 38, in township No. 4, of the Indian purchase, in Penobscot county, granted as bounty March 17, 1835.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and was referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act giving towns a lien on vessels for taxes. This bill came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in referring the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referring the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. The House reconsidered the vote referring to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr. FOX of Portland,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Assistant Clerk, the Clerk be authorized to employ another assistant.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the permanent school fund of this State, by appropriating thereto a per centum of the annual proceeds which shall hereafter accrue from the sales of the public lands.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus,

Ordered, That the petition of J. V. Putnam and others, citizens of the incorporated towns in the county of Aroostook, praying that all plantations organized for election purposes, that contain a suffi-

cient number of inhabitants, may be incorporated into towns, and for retrenchment of county expenses, together with the draft of bill to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements, and accompanying papers relating thereto, be taken from the files of last year, and referred to the Joint Select Committee to which was referred an order directing an inquiry into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to plantations.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORRISON of Farmington,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed, as soon as may be, 500 copies of the law, entitled An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property, approved February 16, 1857, and that the Secretary be requested to send 25 copies of the same to the high sheriff of each county, with instructions to place one copy in the hands of each deputy sheriff.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of George W. Smith, was on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath,

A bill, entitled An act relating to the municipal court of the city of Bath, was taken from the table, and on motion of Mr. BARRON of Topsham, it was again laid upon the table.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, by leave, laid upon the table a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Hollis Bowman and others, for an additional term or terms of the Supreme Judicial Court, for the trial of criminal causes in Penobscot county;

Petition of Hatch Thompson and others, that guards may be placed on the roofs of slated buildings, so as to prevent damage by snow slides;

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles H. Hall, that expenses incurred by him in removing a prisoner from the Reform School to Penobscot jail, be refunded to him by the State.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. M. Baker, for an allowance of his account.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Goldthwaite and others, for restoration of town line between Manchester and Augusta;

Petition of S. G. Stevens and others, to be set off from the town of Glenburn and annexed to the town of Levant;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus Fenderson and 105 others, in aid of the petition of R. S. Morse and others, for an alteration of county and town lines.

Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel W. Bradley, for an extension of time for cutting timber upon township 7, range 16;

Remonstrance of William Lunt and others, against Holland log rule being established as the State rule;

This petition and remonstrance were severally read, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Gray, for an academy.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Wm. W. Virgin and others, asking that compensation may be made to the members of the several uniformed volunteer companies of the militia of this State.

Read and referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Eliphalet Clark and others of Portland, asking to be incorporated into a manufacturing company.

Read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. P. Boyce and others of Portland, against the repealing of the 9th section of chapter 651.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, a bill, entitled An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 5 in the town of Otisfield.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed, a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company.

These bills were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the Report of the Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, recommending that the same be placed on file.

Read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor by the Secretary of State, transmitting the information that An act to amend the 31st section of chapter 25 of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways, received his approval and signature on the 17th instant. Also, An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court, received his approval and signature on the 18th instant.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That 10 o'clock, A. M. be the hour of meeting hereafter, until otherwise ordered.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

The House considered the bill entitled An act additional to an act entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the bill was laid upon the table, and Tuesday next at 11 o'clock, assigned for the further consideration thereof.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate:

Bill An act relating to the municipal court of the city of Biddeford. This bill was received from the Senate, amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

This bill having had three several readings and amended, in concurrence, and further amended as per sheet B, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting bill An act respecting judicial proceedings.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. The report was read and accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of J. K. Killsa, for expense incurred in taking care of a member of a former Legislature.

This report came from the Senate, recommitted, and was recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Josiah A. Judkins, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Charles E. Randlett and others, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Joshua Jenks and others, to be set off from Bridgton Center Fire Company, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the St. Croix Insurance Company.

This bill came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, on petition of the city council and others of Rockland, praying for a half-shire town, ordering notice.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong and to add the same to the State tax of the town of New Vineyard.

This resolve came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed, and having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Stevens, praying that the Land agent be authorized to convey to him a lot of land in No. 11, range 5;

Petition of Samuel A. Gilman, for an extension of time of the right to cut timber on south half of township No. 2, range 3, west from the east line of the State;

These petitions came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of John P. Carter and others of Bluehill, for the protection of sheep and deer.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House non-concurred in referring to the Judiciary Committee, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Sturdivant, agent of Cumberland Marine Railway, Portland, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

Mr. COPP of Liberty, by leave, laid upon the table a bill, entitled An act to authorize the business of banking.

Referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Copp of Liberty, Stone of Brewer, Woodman of Bucksport, Morrison of Farmington, Strickland of Bangor, Tolman of Rockland, and Merrill of Harmony, with such as the Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

The bill, entitled An act to incorporate the St. Croix Insurance Company, was taken from the table and re-committed to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance, on petition of Thomas Snow, for abatement of State tax, granting leave to withdraw.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to increasing fees of justices of the peace.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on petition of the board of education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, giving the petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act to change the name of the board of education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Report read and accepted. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Judiciary Committee, reported, on petition of inhabitants of first school district in Bucksport, a bill, entitled An act relating to the first school district in Bucksport.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order in relation to property of deceased married women, was re-committed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill, entitled An act respecting the redemption of lands sold for taxes, reporting that the bill ought to pass. On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the bill was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition of York and Cumberland Railroad Company, for an amendment of charter, ordering notice.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported on petition of Benjamin Litchfield and others, ordering notice.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government. This bill, having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ADAMS of Newfield, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolve abating tax on the town of Litchfield, and assessing the same on West Gardiner, reported the same, which was read once and Monday next assigned for its second reading ;

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on a resolve to promote education among the Penobscot Indians, reported the same ;

Mr. WOODBURY, from same Committee, on rendering aid to the Indians of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes, reported a resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians, and resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;

And the same were severally read once, and assigned for February 25th for a second reading.

Mr. HICHBORN, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, reported a bill, entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, passed August 14, 1849 ;

The same gentleman, from same Committee, on petition of C. H. Waterhouse and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company ;

And the same were severally twice read, and Monday next assigned for their third reading.

Mr. POOL, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice on petition of Andrew J. Donnell and others, and the same was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOX of Portland, was excused, on his own request, from further service on the Joint Special Committee in relation to the incorporation of towns in Aroostook county, and Mr. MORSE of Paris, was appointed on said Committee in his stead.

Communication of the Secretary of State, and papers accompanying the same, in relation to claims of Abial McAllister, were taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Cinderilla Morang, for change of name;

“ of Temperance Boyd, for same;

“ of Amelia H. Phipps, for same;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Benjamin Chadbourne, for military pension;

“ of William A. Harvey and others, in aid of same;

These petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of David S. Plumly and others, for an insolvent law.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Solon, by leave, laid upon the table a bill, entitled An act additional to the 69th chapter of the revised statutes.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation may be necessary to compel the re-payment of taxes where real estate is redeemed from the levy of an execution by those who may redeem the same.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to prepare and report to this House, a bill fixing the necessary number

of bank commissioners, their compensation, and authorizing the Governor and Council to draw warrants for the same.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Militia be directed to designate one member of said Committee to visit Bangor, and ascertain what repairs, if any, are necessary to be made on the State Arsenal building located in that place, in order to preserve the public property deposited therein.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1857.

No chaplain present.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of William Wyman and others, for law more effectually to protect the raising of cranberries.

This petition came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in referring said petition to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referring the same to the Committee on Agriculture.

The House receded, and referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas D. Boyd and 51 others, for an insolvent law.

This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Referred, in concurrence.

Order instructing the Committee on Manufactures to inquire into the expediency of exempting certain property from taxation.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and was read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on order relating to increase of salary of judge of probate of Sagadahoc, that the order ought to pass.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and the order having been read and passed, on motion of Mr. TOLMAN of Rockland, the report was ordered to lie on the table.

Bill An act in relation to judicial proceedings.

This bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Thomas Brastow, ordering notice returnable to present Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on order requiring assessors to procure estimated value of certain agricultural products, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the same Committee, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to Agricultural Chemistry, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Robert Woodhouse and others.

Report of delegation of Kennebec county, on petition of register of probate for said county, for increase of salary, granting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Robert Patterson.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of William E. Evans and others.

Report of the Committee on the Library, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Edward C. Parks, relative to the Maine State Register.

These reports were received from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers' Relief Association, and that the same ought to pass.

Report of same Committee, on bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company, that the same ought to pass.

These reports were received from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed; and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence. And the bills were severally read twice, and to-morrow assigned for a third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Wilton Manufacturing Company, granting said petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act to repeal an act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Johnson Rideout and others, granting said petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the City Insurance Company;

These reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed. They were severally read and accepted, in concurrence; the bills were each read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on order to inquire into the expediency of appointing a commissioner to the Agricultural Exhibition at Paris, in France, reporting a resolve for the representation of Maine in the Paris exhibition of agriculture in eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

This report came from the Senate, read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed. Read and accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 245 of the public laws of 1852.

This bill came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Revision of Public Laws.

Referred, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOULTON of Porter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 33 of the public laws of 1847, and chapter 79 of the laws of 1848, that any person or corporation

aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Examiners, or by the neglect or refusal of such board to examine and decide any case of insanity in their towns, may have a hearing before three justices of the peace and of the quorum, two to be selected as set forth in section 9, chapter 33 of the laws of 1847, and the third to be appointed by the two justices chosen as aforesaid, or to be selected in such other manner as shall preserve the rights of all parties.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of either increasing or discontinuing the appropriation now made for Teachers' Conventions.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further legislation to provide for the appointment of guardians to insane married women who are possessed of property in their own right, in cases where the husband is not able to support the wife, and is not fit to be or will not be appointed her guardian.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for a survey of a railroad route from Lincoln to some point on the Aroostook river best calculated to promote the interest of the State.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Newfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Insane Hospital be directed to consider the expediency of repealing chapter 268, statutes of 1856, providing for the partial support of insane paupers by the State, otherwise of so amending the act, that the entire support of such paupers may be charged to the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORRISON of Farmington,

Ordered, That the Land Agent be requested to furnish to this House a statement in detail of all sums of money paid into that department during the past year, by whom, and what for. Also, a detail of all sums now due or owed, in the form of notes, bills receivable, mortgages, &c., together with a detailed statement of all lands now owned by the State, in what county located, estimated number of acres of settling and timber lands respectively, with their estimated value, with the liabilities and debts of the department annexed, and that the Clerk is hereby directed to have 350 copies of the report printed for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of George D. Bacon and others, inhabitants of Unity plantation, for reduction of State valuation of said plantation.

This petition was by general consent received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bill An act additional to chapter 7 of the revised statutes respecting banks;

Bill An act to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church;

Bill An act in relation to directors of corporations;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, passed August 14, 1849;

Bill An act in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom;

The foregoing bills having each been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having severally had three several readings, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of the treasurer of Cutler, reported a resolve for the abatement of State tax on the town of Cutler.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and assigned for to-morrow for its second reading.

Mr. TOLMAN, from the Committee on County Estimates, to which was referred the several county estimates, reported a resolve

providing for the laying a tax on the several counties in the State.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Resolve abating the tax on the town of Litchfield and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on the Library, on bill providing for a State Librarian, and defining his duties, reported the same ought not to pass.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BUTLER, from the same Committee, on an order relative to the distribution of certain public documents, reported an order directing said documents to be distributed among the members of the Senate and House in the proportion indicated by the eleventh joint rule of the two Houses; and the same was read and accepted, and the order passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings, was, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, taken from the table, and amended as per sheet A, and on motion of Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry, it was recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act relating to the municipal court of the city of Biddeford, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, at his request, was excused from serving on the Joint Select Committee on the bill, entitled An act

to authorize the business of banking, and Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport was appointed in his place.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield.

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Phipsburg, against petition of Thomas Oliver and others, praying that a portion of the town of Phipsburg be set off to Bath.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of O. L. Currier and others against setting off a portion of New Sharon to Industry;

Remonstrance of Simon Collins and 20 others, in relation to same;

These remonstrances were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Willard Clapp and 41 others, praying for an insolvent law.

Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Hanscom of Lee, for a military pension.

Read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta,

The House reconsidered the vote of yesterday passing a bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 77 of the revised statutes,

respecting banks, to be engrossed, and ordered the bill to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws of this State, that all money for the support of schools may be divided among the school districts, not in proportion to the number of scholars, but in proportion to the average attendance for the previous year.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GROSS of New Gloucester,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report an amendment to section 2d of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, by substituting the words "every three years," in the place of "annually," in the first line of said section, thereby making the county treasurer elected for three years, instead of one, as now provided.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 250 of the laws of 1856, entitled An act regulating conveyances by married women.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Penley and 70 others, for a law to prohibit the exhibition of circuses.

Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath,

The report of the delegation from Sagadahoc, on order relating to increase of salary of judge of probate of Sagadahoc, was taken from the table. The House non-concurred with the Senate in the passage of the order, and re-committed the report.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax on the town of Cutler.

This resolve, having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BUXTON, from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company, reporting the same with an amendment correcting the title.

Report accepted, amendment adopted, and the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve, reported by the Committee on Finance, laying a tax on the several counties of the State, being on its passage to a second reading, was, on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, laid on the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers' Relief Association ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

Bill An act to repeal An act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company ;

Bill An act to incorporate the City Insurance Company ;

These bills, having severally been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, without amendment, were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the subject of witness and jurors' fees, was, on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, taken from the table, and re-committed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Senate papers :

Resolve, for the representation of Maine in the Paris exhibition of agriculture, in 1857.

This resolve, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, without amendment, and having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Chadbourne, for military pension.

This petition came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in referring the petition to the Committee on Military Pensions, and referring the same to the next Legislature. The House receded, and referred, in concurrence.

Order in relation to the number of Bank Commissioners.

This order came from the Senate, amended by striking out "Judiciary" and inserting "Banks and Banking," and as amended the order passed therein. The House re-considered the vote whereby it passed the order, adopted the amendment of the Senate, and passed the order as amended, in concurrence.

Petition of William A. Harvey and others, in aid of the petition of Benjamin Chadbourne.

This petition came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in referring it to the Committee on Military Pensions, and referring the petition to the next Legislature. The House re-considered the vote referring to the Committee on Military Pensions, and referred, in concurrence.

The House took up the bill, entitled An act additional to an act entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, and it was under consideration when the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Remonstrance of Nathan Cutler and 118 others, against the petition of Luther Luce and others, for the annexation of a part of Industry to Farmington;

Remonstrance of inhabitants of the town of Industry, against petition of Luther Luce and others;

These remonstrances were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Shepherd Bean and others, against the petition of John Tobin and others, for a new county.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. K. Porter and 26 others, for an insolvent law;

“ of Tyler Rice and others, for same;

Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of No. 11, range 5, in support of the petition of Edward Stevens.

Read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. Elliot and others, for a militia law;

“ of officers of the Brunswick Light Infantry, for same;

“ of W. G. Davis and others, that compensation may be allowed to the volunteer militia;

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. J. Royal and others, inhabitants of incorporated towns in the county of Aroostook, praying for the passage of a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.

Read and referred to the Joint Select Committee on Incorporation of Plantations.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Killbourne and 31 others, for change in the law in relation to the residence of paupers;

Bill An act in relation to justices of the peace, laid on the table by Mr. VINTON of Gray;

The foregoing petition and bill were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties of the State.

This resolve having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been twice read, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TOLMAN of Rockland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the pension now paid to Peter S. Folsom.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Joint Select Committee to which was referred an order respecting plantations, be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law requiring towns to relieve persons falling into distress in adjoining unincorporated places.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Brewer,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish for the information of the Legislature, a detailed account of the expenditures, under the three following items, in the appropriation acts of 1856 : clerk hire, contingent fund of Governor and Council,

and contingent fund of Treasurer, showing to whom, and when paid, for what services, the amount claimed, and the amount allowed.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Board of Agriculture.

This resolve, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, having had two several readings, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong, and to add the same to the State tax of the town of New Vineyard. On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, this resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of E. A. Fenderson and others, granting the petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford.

Report accepted, and the rules having been suspended, the bill had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians;

“ in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ in favor of the State Reform School;

“ to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians;

The foregoing resolves having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having severally had two readings, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. VINTON, from the Judiciary Committee, on order directing inquiry to be made into the expediency of amending chapter 18, section 10 of the revised statutes, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Agriculture, on order making inquiry into the management of Cumberland County Agricultural

Society for the year 1856, reported a statement of facts, and a resolve in favor of Cumberland County Agricultural Society.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes. On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, this resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Military Pensions for a statement of facts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year 1855.

Recommitted to the Committee on Claims for a statement of facts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Senate papers:

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of D. G. Cook and others, granting leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on the petition of Silas S. Low, reporting a resolve in favor of Silas S. Low.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed. Report was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on the petition of Henry Upton of Norway, for pension, reporting a resolve in favor of Henry Upton.

This report came from the Senate, the report read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed. Report read and accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Order on Judiciary Committee, relating to jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and was read and passed, in concurrence.

Resolve for encouragement of building mills in township Letter C, range 1.

This resolve came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and was referred, in concurrence.

The following message from the Governor came from the Senate :

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

As it will become necessary, on the 4th proximo, to enter upon the duties of Senator in Congress, conferred upon me in your kindness and confidence, and for which I desire to express my grateful acknowledgment, I hereby resign the office of Governor, to take effect on the 26th inst.

H. HAMLIN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Feb. 25, 1857. }

Petition of Hancock Bank, for increase of its capital stock.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Gullifer & Gilman and 63 others, of Bangor, against the passage of an insolvent law.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act additional to an act, entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, and further considered the same, and pending the bill, on its passage to be engrossed, the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. JAKES of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of William Wirt Virgin and 40 others, for an insolvent law.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Referred, in concurrence.

Order to Committee on State Reform School, in relation to furnishing copies of Collins' General Atlas ;

Order to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, relative to further legislation against fraudulent or insolvent insurance companies out of the State ;

Order to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in relation to the transfer of railroad shares ;

These orders came from the Senate, having been severally read and passed therein. They were severally read, and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill, entitled An act giving towns a lien on vessels for taxes, reporting legislation inexpedient.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read, and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, on petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others, ordering notice.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read, and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Levi Hays and others, granting said petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act repealing all laws relating to the inspection of hops.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report read, and accepted, in

concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Revision of Statutes, reporting in part, to wit: upon titles seventh and tenth, reporting that they ought to be passed to be engrossed.

This report was received from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and title seventh passed to be engrossed, and title tenth amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed. The report was read, and accepted, in concurrence, and the rules having been suspended, title seventh was read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. The House non-concurred in the amendment to title tenth, as per sheet A, and it having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. MAGOUN of Lincoln, informing the House of Representatives that in the absence of JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS, the Senate had made choice of HIRAM CHAPMAN as President of the Senate, *pro tempore*.

Mr. CHADBOURNE, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, a bill, entitled An act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford;

Mr. DEERING, from the same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, a bill, entitled An act respecting judicial proceedings;

And said bills having severally had three several readings, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Thomas B. Moore, praying to be set off from Littleton and annexed to Houlton;

Remonstrance of Edward Staples and 95 others, citizens of Farmington, against the petition of Luther Luce and others;

The foregoing petition and remonstrance were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance from the town of Thomaston, against the removal of the county buildings.

Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Lemuel N. Tracy and others, inhabitants of incorporated towns in the county of Aroostook, praying for the passage of a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.

Read and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Plantations.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of Eben Trafton, treasurer of Masardis, for bounties on bears. Read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Columbus Crockett, for remuneration for money paid and services in the Aroostook expedition;

Claim of the town of Moscow, for conveyance of insane pauper to Insane Hospital;

The foregoing petition and claim were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Smith Barber and others, for an amendment to the law regulating the settlement of paupers.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on order relating to uniformity of school books, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE of Vienna,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture, be required to look into the expediency of passing an act providing for bounty on crows, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS of Glenburn,

Ordered, That the petition of A. C. Buffum and others, and all the accompanying papers providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream,

be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HALL of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the laws relating to the inspection of butter and lard, flaxseed, pressed hay, and other agricultural products, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled *An act additional to an act entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, and further considered the same*; and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until Wednesday next at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. GARITY of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of I. Sturdevant, agent, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill *An act in relation to directors of corporations*;

Bill *An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, passed August 14, 1849*;

Bill *An act to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*;

The foregoing bills having severally been reported by the Committee on Engrossed bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, and each of said bills having had three several readings, they were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve abating tax of town of Litchfield and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner;

Resolve for the representation of Maine in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture in 1857;

Resolve in favor of Silas S. Low;

The foregoing resolves having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, and having severally had two readings, were finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on order in relation to increasing the pay of witnesses and jurors, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Finance, on order instructing them to inquire into the expediency of laying a State tax of two hundred thousand dollars for the present year, reported a bill, entitled An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1857.

Report read and accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. HOLT, from the Committee composed of the joint delegation of Oxford county, on petition of Thomas H. Brown for increase of salary as judge of probate for the county of Oxford, reported giving to said petitioner leave to withdraw.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act respecting the redemption of lands sold for taxes, was on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, taken from the table, and having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill, entitled An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, reported a bill, entitled An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes.

Report read and accepted. Bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND, laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the City Insurance Company;

The foregoing bills having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, and having severally had three readings, were passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing jury fees, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution to the members of the House the Second Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, and the Report and Resolves of the Legislature of 1847, respecting International Exchanges.

Mr. CHADBOURNE, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order in relation to altering the 25th chapter of the revised statutes, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Charles Cayford, ordering notice.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, on petition of S. G. Stephens and others, ordering notice.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted. The House amended said report, by striking out "25th" and inserting instead thereof "18th," and as amended, accepted the report.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve respecting French Spoliations.

This resolve came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of W. B. Hayford and others, for a charter to build a boom across the east branch of the Penobscot river, ordering notice.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Tallman Lowell and others, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, the report was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Thomas J. Haines and others, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw.

This report was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a resolve to promote the education of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Report accepted, resolve read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Ellsworth Bank, for remission of bank tax, reported resolve in favor of Ellsworth Bank.

Report read and accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of

Ellsworth Bank, for leave to surrender its charter, reported granting leave to withdraw.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on Claims, reported a statement of facts to accompany a resolve in favor of temporary clerks in the office of Secretary of State for 1855.

Report read and accepted, and the resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Petition of John C. Cummings and others, inhabitants of Letter C, range 1, in the county of Aroostook, praying for a grant of land to aid in building mills in said township.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association, laid on the table by Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1857.

No Chaplain present.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill An act to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns.

This bill came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, and the rules having been suspended, it had three several readings in the House, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Daniel Hopkins, for indemnity for damages by loss of two horses ;

Report of same Committee, upon the claim of Robert Martin ;

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Hannah Murphy ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, upon the petition of the selectmen of Industry ;

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Arthur L. Grant ; and also on divers petitions in aid of same ;

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on petition of overseers of the poor of the town of Blanchard ;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, severally granting the petitioners and claimants, leave to withdraw, and severally read and accepted.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on order directing them to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 196 of the public laws of 1856 ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of 1854, entitled An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth.

These reports came from the Senate, having severally been read and accepted, on the report that legislation is inexpedient.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of York & Cumberland Railroad, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature.

This report came from the Senate, that branch having reconsidered the vote accepting the report, amended the same by striking out the word "ten," and inserting instead the word "eight"; also, by striking out the word "tenth," and inserting instead the word "thirteenth," and as amended, was accepted.

The House reconsidered its vote accepting the report, adopted the Senate amendments, and accepted the report, in concurrence.

Petition of Henry C. Lovell and 110 others, praying that interest not exceeding seven per cent. on contracts secured by mortgage on real estate, may be legal.

This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Referred, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John Saunders and others of Trescott, against setting off Mahars island, and annexing it to the town of Pembroke.

This remonstrance came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Referred, in concurrence.

Order on the Judiciary Committee, directing them to inquire into the expediency of altering the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and was read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PEARSON of Machias,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what legislation is necessary to make married women doing business in their own name, or on their own account, liable for their accounts, notes and contracts, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STONE of Brewer, offered the following order, which, on his motion, was laid upon the table:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Revision of the Laws be

required to strike out of title 1st, chapter 6, section 118, line seven, the words "and seal."

On motion of Mr. STONE of Brewer,

Ordered, That a Committee of three be raised to report to this House as soon as may be, the amount of pay to be allowed hereafter to the deputies or principal clerks in the several State departments, to the messengers and their assistants for the Governor and Council, Senate and House of Representatives, and to such other clerks and officers as have been heretofore, or should be hereafter provided for by law, that the same may be incorporated into the revision in their proper place.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Stone of Brewer, Duren of Calais, and Deering of Denmark, were appointed said Committee.

Bill An act to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns;

Bill An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;

Bill An act in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom;

Bill An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers' Relief Association;

Bill An act to repeal an act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company;

The foregoing bills having had three several readings, and been severally reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution to the House of Representatives, an abstract of the semi-annual returns of the several banks in this State, for January, 1857.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School;

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax in the town of Cutler;

These resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Accounts, reported a resolve for paying roll of accounts No. 37.

Report accepted, resolve read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting a bill, entitled An act in relation to wills.

This report came from the Senate, the report having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1857.

This bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves respecting French Spoliations.

Read twice and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Ellsworth Bank.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Hannah Murphy. On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of Tremont, the House reconsidered the vote accepting said report, and re-committed the same.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, by which a resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State in 1855, was passed to be

engrossed, and the motion be laid upon the table, and Monday next assigned for the consideration of the same.

Petition of the selectmen of Mount Desert and Tremont, to amend the act of incorporation of the town of Tremont;

Remonstrance of P. G. Eaton and 268 others, citizens of the town of Prospect, against a division of said town.

The foregoing petition and remonstrance were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1857.

No chaplain present.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting a bill, entitled An act granting further powers and privileges to agricultural and horticultural societies;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Horace Mixer, reporting a bill, entitled An act to set off part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick, and annex the same to Penobscot;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Moses Gould and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Daniel Sargent, 2d, and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company;

The aforesaid reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed, and the

reports were severally accepted, in concurrence. Each of said bills had two several readings, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting a resolve in favor of Silas Coburn and B. H. Chesley;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on claim of the town of Cherryfield, reporting a resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield, for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper;

Report of same Committee, reporting a resolve appropriating school money to Hancock plantation;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence. And each of said resolves was read once, and Wednesday, March 11th, assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to prohibition of circuses, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on sundry petitions in regard to a law to prevent the exhibition of circuses, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw;

Report of same Committee, on order directing inquiry whether any further legislation is necessary to protect *bona fide* creditors and stockholders of corporations, reporting the same, and asking that the order be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

Report of the Cumberland delegation, on petition of Aaron B. Holden, for increase of his salary as register of probate for said county, granting said petitioner leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Benjamin B. Benson and others, ordering notice;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted.

Accepted, in concurrence.

Order to Judiciary Committee, to inquire in relation to granting creditors interest on accounts of more than six months standing;

Order on same Committee in relation to the manner of choosing selectmen;

These orders came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and they were severally read, and passed, in concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to wills. On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the bill was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of Isabel Butterfield and others, women of Maine, for a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks;

Petition of Lucy A. Hunt and others, for same;

These petitions were read, and severally referred to the Joint Special Committee having under consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to a prohibitory liquor law;

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Eben Hilton and 68 others, for additional enactments to lien laws on ships.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Referred, in concurrence.

Remonstrances of James Cooper and others, of No. 7, range 3, against the petition of John Tobin and others, for a new county;

Remonstrance of James Butterfield and others, of Springfield, against the same;

Remonstrance of Ezekiel Brown and others, of Carroll, against the same;

The above remonstrances were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, laid upon the table a bill, An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company, and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

The order offered by Mr. STONE of Brewer, on Saturday, in relation to amending chapter 6, section 18, of revised statutes, was, on motion of Mr. STONE, taken from the table.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before the House the report of the commissioners of the State prison.

Read and passed.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Petition of John Baker, of Madawaska, laid on the table by Mr. CYR of Madawaska, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the commissioners appointed to take account of stock, tools, &c., in the State prison at Thomaston. On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais, 350 copies of the foregoing report were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting a detailed account of expenditures under the following items of appropriation for 1856: Clerk hire, contingent fund of Governor and Council, and contingent fund of State Treasurer. On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais, ordered, that 350 copies of said statement be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians;

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

The foregoing resolves, having had two several readings, and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to amend an act for the better security of the moneys in the State treasury. On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath, the foregoing bill was taken from the table and referred to the committee having under consideration the subject of increase of salaries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STONE, from the committee on order to report amount of salaries for clerks in Secretary of State's office, messengers, &c., made a report, which, on motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of Charles Gay and 45 others, for alteration of law relating to ways.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act relating to certain officers of towns and other corporations, laid upon the table, by Mr. BROWN of Solon.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH, from the Committee on Change of Names, on petitions of divers persons for change of names, made a report granting leave to said petitioners to bring in a bill, entitled An act to change the names of certain persons.

Report accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

Senate papers :

Report of Committee on Insane Hospital, on order relative to repeal of chapter 268 of statutes of 1856, reporting legislation inexpedient ;

Report of Committee on Division of Towns, upon petition of J. H. Clark and others, to be set off from No. 9 and annexed to the town of Franklin, granting said petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act to set off a part of No. 10 and annex it to the town of Franklin. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for a third reading ;

Report of delegation from the county of Sagadahoc, on order relative to increase of salary of judge of probate for said county, reporting a bill, entitled An act establishing the salary of the judge of probate for Sagadahoc county. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading ;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and were accepted, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Revision of Statutes, reporting title twelfth, and that the same ought to pass to be engrossed.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and said title passed to be engrossed. Accepted, in concurrence, the title read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve in favor of Henry Upton ;

“ to promote the education of Passamaquoddy Indians ;

“ in favor of Cumberland County Agricultural Society ;

The foregoing resolves, having severally had two readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William M. Reed and 121 others, praying to be incorporated to build a bridge across the Kennebec river, at Bath.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Going Hathorn, for repeal of an act, approved April 9th, 1856, chapter 271, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

Resolve for paying roll of accounts No. 37. On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the resolve was ordered to lie on the table.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Richards and 39 others, against the petition of Jason Hillborn to form the West Androscoggin Agricultural Society ;

Remonstrance of Darius Forbes and others, in aid of same;

These remonstrances were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the claim of the town of Cherryfield for remuneration for expenses incurred in supporting an insane pauper, reporting a resolve in favor of said town of Cherryfield. On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, the report was recommitted for a statement of facts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Francis G. Penley, for change of name.

Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of J. B. Cahoon and others, citizens of Portland, for amendment of city charter ;

Petition of Lewis Williams and others, for a law to close up copartnership concerns where one of the partners lives out of the State ;

The foregoing petitions were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. Ham and others, in aid of petition of J. Lowell and others, for a new bank at Lewiston.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Babb and others, against the petition of the inhabitants of Nobleborough;

Remonstrance of S. Glidden and others, against the same petition;

The foregoing remonstrances were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of David Wooster and 112 others, voters of North Haven, against the petition of William Frye and others of North Haven, for an alteration of the law with regard to roads in North Haven.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GILBERT of Bath, laid upon the table, a remonstrance of George F. Patten and 100 others, against the repeal of the 9th section of An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations.

Bill An act for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company. This bill having had three several readings, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, called up the motion to reconsider the vote passing a resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the Secretary of State's office in 1855, and the House refused to reconsider the vote by which the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the selectmen of Oldtown and Burlington, reported granting said petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes.

Report read and accepted. Bill laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, and 500 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of Samuel F. Perley and others, in aid of petition relating to meteorological observations.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, by the Secretary of State, transmitting information to the House, that the following bills, to wit :

Bill An act relating to the municipal court of the city of Biddeford, was approved and signed by the Governor, February 25, 1857;

Bill An act respecting judicial proceedings;

Bill An act in relation to the directors of corporations; were severally approved and signed on the 27th of February, 1857.

On motion of Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law the assize of bread offered or intended to be offered for sale in the market, and that they be directed to report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Brewer,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Militia be required to report to the Legislature, the total cost to the treasury of the State, of the military department of the government for the last year, including the expense of the Adjutant General's office.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McKENNEY of Limington,

Ordered, That the petition of Arthur McArthur and others, for an endowment for Limington academy, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DENNETT of Kittery,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 28 of the second title of the revision of the laws respecting tippling shops, by inserting after the word plantations, in the fifth line of the 6th section, the following,

viz: "under such restrictions and regulations as they may deem necessary," and report as they think expedient.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any, and what alterations in chapter 277 of the public laws of the year 1856, relating to electors and elections be expedient, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

The House took up the bill specially assigned for to-day, entitled An act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, and considered the same, and pending the bill upon its passage to be engrossed, the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to conveyance of dower, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of H. C. Pierce and others;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Gay and others;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, ordering notice on petition of David Talbot and others.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of Jotham S. Dyer and others, of Eastbrook and Waltham, for the increase of bounty on wolves.

This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Referred, in concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was recommitted a resolve in relation to township L, range 2, reported the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass.

Report read and accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Title twelfth of the revised laws, having been amended in concurrence with the Senate, as per sheet A, and the same having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes, laid on the table by Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel S. Lambert and 54 others, citizens of Phillips, praying for a prohibitory liquor law.

Referred to the Joint Select Committee, having under consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to a prohibitory liquor law.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Bryant and 97 others, for alteration in law in relation to mill dams.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Darius Forbes, Thomas Mabry, and E. G. Buxton, for services rendered the State in 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FLETCHER of China,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted

to the Maine Historical Society, to hold their meetings this afternoon and evening.

Read and passed.

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians;

“ in favor of Ellsworth Bank;

“ in favor of Spencer G. Bowes;

Resolves respecting French spoliations;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were each finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Ordered, That when the question upon the passage of the bill, entitled An act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, to be engrossed, is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays.

Petition of Zetham F. Perry, in aid of the petition of Wilson Hichborn and others, for the division of the town of Prospect.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Aaron Adams and 37 others, for an act to enable the town of Harpswell to build a road across tide waters.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act establishing the salary of the judge of probate for Sagadahoc county.

This bill being upon its passage to a third reading, on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, it was ordered to lie upon the table.

Bill An act to provide for the trial of capital cases, laid on the table by Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of

certain railroad corporations; and Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, moved to amend the bill as per sheet B. Mr. DRUMMOND moved an amendment to the amendment on sheet B, as per sheet C, and the question being on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the question was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, and the amendment as per sheet C, was adopted by yeas 66, nays 54, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andrews, Albee, Bickford, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, G. W. Chadbourne, Crosby, Copp, Cyr, Dennett, Deblois, N. C. Deering, Drummond, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Fox, Gross, Garcelon, Hamblen, Hall, Hilton, Hobson, Hunter, Houghton, Hersey, Hammatt, Hichborn, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Kimball, Leavitt, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Leadbetter, G. H. Lewis, Lane, Lombard, Martin, Morse, Merriam, Milliken, Morrison, McKenney, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, G. Smith, Strickland, Steward, R. Smith, Stinchfield, S. B. Stone, Sawyer, Woodman, Whitaker, Webber, R. Wells.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Allen, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, Baker, W. M. E. Brown, Burleigh, Barron, Clark, Came, Coffin, Chandler, Cotton, Davis, J. H. Dunning, Day, Deveraux, Danforth, Ford, Foster, A. Fletcher, Guptill, Gowen, Given, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, Houdlette, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Jewell, Johnson, S. Lewis, Linscott, Murch, Marston, T. Moulton, D. Merrill, Marshall, Pool, Pike, Robinson, S. Stone, Silsby, Sampson, Tabbut, Tenney, Vinton, E. Wells, Walker, W. Weeks, Woodbury, Williamson.

The amendment as per sheet B, offered by Mr. JOHNSON, was adopted; and the question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, and the yeas and nays having been ordered on the same, the bill passed to be engrossed, by yeas 68, nays 52, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andrews, Allen, Albee, Bickford, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, G. W. Chadbourne, Crosby, Copp, Chandler, Cyr, Deblois, N. C. Deering, Drummond, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Fox, Gross, Garcelon, Hamblen, Hall, Hilton, Hobson, Hunter, J. S. Hobbs, Houghton, Hersey, Hammatt, Hichborn, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Kimball, Leavitt, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Leadbetter, G. H. Lewis, Lane, Lombard, Martin, Morse, Merriam, Milliken, Mor-

risson, McKenney, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, G. Smith, Strickland, Steward, R. Smith, Stinchfield, S. B. Stone, Sawyer, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, Baker, W. M. E. Brown, Burleigh, Barron, Clark, Came, Coffin, Cotton, Dennett, Davis, J. H. Dunning, Day, Deveraux, Danforth, Ford, Foster, A. Fletcher, Guptill, Gowen, Given, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, J. Hobbs, Hathaway, Jewell, Johnson, S. Lewis, Linscott, Murch, Marston, T. Moulton, D. Merrill, Marshall, Pool, Pike, Robinson, S. Stone, Silsby, Sampson, Tabbut, Tenney, Vinton, E. Wells, Walker, W. Weeks, Woodbury, Williamson.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

Resolve in relation to township L, range 2.

This resolve, having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government, approved February 28, 1857, laid on the table by Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, and on his motion the rules were suspended, and the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Henry Upton.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act for the assessment of a State tax, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, amounting to two hundred thousand and nine hundred twenty-nine dollars thirty cents;

Bill An act for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company;

Bill An act respecting the redemption of land sold for taxes;

Bill An act additional to an act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government, approved February 28, 1857;

The foregoing bills having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, in the year of our Lord 1855. On motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Litchfield, the House indefinitely postponed the resolve.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House indefinitely postponed the foregoing resolve, and the House refused to reconsider its vote. The resolve was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians, and that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on order directing said Committee to inquire into the expediency of abolishing jury fees, reported a bill, entitled An act to abolish jury fees and to amend chapter 151 of the revised statutes. Report read and accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. HAMMATT, from the Joint Special Committee, to which was referred the order relating to the communication of the Governor in relation to the claims of this State, under the treaty of Washington, reported a resolve for the purchase of lands for French settlers, in Aroostook county; and on motion of Mr. HAMMATT, it was

ordered to lie upon the table, and 350 copies thereof be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. FOX, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred several petitions praying for the passage of an insolvent law, reported the draft of a bill, and recommending that the report lie on the table, and be printed for the use of the Legislature. Report accepted, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Judiciary Committee, to which was referred an order to inquire into the expediency of an alteration of chapter 277 of the public laws of 1856, relating to electors and elections, reported a bill, entitled An act additional to the law relating to elections. Report accepted. Bill read twice. On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, it was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on order in relation to the expediency of further legislation in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property, reported a bill, entitled An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, it was ordered to lie upon the table, and 350 copies thereof printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws, passed A. D. 1845.

This bill came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, it was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. GARCELON, from the Committee on Education, on bill An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity, reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill, An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company, reported that the bill ought to pass;

Mr. FOX, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Robert Bowker and others, to be incorporated as a fire insurance company, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill heretofore reported by same committee, entitled An act relating to the property of deceased married women, reported the same in a new draft;

Mr. GIVEN, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of John W. Hall and others, for an act of incorporation, reported a bill to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company;

Mr. CHADBOURNE, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on petition of Benjamin Clark and others, reported a bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bowerbank;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and the bills were severally read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of David W. Campbell and another, reported a resolve in favor of A. Campbell & Co.;

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on Education, on order in relation to furnishing superintending school committees, supervisors and school district clerks, with a copy of the school laws of this State, reported a resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Resolves read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill An act to secure the safety of public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath, reported legislation inexpedient. On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, this report was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on order directing said committee to inquire into the expediency of requiring savings institutions to make returns annually, reported legislation thereon inexpedient;

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on Education, on petition of Trustees of Gould's Academy, and others in aid of same, reported granting said petitioners leave to withdraw ;

Mr. BICKNELL, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of proprietors of Gardiner and Pittston Bridge, reported granting said petitioners leave to withdraw ;

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, to which was referred a bill, entitled An act to provide for the collection of taxes in unincorporated places on lands of non-resident proprietors, reported that the bill ought not to pass ;

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on Education, on petition of Trustees of Limerick Academy, for an appropriation to said institution, reported that said petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of

George L. Cox and others ;

Abel Hovey and others ;

D. W. Perry and others ;

Mark Shepherd and others ;

Lewis Silsby and others ;

William T. Thomas and others ; praying that the unpaid taxes of non-residents may be required to be published in the local papers.

Mr. MORRISON, from the Committee on Education, reported leave to withdraw on petition of the proprietors of Falmouth Academy and others, for aid to said institution ;

Mr. DEBLOIS, from the Judiciary Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on order directing said committee to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act entitled An act to repeal the 133d chapter of the public laws of 1855, approved January 23, 1856 ;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland.

This bill being on its passage to a third reading, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until Tuesday next, and it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons. Bill amended as per sheet A ;

Bill An act granting further powers and privileges to agricultural and horticultural societies ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Miller, jr. and 32 others, of Union, praying that Waldoborough may be made the shire town of Lincoln county.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Wheeler and others, for legalizing doings of milldam school district in Brewer.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of county commissioners of Sagadahoc county, for an act to authorize them to hire money to build a jail.

Referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Petition of Emily B. Marshall, for change of name.

Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. HOLT of Turner, presented the account of Job P. Leavitt against the State for collecting rifles, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Elliot Smith and 39 others, of Norway, against the formation of a new society to be called the West Androscoggin Agricultural Society.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the distribution of certain books in the library, laid on the table by Mr. STONE of Brewer, and

Referred to the Committee on the State Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate a company styled Whitney, Hamilton & Co., laid on the table by Mr. FOSTER of East Machias.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOX of Portland, laid upon the table the following resolve :

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be authorized to purchase 600 copies of the Maine State Register for 1857, prepared by Edward C. Parks, to supply the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, *provided* that they shall not exceed seventy-five cents per copy, and the Governor is authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

Referred to the Committee on State Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, therewith transmitting for distribution to the House of Representatives, an abstract of the returns of corporations, made to his office in January, 1857, for the year 1856.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden,

Ordered, That a committee of five, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Legislature relative to the decease of our distinguished countryman, the late Dr. KANE.

Read and passed, and

Messrs. Milliken of Camden, Hichborn of Prospect, Drummond of Waterville, Morrison of Farmington, and Foster of East Machias, were appointed said committee, on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Brewer,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of making the provisions of section 16 of chapter 6 of the revision, apply to the kinds of property mentioned in the first paragraph of section 11, same chapter, whether the property is owned by residents or non-residents.

On motion of Mr. WELLS of Freeport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the bank commissioners to ascertain whether any of the banks in this State are in the practice of receiving more than the legal rate of interest on their loans,

and if so, that they be directed to state the fact in their annual report; also,

Ordered, That the said Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of refusing a charter to any banks in this State, who have been in the habit of taking more than the legal rate of interest on their loans, on receiving satisfactory evidence thereof.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act establishing the salary of the judge of probate for Sagadahoc county, taken from the table on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, and considered.

Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, moved an indefinite postponement of the bill, and on motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath, the further consideration of the motion was postponed to Wednesday next.

Bill An act to set off part of No. 10, and annex it to the town of Franklin;

Bill An act repealing the acts in relation to hops;

Bill An act to set off part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick, and annex the same to Penobscot;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn, Jr., and B. H. Chesley;

Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield, for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, was, on motion of Mr. JEWELL of Phippsburg, taken from the table, and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Charles H. Hall, reporting a resolve in favor of said Hall.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was accepted, in concurrence. Resolved read once, and March 11th assigned for its second reading.

Order to the Judiciary Committee, in relation to the law of evidence.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and was read and passed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

The Clerk announced the absence of the Speaker, and presided during the organization of the House in the election of a Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. WELLS of Freeport, laid upon the table the following resolve:

Resolved, That in the absence of the Speaker, Hon. WARREN H. VINTON of Gray, be unanimously declared to be elected Speaker of the House *pro tem*.

Read and passed, and WARREN H. VINTON was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, informing that branch of the Legislature that the House had, in the absence of the Speaker, elected WARREN H. VINTON of Gray, as Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. FOSTER was charged with the message, and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

A message was ordered to be sent to the Governor and Council, conveying the information that, in the absence of the Speaker, the

House had made choice of WARREN H. VINTON of Gray, as Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. JOHNSON was charged with the message, and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Bill An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act relating to the property of deceased married women;

Bill An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity;

Bill An act to abolish jury fees, and to amend chapter 151 of the revised statutes;

Bill An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the reports accepted, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ in favor of A. Campbell & Co.;

“ authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the reports accepted, they were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to township L, range 2.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker *pro tem.*, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on order inquiring into the expediency of giving additional jurisdiction to justices of the peace, and of increasing the duty on commissions of same, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. L. Pike and 62 others, citizens of Sebago, in the county of Cumberland, praying for an alteration of the Constitution, so that the Legislature may meet once in two years.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. T. Hinds and others, of the county of Lincoln, for removal of county buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Castine, laid on the table by Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport.

Read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act fixing the liability of railroad corporations in certain cases, laid on the table by Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PEARSON of Machias, presented the claim of the treasurer of Whitneyville, for bounty on bears.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DANFORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on order directing them to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution, that the Governor and Senators may be chosen by a plurality vote, instead of a majority. On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the report was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bowerbank.

This bill, being upon its passage to a third reading, was, on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reporting title "eighth," and that it ought to pass to be engrossed;

Report of same Committee, reporting title three of the revised laws, and that it ought to pass to be engrossed;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and titles three and eighth passed to be engrossed.

Reports accepted, in concurrence. The rules were suspended, and the titles severally read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, on bill, entitled An act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes, and that the same ought to pass.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Read and accepted, in concurrence, and the rules having been suspended, the bill was read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of J. F. Chapman and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Accepted, in concurrence, rules suspended, and the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on order relating to a change in State Board of Agriculture.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted. On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, the report was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Abial McAllister;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of the selectmen of Manchester, for establishing town line;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas Webb, for law authorizing appeals in certain cases;

Report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Columbus Crockett.

Report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on petition of St. Albans Academy, for aid;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Moses G. Rollins;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of the Corinna Union Academy;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Nathaniel Brackett and others;

Report of same Committee, upon the petition of Thomas B. Moore to be set off from Littleton and annexed to Houlton, referring the same to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of amending pauper law of 1846, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of altering the Constitution, so as to make certain offices elective by the people, reported legislation inexpedient;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted therein, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Order directing the petition of C. P. Nash and others, to be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and was read and passed, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the purchase of 600 copies of the Maine State Register.

This resolve came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in referring to the Committee on the Library, and indefinitely postponing the resolve. The House receded from its vote and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, ordering notice on petition of James Bryant and others.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John S. Ayer and others, against granting new bank charters, or the renewal of bank charters where the capital is less than one hundred thousand dollars.

This remonstrance came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Referred, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order to consider the expediency of reducing the bounty on wild animals, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, upon the petition of Joseph Snow and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the town of Winn;

Report of same Committee, on petition of selectmen of Mount Desert and Tremont, reporting a bill, entitled An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to attachments, reporting a bill, entitled An act in relation to attachments;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bills severally passed to be engrossed. Reports severally accepted, in concurrence, bills severally read twice, and Monday next assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting a resolve to repeal part of a resolve, approved March 16, 1855.

The foregoing report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on Claims, upon petition of Harriet Doe, with an accompanying resolve.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, the report was recommitted for a statement of facts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Insane Hospital, upon petition of the selectmen of South Thomaston, reporting a resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of E. G. Buxton and others, with a statement of facts, and a resolve accompanying, as follows: resolve in favor of E. G. Buxton and others.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolves passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and Wednesday, March 18th, assigned for the second reading of each.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, upon the petition of Pearson, Crosby and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs in cities and villages;

Report of same Committee, on order respecting unwholesome meats, reporting a bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 163 of the revised statutes relating to the sale of unwholesome meats;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted therein, and the bills severally passed to be engrossed. The reports were severally accepted, in concurrence, and each bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of A. C.

Buffum, reporting a resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream;

Report of the Committee on Claims, upon the claim of George A. Fairfield, with a resolve in relation to commissioners at Washington accompanying;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolves passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted, in concurrence. Resolves severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of J. S. Holmes and others; also, on petition of J. P. Sweat and others, for aid to Foxcroft Academy, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate, recommitted, and was recommitted, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy.

This resolve came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Education, and was referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company.

This bill came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Manufactures, and was referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported without amendment, by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve to repeal part of a resolve, approved March 16, 1855.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, without amendment, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Winn.

This bill having had three several readings, and being reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln,

The vote passing the aforesaid bill to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and its further consideration postponed to Wednesday next.

Bill An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians.

This bill came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. Read twice, and on motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden, it was ordered to lie on the table. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown, the bill was taken from the table, and having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act relating to attachments.

This bill having had three several readings, and being upon its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, it was ordered to lie on the table.

Resolve in favor of the town of Castine.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, without amendment, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh, laid on the table by Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus, and referred to the Committee on the Pay Roll.

Mr. DEBLOIS, from the Committee composed of the delegation from Cumberland county, on petition of the commissioners of the county of Cumberland, reported a bill, entitled An act concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

The resolve for paying roll of accounts No. 37, was taken from the table, and considered, and on motion of Mr. HALL of Gorham, it was again ordered to lie upon the table.

Mr. DUNNING of Charleston, presented the claim of the treasurer of the town of Lagrange, for bounty paid on wild animals.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1857.

No chaplain present.

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Rumford, against the annexation of all the territory west of Ellis river, in the town of Rumford, to the town of Hanover;

Remonstrance of Stephen Bartlett and 23 others, against the same;

Remonstrance of Lyman Rawson, against the same;

The foregoing remonstrances were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of George F. Patten and 100 others, against the repeal of the ninth section of An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, was on motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath, taken from the table, and sent to the Senate.

Remonstrance of Cyrus Fassett and others, against an half-shire town in the county of Lincoln, and petition to make Waldoborough the shire town of the county;

Remonstrance of Horace Fassett and others, against the same, and petition for same;

The foregoing remonstrances and petitions were read, and severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker *pro tem.*, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Z. P. Wentworth and others, inhabitants of incorporated towns in the county of Aroostook, praying for the passage of a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee having the subject of the incorporation of towns in Aroostook county under consideration.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Nutt and another, for leave to build a fish weir and smoke house on State land at Pleasant Point in Perry.

Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the mayor and overseers of the poor of Bath, for payment for support of Jane Sutherland at the Insane Hospital.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the town of Warren, for alteration of law of 1844, relating to the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Robert Williamson and others, for an act of incorporation for manufacturing purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George H. Gardiner and 176 others, of Bath, in aid of the petition of Wm. M. Reed and others, for charter for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to encourage schools in Madawaska, laid on the table by Mr. CYR of Madawaska.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the communication of the Governor in relation to the claims of Maine under the treaty of Washington, was, on motion of Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, taken from the table, and Thursday next assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

The House reconsidered the vote recommitting the report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Harriet Doe to said Committee for a statement of facts, and the resolve accompanying the report was read once, and Wednesday, March 18th, assigned for its second reading.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Portland & Kennebec Railroad Company.

This bill came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Referred, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on remonstrance of David Wooster and others, asking to be excused from its further consideration, and recommending that said remonstrance be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Wilson Hichborn and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to divide the town of Prospect, and incorporate the southerly part into a town by the name of Stockton.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve for paying roll of accounts No. 37.

This resolve was taken from the table on motion of Mr. HALL of Gorham, and having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Baker and 44 others, for additional statute provisions for the lien of mechanics and others upon vessels.

This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of B. W. Mallett, asking pay for support of an alien pauper.

This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

Referred, in concurrence.

Order referring to a Joint Select Committee the resolutions from the State of New Hampshire, in relation to the introduction or importation of foreign paupers or criminals into this country, came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and Messrs. West of Lincoln, Hersey of Penobscot, and Wasson of Hancock, were appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Read and passed, in concurrence; and Messrs. Merrill of Harmony, Pike of Eastport, Gould of Casco, Houghton of Greenwood, Lombard of Wales, Cyr of Madawaska, and Fletcher of China, were joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. FORD of Monroe,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to consider the propriety of providing by law, that the towns and plantations in this State may grant and vote such sums of money as may be necessary for building, purchasing, and repairing of a hearse and hearse-house for the use of their citizens, and also to make valid the doings of towns that may have voted sums the present month for said purposes, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER of Harrison, laid upon the table the following order:

Ordered, That Wednesday, the eighth day of April, be assigned for the final adjournment of this Legislature; and the same was read, and on motion of Mr. WELLS of Freeport, it was ordered to lie upon the table.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the support of paupers in plantations and unincorporated places, at the expense of

the State, and also of paupers having no legal settlement in any town in the State.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the 19th section of chapter 41 of the public laws of this State, approved March 30, 1853, entitled An act concerning railroads.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH of Belgrade laid upon the table the following order :

Ordered, That the delegation from the county of Kennebec be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in regard to the several municipal courts of the cities of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner, as that the several judges of the same may be paid, and their salaries fixed by the said cities, instead of being paid by the county of Kennebec, as they now are, or that their salaries may be abolished, and that they receive their fees, instead of salaries, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, moved an amendment to this order, by striking out the words, "the delegation from the county of Kennebec," and inserting instead the words, "the Committee on the Judiciary," and the amendment and order, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

The House reconsidered its vote accepting in concurrence the report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of A. C. Buffum, and recommitted it.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and villages.

This bill having had three several readings, Mr. MARSHALL of Belfast, moved an amendment as per sheet A, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland ;

Bill An act entitled an act additional to chapter 163 of the revised statutes;

These bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland.

This bill having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston:

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to commissioners at Washington.

This resolve having been amended as per sheet thereto annexed marked A, and having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petitions of sundry banks for extension of bank charters, made a report granting said petitioners leave to bring in a bill entitled An act additional in relation to banks and banking, and on his motion the bill was laid upon the table and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, made the following reports, on sundry orders, to wit:

On order relating to the number of the bank commissioners;

Also, on order fixing the number of bank commissioners, their compensation, and authorizing the Governor to draw warrants for their compensation;

Also, on order relating to deposits in the Suffolk Bank, reporting that the provisions contemplated in said orders are embraced in the bill submitted by said committee on the petitions of sundry banks for an extension of their charters;

Report on that part of the Governor's message relating to banks and banking, reporting that the matter be referred to the bank

commissioners for examination, with instructions to report thereon in their next annual report ;

Report on order relating to the expediency of taxing stocks of banks in this State, owned out of the State, reporting legislation inexpedient ;

Report on the petition of the president, directors and company of the Bank of Hallowell, praying that said bank may be rechartered, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw ;

Report on order in relation to interest and exchange taken by banks, reporting that further legislation is inexpedient ;

Mr. HERSEY, from the same Committee, on petition of Kenduskeag Bank for a reduction of a part of its capital stock, granting said petitioner leave to withdraw ;

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on order to inquire if further legislation is necessary to secure the rights of stockholders of banks, reported legislation inexpedient ;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. DEBLOIS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order directing said Committee to inquire what further legislation may be necessary to compel the repayment of taxes where real estate is redeemed from the levy of an execution, reported a bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, made the following reports :

Report on the petition of C. L. Owen and others, for a new bank at Bath, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank :

Report on the petition of the Bank of the State of Maine, for leave to reduce its capital stock, reporting a bill, entitled An act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of the State of Maine ;

Report on the petition of David Bugbee and others, for a new bank at Bangor, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Union Bank ;

Report on the petition of the president, directors and company of the Lumberman's Bank, praying that the capital stock of said bank

may be increased, reporting a bill, entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;

Report on the petition of the American Bank, for an increase of its capital stock, reporting a bill, entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank;

Report on the petition of the president, directors and company of the Freemans Bank, asking for an increase of its capital stock, reporting a bill, entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Freemans Bank;

Report on the petition of the Alfred Bank, for an increase of its capital stock, reporting a bill, entitled An act to increase the capital stock of Alfred Bank.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the same committee, made the following reports:

Report on the petition of the Mousam River Bank, praying that the capital stock of said bank may be increased, reporting a bill, entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Sanford Bank;

Report on the petition of the Mousam River Bank, that the name of said bank be changed to Sanford Bank, reporting a bill, entitled An act to change the name of the Mousam River Bank;

Report on the petition of Thomas A. White and others, for an act of incorporation for the Free State Bank at Bangor, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Free State Bank;

Report on the petition of the Thomaston Bank, praying for an amendment to its charter, reporting a bill, entitled An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Thomaston Bank;

Report on the petition of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank at Portland, asking that the capital stock of said bank may be increased, reporting a bill, entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and the bills were each read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of William M. Reed and others, reported by Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville;

Report of same committee, by same gentleman, on bill An act

additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company, ordering notice;

These reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Mr. HERSEY of Bangor, announced to the House the death of SAMUEL B. STONE, Esq. of Brewer, late a member of this House, and laid upon the table the following resolutions:

STATE OF MAINE.

Resolved, That we have received the intelligence of the death of SAMUEL B. STONE, late representative in this House with profound sensations of sorrow and grief, and that the circumstances of his sudden decease serve forcibly to remind us, that "in the midst of life we are in death," and to admonish us to prepare for that eternity to which we are all hastening, the coming of which to each of us individually, we know not the day nor the hour.

Resolved, That the members of this House most willingly and sincerely bear testimony to the many virtues of the deceased, to his industry and usefulness as a legislator, and to his frankness, integrity and sincerity as a man, and that we believe that all of us might learn something from the light of his example, of the true objects of life, and of our duties as legislators and men.

Resolved, That these resolves be entered upon the Journal of the House, and a copy, signed by the Speaker and Clerk, be forwarded to Mrs. STONE, the widow of our deceased fellow member.

The resolutions were unanimously passed.

On motion of Mr. MORSE of Paris,

A prayer was made by the Chaplain of the House.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, informing that branch of the Legislature, of the death of Mr. STONE.

Mr. STRICKLAND was charged with the message, and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, laid upon the table the following resolve :

Resolved, That as an additional mark of respect to our late brother member, this House do now adjourn.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

The Clerk announced the absence of the Speaker *pro tem.*, and presided during the organization of the House in the election of a Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. BROWN of Solon, laid upon the table the following resolve :

Resolved, That in the absence of the Speaker, WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, Esq. of Augusta, be unanimously declared to be elected Speaker of the House *pro tempore*.

The resolve was unanimously passed.

On motion of Mr. WELLS of Freeport,

A message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, informing that branch of the Legislature, that in the absence of the Hon. WARREN H. VINTON, the Speaker *pro tem.*, the House had made choice of WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, Esq., as Speaker *pro tem.* Mr. WELLS was charged with the message, and he subsequently reported, that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

A message was ordered to be sent to the Governor and Council, informing that branch of the government, that in the absence of the Hon. WARREN H. VINTON, Speaker *pro tem.*, the House had made choice of WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, Esq. of Augusta, as Speaker *pro tem.* Mr. FOSTER was charged with the message, and he subsequently reported, that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden, as a member of the Committee on Free Banking, to supply the vacancy caused by the decease of Mr. Stone of Brewer.

Bill An act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops;

Bill An act granting further powers and privileges to agricultural and horticultural societies;

Bill An act to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick and annex the same to Penobscot;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Cumberland County Agricultural Society.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, was appointed to fill the vacancy occurring in the Committee having the subject of a prohibitory law under consideration, by the death of Mr. Stone of Brewer.

Mr. GILBERT of Bath, upon his request, was excused from further service upon the Committee upon the Revision of the Laws, and Mr. MERRILL of Harmony, was appointed on said committee to fill the vacancy thus occurring.

Mr. TABBUT of Addison, was appointed on the Committee on Fisheries, to fill the vacancy in said committee caused by the death of Mr. Stone of Brewer.

Resolve for the purchase of lands for French settlers in Aroostook county.

This resolve was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Petition of D. B. Hinckley, for further legislation in relation to a resolve in his favor passed by a former Legislature, laid on the table by Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Wm. H. Titcomb and 20 others, of Rockland, for an act to make valid the acts of the assessors of the First Universalist Meetinghouse in Rockland.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George W. Wright and 93 others, asking to have Waldoborough made the shire town of the county of Lincoln;

Petition of C. E. Howard and others, in aid of same;

Petition of Ebenezer Otis and 47 others, of St. George, asking that Rockland or Thomaston may be made a half shire town of Lincoln county, and remonstrance against removing the county buildings from Wiscasset to Waldoborough;

Remonstrance of John McLean and 104 others, against the proposed change of the shire town of Lincoln county;

The foregoing petitions and remonstrances were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Nathan Parsons and 112 others, voters of Glenburn, against the petition of Samuel G. Stevens and others, to be set off to Levant.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 53 of the public laws of the year 1848, laid upon the table by Mr. SAWYER of Minot.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House be directed to inform

the selectmen of the towns of Brewer and Orrington, that a vacancy exists in that representative district occasioned by the death of Samuel B. Stone.

On motion of Mr. MARSHALL of Belfast,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report to this House what alterations in the laws or amendments to the constitution of this State, (if any,) ought to be made in order that the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States may not deprive the colored residents of this State of any rights, privileges or immunities they have heretofore enjoyed as citizens of this State.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORRISON of Farmington,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary (if any) in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes on stock corporations.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate on sheet A, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to commissioners at Washington.

This resolve came from the Senate, that branch receding from its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, amended the amendment of the House as per sheet annexed marked B, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The House refused to adopt the amendment of the Senate as on sheet annexed marked B, and insisted on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ANDREWS of Monmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting resolutions expressive of the sense of this body on the late decision of the

Supreme Court of the United States in the Dred Scott case.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of William Frye and others, reported a bill entitled An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo.

Report read and accepted. Bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden, Wednesday next assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate.

This bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in relation to authorizing the Land Agent to sell certain lands.

This order came from the Senate having been read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. B. French and 153 others, for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath.

This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill An act entitled an act to incorporate the International Hotel Company.

This bill came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of E. Holmes and others, in relation to poisoning foxes, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted. On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, the report was recommended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CHADBOURNE, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways

and Bridges, on order relating to protection of *bona fide* creditors and stockholders of corporations, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Jacob Frye and others, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on bill An act to incorporate West Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society, reported that the same ought not to pass;

Report of same Committee, on order relating to bounty on crows, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Edward Stevens, ordering notice returnable to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on the State Prison, on order directing an inquiry into the expediency of increasing the number of officers in the State Prison, reporting legislation inexpedient;

These reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to Banks and Banking. On motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor, this bill was taken from the table, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act to divide the town of Prospect, and incorporate the southerly part thereof into a town by the name of Stockton.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LEAVITT of Pembroke,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of the passage of an act exempting from attachment, libraries in the same manner and to the same extent, the tools of mechanics and implements of husbandry are at present exempted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hall.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was recommitted a bill An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings, reported the same in a new draft.

Report accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Preamble and resolutions of city government of Portland, against alteration of city charter.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of American Bank for an increase of capital stock, was on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BANKS, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. DEBLOIS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition and memorial of the city of Portland, together with two bills accompanying the same, providing for acts in addition to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland, reported legislation thereon inexpedient, so far as the same provides additional power in relation to streets and highways; and as to the rest and residue of said petition and memorial they report a bill in a new draft, entitled An act additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland;

Mr. CROSBY, from same Committee, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of making alteration in law relating to mechanics' liens, reported a bill, entitled An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens.

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills each read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill An act in relation to wills.

This bill came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. Read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of William G. Sawyer and others, and William R. Miller and others, reported a resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Mattamiscontis.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and Wednesday, 18th of March, assigned for its second reading.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Judiciary Committee, on order in relation to altering the law as to the manner of choosing selectmen and assessors, reported legislation inexpedient.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Freeman Kingsbury and others, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to adjust stumpage claims with William Dickey, laid on the table by Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of A. Campbell & Co.;

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston;

Resolve to repeal part of a resolve, approved March 16, 1855;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, were finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians;

Bill An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract from the annual returns of the several railroad corporations, being all such returns received at his office to this date. Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Bill An act entitled an act additional to chapter 163 of the revised statutes;

Bill An act to set off a portion of plantation No. 10, and annex the same to the town of Franklin;

Bill An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont;

Bill An act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes;

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons;

Bill An act relating to the property of deceased married women;

Bill An act to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland;

∴ The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield, for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper;

Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn, Jr., and B. H. Chesley;

“ to protect the rights of Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ to promote the education of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to divide the town of Prospect, and incorporate the southerly part thereof into a town by the name of Stockton.

The foregoing bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Remonstrance of J. H. Chase and others of Edgecomb, against any change of the shire-town of Lincoln county;

Remonstrance of John Smith and others, against the same;

The foregoing remonstrances were severally received. Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing or altering the law in relation to the individual liabilities of stockholders in corporations.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report at the earliest period practicable.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GARCELON, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, on the reports of the trustees and superintendent of the Insane Hospital, reported a resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital;

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of George A. Hudson, reported a resolve providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant Point ;

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison, laid on the table by Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth ;

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order in relation to repealing the resolve authorizing the Calais academy, or their assignees, to locate their grant of land in No. 18, in range 3, reported a resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais academy ;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and the resolves each read once, and Wednesday, March 18th, assigned for the second reading of each.

Mr. BUXTON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Ezra Tobie and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Central Bank ;

Mr. GILBERT, from the Judiciary Committee, on order in relation to the expediency of altering or amending chapter 26 of the public laws of 1847, in relation to elections, reported a bill, entitled An act additional to an act entitled an act respecting the election of electors of President and Vice President ;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and the bills severally read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Bill An act additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DEBLOIS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill, An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics'

Association, reported a bill, entitled **An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association**, and that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. MORRISON, from the Committee on Education, on petition of Waterville College for an endowment of a professorship of chemistry, reported, recommending that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill **An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings.**

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and amended as per sheet A, thereunto annexed, was as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MARSTON of Windham,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws, as to make the compensation of county commissioners fixed by a salary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on Education, on order of inquiry in relation to the expediency of altering school law, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GARCELON, from the same Committee, on the petition of the Westbrook Seminary for aid, reported a resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

Report read and accepted. Resolve read once, and Wednesday, March 18, assigned for its second reading.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order directing them to consider so much of the Governor's message as relates to the better security of the public, in consequence of the

transfer of railroad shares to private individuals, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to tippling shops, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending its reference to the Joint Special Committee having that subject under consideration;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of H. A. Wood and others;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. B. Campbell and others;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles T. Holland;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petitions of Isaac Witham and others, Paul S. Merrill and others, T. Hildreth and others, Enoch Ford and others;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Arthur Pratt and others;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Oliver and others;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Luther Luce and others;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Frye H. Hutchins and others;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill An act in relation to the connection of railroads, reporting the bill, and that the same ought not to pass;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to wills.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order to Committee on Insane Hospital in relation to legacy left to said hospital by Col. Black.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed. Read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Read and accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve for the purchase of lands for French settlers in Aroostook county.

This resolve being under consideration, on motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to commissioners at Washington.

Mr. DEERING of Hampden, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to adopt the amendment of the Senate, as on sheet marked B, and insisted on its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table, and to-morrow assigned for its consideration.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Bill An act concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the town of Castine.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be requested to consider whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to bank receivers, and report thereon to this Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Greenleaf Gray and others, that if the town of Prospect be divided, they may be left north of the proposed dividing line;

Petition of Jeremiah Lindsey and others, for same;

Petition of Benjamin Shute and others, for same;

The foregoing petitions were severally received, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

The order, laid on the table on the tenth of March by Mr. WALKER of Harrison, in relation to an adjournment of the Legislature, was, on motion of Mr. WELLS of Freeport, taken from the table and considered, and the House refused to give the order a passage.

Petition of James Goff, jr. and another, to have the tolls on Lewiston Bridge reduced.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association ;

Bill An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Isaac York and others, reported a resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and Wednesday, March 18, assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HAMMATT, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of John P. Carter and others, reported a bill, entitled An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March 29, 1853.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act respecting the election of electors of president and vice president.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, it was laid upon the table.

Resolve in relation to commissioners at Washington.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden, the House reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, as on sheet annexed marked B, and further amended the resolve, as on sheet annexed marked C, and as amended passed the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath, was, on motion of Mr. BARRON of Topsham, taken from the table and recommitted, with instructions to

report a bill to the Legislature as soon as may be, providing for the safety of the public travel at said crossing.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Ocean Steamship Company, laid upon the table by Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DEBLOIS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on resolve relating to meteorological observations, referred by the last Legislature to this Legislature, reported the resolve in a new draft, as follows: Resolve relative to meteorological observations in the State of Maine.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and Wednesday, March 18, assigned for its second reading.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee composed of the delegation of Androscoggin county, on the petition of Wm. P. Frye, reported granting said petitioner leave to withdraw;

Mr. HOLT, from same Committee, on petition of Reuel Washburn, reported granting said petitioner leave to withdraw;

Mr. MORRISON, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient on order in relation to amending school laws;

The foregoing reports were severally accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill An act relating to attachments.

This bill having had three several readings, and amended as per sheet A, annexed, as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill having had three several readings, on motion of Mr. MERRILL of Harmony, the further consideration thereof was postponed to Thursday next.

The order laid upon the table March 10th, by Mr. SMITH of Belgrade, was passed as offered by him.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of John Baker and others, of Wiscasset, for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath ;

Petition of Lincoln Webb and 101 others, of Woolwich, for same ;

The foregoing petitions came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and they were referred in concurrence.

Petition of I. R. Deering and others, for an act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association, with a bill accompanying it.

This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Referred, in concurrence.

Order on Committee on Kansas and Slavery Affairs, in relation to the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dred Scott case ;

Order to Committee on the Judiciary, directing inquiry into the expediency of repealing or altering the sixth specification of section 63, chapter 119, of revised statutes ;

These orders came from the Senate, having been read and passed.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting title six, and that the same ought to pass to be engrossed.

This report came from the Senate, the title having been passed to be engrossed. The title was read three times, and on motion of Mr. MERRILL of Harmony, it was ordered to be laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Josiah Emery, granting leave to withdraw ;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of B. W. Mallett ;

Report of Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of First Baptist Church in Bath ;

Report of Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Peter S. Folsom ;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order directing inquiry whether any further legislation is necessary to protect bona fide creditors and stockholders of corporations.

This report came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in the acceptance of the report, and recommitting the same. The House reconsidered its vote accepting the report, and recommitted, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Claims, to which was recommitted a resolve abating a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong, and adding the same to State tax of New Vineyard, reported a resolve, as follows: Resolve abating the State tax of the town of Strong, and assessing the same upon the town of New Vineyard.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Cyrus McKown and others, of Southport and Boothbay, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence; bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER of Hallowell.

The Speaker announced the absence of the Clerk, and that it would be necessary to choose a Clerk *pro tempore*.

On motion of Mr. GROSS of New Gloucester,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Clerk, BENJAMIN FREEMAN be unanimously declared to be elected Clerk *pro tempore*, with power to appoint an assistant.

Mr. GROSS of New Gloucester, by direction of the Speaker, accompanied the Clerk *pro tem.* to the Council Chamber, where he took and subscribed the oaths required by law to enable him to enter upon the duties of his office.

Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body of the election of Clerk *pro tempore*; and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the same.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council; and he subsequently reported he had discharged the same.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law that the expenses of the police court of the city of Bangor be paid by said city, instead of the county of Penobscot, as provided by an act approved February 28, 1856.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the town of Machias, for bounty, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Legislature relative to the death of Dr. Kane, reported as follows :

WHEREAS, under the dispensation of the great, wise and just Ruler of all, our distinguished countryman, the late Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, has recently been removed by death from among us; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Maine, in common with their fellow

citizens throughout the Union, have viewed with interest and pride the endeavors of the deceased to add to the treasures of geographical knowledge—endeavors successfully prosecuted amid hardships and dangers which only the boldest courage and steadiest perseverance could enable him to meet, shedding lustre upon science, and thereby contributing honor to the American name, and renown to our common country; therefore,

Resolved, That the Senate and House of Representatives of Maine, have with the deepest feelings of sorrow and regret received intelligence of the death of Dr. Kane.

Resolved, That the spirit of heroism and self-sacrifice which induced him to lay his life upon the altar of a noble ambition, should endear him to every true American, and the irresistible energy and perseverance which distinguished his labors in his recent Arctic expedition, should make his name a watchword for all sincere lovers of science and progress.

Resolved, That while we lament the loss which our country and the cause of science has sustained in the removal of one of their brightest ornaments, we extend to the family and friends of the deceased assurance of our hearty sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that his Excellency, the Governor of this State, be requested to communicate to them certified copies of these resolves.

Report accepted, and the resolves read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Singer and others, of the town of Thomaston, praying that a charter may be granted to build a toll bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Benj. R. Field and others;

“ Town of Searsmont;

“ Joseph Mahoney and others, all against the petition of A. J. Donnell and others, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY of Auburn, introduced the following order, viz:

Ordered, That all bills laid upon the table by any member of the

House after this day, shall not be referred to any committee, but shall be referred to the next Legislature.

And on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, the order was laid upon the table.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Daniel B. Hinkley, reported a resolve in favor of Daniel B. Hinkley.

The same was once read, and the rule suspended on motion of Mr. STRICKLAND, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of George A. Hudson, reported a resolve authorizing the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry.

The report was accepted, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, by leave, laid on the table a resolve for the promulgation of certain laws.

The same was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Revision of Statutes Committee, reported a bill, entitled An act relating to obstructions in navigable streams and rivers.

The same was twice read, and on motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill, An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court.

And on his motion the bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of R. N. West, reported leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE, from same Committee, on petition of Oliver Eveleth and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of selectmen of Salem and others.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking, was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March 29, 1853, was taken from the table, amended as on sheet marked A, and again laid upon the table.

Bill An act additional to chapter 77 of the revised statutes, was taken from the table, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, recommitted to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and villages, was taken from the table, amended as on sheet annexed marked A; and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act respecting the election of electors of president and vice president, was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock plantation in the county of Aroostook;

Resolve abating the State tax of the town of Strong and assessing the same upon the town of New Vineyard; and .

Bill An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company;

Were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, entitled of Parishes and Ministerial Lands, was taken from the table, read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to repeal of chapter 212 of public laws of 1856, reporting bill An act in relation to liability of magistrates for issuing precepts and officers executing them, was accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Eliphalet Clark and others, reporting bill to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for a third reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others, reporting bill An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company.

Report was accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act additional to chapter 159 of public laws of 1845,
Was received from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. Bill twice read, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act additional to the laws relating to elections,
Was read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Campbell Batchelder and others, reporting bill An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company,

Was accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of inhabitants of Harpswell, reporting bill An act authorizing the town of Harpswell to construct a road over tide waters.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating

to election of county treasurers, reporting legislation inexpedient on same ;

Also, same report, on order relating to alteration of chapter 125, section 25 of revised statutes ;

Also, ought not to pass, on bill An act repealing chapter 276 of the laws of 1856 ;

Were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of Jesse Higgins ;

And reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Thomas Webb ;

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on the Militia, granting leave to withdraw on petition of J. W. Mansfield and others ;

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Also, leave to withdraw, on petition of Dennis Sprague and others.

Accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to collecting of arms belonging to the State ;

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of Ammi R. Mitchell and others ;

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Reform School, reporting legislation inexpedient on order for the purchase of Colton's Atlas ;

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians, being on its final passage, was recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

Title six of the Revision of the Statutes, relating to the powers and duties of Courts of Probate, was taken from the table, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting bill An act to provide for the trial of capital cases;

Was accepted, in concurrence. Bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting a resolve in favor of Thomas J. Roberts, was accepted, and the resolve recommitted, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, granting leave to withdraw on the petitions of John N. West and others, and J. S. Dyer and others;

Report of same Committee, on petition of William Wyman and others, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that said petition be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes;

Report of same Committee, on sundry orders and petitions in relation to an increase and decrease of bounties paid on the killing of wild animals, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of D. F. Lothrop and others;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Joseph Smith, jr. and others;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of C. R. Paul;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Daniel Cummings;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of William Cowperthwaite;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Jesse Wheelock;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of J. A. Cushing and others;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Order in relation to survey of State line between the States of Maine and New Hampshire;

Order calling on the Secretary of State for information touching commissioners to revise statutes;

The foregoing orders came from the Senate, having been severally read and passed.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John W. Caldwell and others, of Golden Ridge plantation, against being incorporated into a town, or being taxed as a plantation.

This remonstrance came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Referred, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to commissioners at Washington.

This resolve came from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Benjamin Litchfield, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and recommending its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary.

This report came from the Senate, read and accepted.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws;

“ in favor of D. B. Hinckley;

“ authorizing the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. H. Nickerson and 189 others, against the petition of F. and B. Brastow, to be set off from Orrington to Brewer.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill, on motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor, was taken from the table and considered.

Mr. MERRILL of Harmony, offered an amendment to the bill, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, 350 copies of the amendment were ordered to be printed, and the bill and amendment ordered to be laid on the table, and to-morrow assigned for their further consideration.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Biddeford, laid on the table by Mr. BANKS of Biddeford, and laid over under the rules.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, made the following reports:

Report on order in relation to bank receivers, reported a bill, entitled An act to amend section 70 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking.

Report accepted, rules suspended, and the bill having had three several readings, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report on petition of Atlantic Bank for extension of charter, reporting a bill, entitled An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank at Portland;

Report on the petition of the City Bank at Bangor, reporting a bill, entitled An act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank, Bangor, and to extend its charter;

Mr. BUXTON, from the same Committee, made the following reports:

Report on petition of W. Coburn and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank;

Report on the petition of Edmund Smith and others, for a new bank at Lewiston, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;

Mr. HERSEY, from the same Committee, made the following reports:

Report on the petition of H. H. Boody and others, for a new bank at Brunswick, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Bank of Brunswick;

Report on the petition of Sandy River Bank, for an increase of capital, reporting a bill, entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Sandy River Bank;

Report on the petition of the president, directors and company of the Sandy River Bank, praying for an extension of charter, reporting a bill, entitled An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank;

Report on petition of American Bank, for an extension of time to pay in an increase of capital stock, reporting a bill, entitled An act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and the bills accompanying were severally read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on petition of the trustees of the Insane Hospital, reporting a resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to renew a note to the trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted. Read and accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Prison, on the report of the inspectors and warden of the State Prison, reporting a resolve making an appropriation for improving the buildings at the State Prison;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Isaac Wortman, reporting a resolve for encouraging the building of mills in Letter C, range 1;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted. Read and accepted, in concurrence. Resolves severally read once, and Wednesday, March 25, assigned for the second reading of each.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Agriculture, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of amending or repealing laws concerning the inspection and sale of certain agricultural products, reported a bill, entitled An act to repeal chapters 53, 56, and 57 of the revised statutes.

Report accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, granting leave to withdraw on petition of William M. Drury and others;

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on petition of directors of the Maritime Bank, for a re-charter of said bank;

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, made the following reports:

Report on the petition of the stockholders of the Maritime Bank,

for an increase of capital, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw;

Report granting leave to withdraw on petition of directors of Hancock Bank for increase of its capital stock;

Mr. LITTLEFIELD, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Greenlief H. Fogg and others, praying for an appropriation to build a road from Greenbush to Lowell;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act establishing the salary of the judge of probate for Sagadahoc county.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford, and considered, and on motion of the same gentleman, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts, and officers executing them.

This bill was, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, amended as per sheet A, and laid upon the table.

Petition of Edmund B. Bowman and 94 others, of Wiscasset, for a charter to build a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath;

Petition of Francis P. Tibbetts and 32 others, of Wiscasset, for same.

These petitions were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 148 of the revised statutes, and to repeal chapter 256 of the laws of 1856, laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter;

Bill An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relative to the support of paupers in unincorporated places, laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter;

Bill An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters, laid on the table by Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry.

The foregoing bills were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be requested to inquire into the propriety of repealing a resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, approved February, 26, 1856, to amend a resolve approved March 16, 1853.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden,

Ordered, That there be six members added to the present Committee on Engrossed Bills, to aid in the examination of the new revision of the statutes, after its engrossment.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Hudson,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to the assessment of taxes upon neat stock and other personal property, in cases in which a town line divides the farm of any person in such a manner as that his dwelling house is in one town, and his barns and other out buildings in another.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUFF of Alexander,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 30 of the revised statutes, so that the pound keepers shall have the right to take into their custody any beasts, and return the same to the pound from which they may have escaped, or may have been illegally taken.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUFF of Alexander,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 73 of the revised statutes, so that small towns having no commercial or mercantile business shall be obliged to purchase weights and measures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of William H. Stevens, reporting a bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of Solon and Embden bridge;

Bill An act to encourage the use of water power;

The foregoing report and bill came from the Senate with the report accepted and the bills passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Petition of inhabitants of Cornville, in aid of petition of Charles Cayford to be set off from Cornville and annexed to Skowhegan;

Petition of J. T. Leavitt and others, in aid of same;

Remonstrance of the town of Roxbury, through their town agent, against the petition of Josiah A. Judkins, to be set off from the town of Roxbury and annexed to Mexico;

The foregoing petitions and remonstrance were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen as additional members of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, under the order passed yesterday: Messrs. Hathaway of Bloomfield, Weed of Oldtown, Wells of Freeport, Adams of Newfield, Brown of Solon, and Banks of Biddeford, and they were chosen to be on said committee.

Remonstrance of John Woodman and 100 others, against the petition of Charles Cayford to be set off from Cornville and annexed to Skowhegan.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate;

Bill An act in relation to wills ;

Bill An act to provide for the trial of capital cases ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hall ;

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to execute deeds under the resolves approved March 22d, in the year of our Lord 1856, laid on the table by Mr. HERSEY of Bangor, and laid over until to-morrow under the rules.

A message was received from the Governor through the Secretary of State, transmitting to the House of Representatives the information that an act respecting the redemption of land sold for the payment of taxes, was approved March 7, 1857 ;

Also, that an act relating to the property of deceased married women, was approved March 16, 1857 ;

And an act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops, was approved March 16, 1857.

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of Kenduskeag Bank at Bangor, laid on the table by Mr. Hersey of Bangor, and lies over until to-morrow under the rules ;

Bill An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes, laid on the table by Mr. CHANDLER of Chesterville ;

Bill An act to prevent fraudulent conveyances, and to protect heirs therefrom, laid on the table by Mr. BROWN of Solon ;

The foregoing bills were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Penobscot, laid on the table by Mr. GILBERT of Bath, and under the rule it lies over until to-morrow.

Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, laid on the table the following preamble and order :

WHEREAS, Webster's Dictionary, unabridged, the property of this House, has disappeared, and is now lost to the members, a highly useful book, therefore,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be required to furnish, by purchase, if necessary, to this House, another copy of Webster's Dictionary unabridged.

The order being under consideration, on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, it was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of such an amendment of the 15th section of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, or such other alterations of the law, as to authorize special administrators to control and manage real estate, and collect rents pending the probate of wills.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported granting leave to withdraw on petition of Gideon Mayo and others.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel Veazie for further time to complete branch tracks of Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad. On motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, the report was ordered to be laid upon the table.

A message was carried to the Senate by the Clerk, conveying the information that the House of Representatives had received a message from the Governor, stating that on the 7th day of March, 1857, he had approved

An act respecting the redemption of land sold for the payment of taxes;

Also, that on the 16th day of March, 1857, he had approved

An act relating to the property of deceased married women;

And, An act repealing all acts in relation to the inspection of hops;

And that said message had been entered upon the journal of the House.

Mr. BICKNELL, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of John A. Pettengill and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge Company. On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the report was recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to making further provisions concerning the recording of mortgages of personal property, reported a bill, entitled An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and further to provide for the recording of mortgages of personal property and conditional sales.

Report read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, it was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the bill ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Winn.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. MERRILL of Lee, and having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of Samuel Veazie and others, reported granting said petitioners leave to withdraw as to a part of said petition, and on the residue reported a bill, entitled An act authorizing a connection of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company with the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad in the town of Milford. On motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath, the report was ordered to be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland,

Ordered, That, the Senate concurring, Messrs. Foster of East Machias, and Drummond of Waterville, be added to the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, with such as the Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company;

Bill An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and villages;

Bill An act in relation to attachments;

Bill An act additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves relating to the death of Dr. Elisha K. Kane;

Resolve abating the State tax of the town of Strong and assessing the same upon the town of New Vineyard;

The above resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act additional in relation to witnesses;

Bill An act to amend an act additional in relation to witnesses;

The foregoing bills were laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, and severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to meteorological observations in the State of Maine.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Biddeford.

Read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. TABBUT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Charles F. Baker and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway.

Mr. GARCELON, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order in relation to amending chapter 41, section 19 of

the public laws, approved March 30, 1853, reported a bill, entitled An act to repeal section 19 of chapter 41 of the public laws, approved March 30, 1853, in relation to fixing tariff on wood and bark.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on order to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 282 of the public laws of 1852, reported a bill, entitled An act repealing the law of 1852, and reviving the law of the revised statutes relative to the publication of intensions of marriage.

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills each read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield.

Resolve for the paying of roll of accounts number 37 for 1857.

The foregoing resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal court in the city of Calais;

Bill An act relating to the powers of justices of the peace in the city of Calais;

The foregoing bills were laid upon the table by Mr. DUREN of Calais, and severally referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

Ordered, That the Joint Select Committee on Public Printing

and Binding be authorized to contract with some person or persons for the printing and binding of the new revision of the laws. Said contract shall have no binding force until approved by the Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate T. Ingalls and others into a company for the purpose of making and vending a perpetual daily almanac or calender. Laid on the table by Mr. HAMBLÉN of Portland.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Winn.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Revision of Statutes, reporting title eleven.

This report came from the Senate, the report having been read and accepted, and the title passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence, rules suspended, title read three times, amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of president and directors of York and Cumberland Railroad, reporting a bill, entitled An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence, bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. BANKS of Biddeford, it was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of George Hathaway, reported a bill, entitled An act to amend chapter 271 of the public laws of 1856, relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations.

Report read and accepted. Bill read twice, and on motion of

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. DEBLOIS, from same Committee, on the petition of the justices of the supreme judicial court, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. WOODMAN, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on order relative to the appointment of guardians to insane married women;

The same gentleman from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on order relating to an amendment of the Constitution in regard to the right of suffrage;

Mr. GILBERT, from same Committee, on bill, entitled An act in relation to justices of the peace, reported that it ought not to pass;

The same gentleman from same Committee, on bill, entitled An act additional to the 69th chapter of the revised statutes, reported that said bill ought not to pass;

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on Education, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Lisbon Academy, for an appropriation;

Mr. INGALLS, from same Committee, on petitions of J. S. Holmes and others, and J. S. Swett and others, and on a resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy, reported recommending the reference thereof to the next Legislature;

Mr. MORRISON, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Noah Lord and others, and on petition of Trustees of Lebanon Academy for aid;

Mr. HATHAWAY, from same Committee, on bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Trustees of St. Luce and Madawaska High School, reported that the bill ought not to pass;

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Paul T. Merrill and others, for an appropriation for a road in the town of Shirley;

Mr. WILLIAMSON, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of John Baker for remuneration for losses and services in the Aroostook war;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings, approved February 25, 1857, laid on the table by Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville;

Bill An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer, laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter;

Petition of R. T. Dunlap and 35 others, of Brunswick, praying for a law for the protection of insurance companies;

The foregoing bills and petition were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth, laid upon the table the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of State to supply the State Library, the Land Office, the Clerk's Office in each of the several counties, and such other offices as the committee shall deem proper, with a copy of a map of such counties in this State as have recently been and are now being surveyed, as soon as such maps shall have been completed and ready for the market.

This order being under consideration, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, it was ordered to lie on the table. It was subsequently taken from the table,

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BANKS, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Lucy Crockett and others, reported granting leave to said petitioners to bring in a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on Education, on order providing for the collection of statistics in relation to the colleges and other institutions of learning in this State, reported a resolve providing therefor.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking. On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, this bill was taken from the table, and on his motion was amended, by striking out of section 4, in lines 6 and 7, the words, "as their semi-annual returns are required to be," and inserting instead thereof the words, "by them." And on his motion further amended, by striking out of section 7, in lines 14 and 15, the words, "exclusive of that," and inserting instead thereof the word "not." And on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, further amended, by striking out the word "make," and inserting instead, the word "keep," in said section 7, in line 17. And an motion of Mr. DRUMMOND, the further consideration of the bill and printed amendment was postponed to to-morrow.

Bill An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden, and considered, and on motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, it was ordered to lie on the table, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations.

This bill being under consideration on its passage to be enacted, Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered to be put. And on motion of Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, it was ordered that the main question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the bill was refused a passage, by 62 yeas to 62 nays, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andrews, Albee, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, Bennett, H. M. Chadbourne, G. W. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church, Chandler, Campbell, Cyr, Duren, Deblois, N.C. Deering, Drummond, Dunn,

Dingley, Gross, Garcelon, Hamblen, Hall, Hilton, Hunter, J. S. Hobbs, Houghton, Hersey, Hammatt, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Kimball, Leavitt, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Leadbetter, G. H. Lewis, Lane, Merriam, Milliken, Morrison, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Roak, G. Smith, Strickland, R. Smith, Stinchfield, Sawyer, Walker, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells, Weed.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Allen, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Banks, Bicknell, Buxton, Baker, Butler, W. M. E. Brown, Burleigh, Barron, Bryant, Cragin, Clark, Came, Carr, Cotton, Davis, J. H. Dunning, Day, Danforth, Ford, Foster, E. Fletcher, Gowen, Given, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, J. Hobbs, Houdlette, Huff, Hobson, Hathaway, Jewell, Johnson, Littlefield, S. Lewis, Linscott, Murch, Marston, C. F. Moulton, T. Moulton, D. Merrill, Moore, Pike, Rowell, Richardson, Stone, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, Tolman, Tabbut, Tenney, E. Wells, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, Woodbury, Williamson.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of H. G. O. Cass, and inhabitants of Bowerbank, for an abatement of the State valuation of said town, came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of James F. Patten and others, for a law creating a lien on vessels for premiums of insurance, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of H. G. Berry and 55 others, for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Referred, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Phineas Boynton and others, reporting a resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concur-

rence, resolve read once, and Wednesday, March 25, assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on petition of William Backnam and others;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of E. E. Bourne and others;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petitions of Leonard Bradbury and others, and Cyrus Packard and others;

The above reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BLAKE of Gardiner.

Bill An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings;

Bill An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill An act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters;

Bill An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company;

Bill An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to increase the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Penobscot;

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, this bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for the better protection of orchards, nurseries, gardens, &c., laid on the table by Mr. HOBSON of Saco;

Resolves providing for an amendment of the constitution relating to removals from office by impeachment and address, laid upon the table by Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville;

The above bill and resolves were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Moses Anderson and others, against the protection of clams or shell fish.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Godfrey Lydick, to be set off from the town of Alexander, and annexed to the town of Crawford.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of E. L. Pike and others, reported, granting leave to withdraw;

Mr. CROSBY, from same Committee, on bill, entitled An act to amend an act additional in relation to witnesses, reported the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

Mr. DANFORTH, from same Committee, reported, granting leave to withdraw on the petitions of Francis Purrington and others, and William Williamson and others, asking for an alteration in the law relating to the settlement of paupers;

The same gentleman, from same Committee, on bill, An act concerning passenger carriers, reported that the bill ought not to pass;

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petitions of J. S. Osgood and others, and J. M.

Noyes and others, praying for an alteration of law relating to the publication of unpaid taxes;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUREN, from the Committee on Elections, reported a list of the members elected to the House of Representatives;

Also, that they have acted upon all matters and business referred to them, and ask to be discharged;

Report read and accepted.

The list of members elected, reported, is as follows :

George H. Andrews,	G. W. Chadbourne,
Samuel C. Adams,	Josiah Crosby,
Samuel H. Allen,	Hiram Church,
James Albee,	Timothy Copp,
Nathan Brackett,	D. H. Chandler,
Sewall Brackett,	Eli Carr,
Warren Brown,	J. P. Campbell,
E. H. Banks,	Isaac H. Cotton,
James A. Bicknell,	Firmin Cyr,
Benjamin F. Buxton,	William Duren,
Daniel Baker,	Mark Dennett,
Lyman Butler,	Joseph Davis,
Martin L. Burr,	Thomas Amory Deblois,
W. M. E. Brown,	James H. Dunning,
H. P. Bickford,	Edgar Day,
Stephen D. Brown,	John Deveraux,
E. F. Blaisdell,	N. C. Deering,
E. W. Bennett,	Charles Danforth,
P. P. Burleigh,	J. H. Drummond,
Joseph Barron,	James Deering,
James Bryant,	Solomon Dunning,
John Cragin,	Peter Dunn, jr.,
Edwin Clark,	J. Dingley, jr.,
Charles Came,	Richard Ford,
Abram Coffin,	Jeremiah Foster,
H. M. Chadbourne,	Alfred Fletcher,

Ephraim Fletcher,
Henry Fox,
Samuel Guptill,
Asa Gowen,
Joseph C. Given,
Sewall Gross,
Isaiah Gould,
Nathaniel Gammon,
Washington Gilbert,
Alonzo Gareelon,
Edward Hamblen,
Joshua E. Hall,
Jeremiah Hobbs,
James P. Hilton,
James Houdlette, jr.,
C. M. Huff,
Joseph Hobson, jr.,
Eben Hunter,
Josiah S. Hobbs,
S. H. Houghton,
G. W. Hathaway,
Samuel F. Hersey,
W. C. Hammatt,
N. G. Hichborn,
Nimrod Hinds,
Samuel B. Holt,
Darwin Ingalls,
Charles Joy,
Abraham Jewell,
William T. Johnson,
I. C. Kimball,
S. Littlefield,
Silas Lewis,
George W. Leavitt,
David Longfellow,
Joshua Little,
Major Lord,
Andrew Linseott,

Lewis Leadbetter,
George H. Lewis,
Thomas Lane,
John Lombard,
John S. Murch,
Jacob Marston,
C. F. Moulton,
N. P. Martin,
Elisha Morse,
Thomas Moulton,
James W. Merrill,
Artemas Merriam,
Dexter Merrill,
Thomas H. Marshall,
S. L. Milliken,
John B. Morrison,
F. McKenney,
John L. Moore,
John Pool,
E. Pearson, jr.,
Humphrey Pike,
W. H. Parlin,
John W. Patten,
Moses Parsons,
Lewis Pitcher,
Nathan Pierce,
Abel Pottle,
William Rowell,
P. H. Rice,
Orison Rollins,
William D. Roak,
A. Richardson,
Ervine Robinson,
Samuel Stone,
Charles A. Spofford,
Samuel Silsby,
William A. Sampson,
George Smith,

S. P. Strickland,	Samuel Walker, jr.,
Daniel Steward,	Edward Weeks,
Randall Smith,	William Weeks,
J. W. Stinchfield,	Theodore C. Woodman,
Samuel B. Stone,	Frederick Webber,
D. B. Sawyer,	J. K. Whitaker,
Jeremiah Tolman,	Richard Wells,
Charles Tabbut,	Joshua L. Weeks,
John C. Talbot, jr.,	John Woodbury,
Alonzo Tenney,	Henry Williamson,
Warren H. Vinton,	Alden B. Weed.
Ebenezer Wells,	

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop,

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the Legislature, 1,000 copies additional of the report and accompanying resolves of the Committee on Kansas Affairs and Slavery.

Bill An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to execute deeds under the resolve, approved March 22, in the year of our Lord 1856.

This resolve, the rules being suspended, had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall is hereby tendered to S. G. Howe to exhibit some of his pupils of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind, for the purpose of showing the mode of instructing them, on Thursday afternoon next.

On motion of Mr. WELLS of Freeport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 279 of the public laws of 1856, approved April 10, 1856.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CHADBOURNE, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of sundry persons in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, praying that a charter be granted to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, reported granting said petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act repealing an act entitled an act to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Calais, reported the same, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. CROSBY, from same Committee, on bill An act additional in relation to witnesses, reported the bill, and that it ought to pass;

The foregoing reports were severally accepted. Bills read twice each, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Kenduskeag Bank.

Read twice, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, laid on the table.

Mr. INGALLS of Bridgton, moved a reconsideration of the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Education on bill, An act to incorporate the trustees of St. Luce and Madawaska High School, and the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath, and the report was accepted, and the bill read twice. Mr. GILBERT moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting instead thereof, the words and figures as on paper A. On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the bill and amendment were laid upon the table.

Bill An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, and considered. Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry, moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, and on this motion Mr. DRUMMOND moved to take the yeas and nays, and they were ordered;

and the question being so taken, the House refused to indefinitely postpone the bill, by yeas 62, yeas 58, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, W. Brown, Banks, Baker, W. M. E. Brown, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, Bennett, Barron, Cragin, Came, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Campbell, Cyr, Duren, Dennett, N. C. Deering, Danforth, Drummond, Dunn, Ford, E. Fletcher, Given, Gould, Garcelon, Hamblen, Hunter, J. S. Hobbs, Hersey, Hammatt, Hinds, Holt, Jewell, Johnson, Kimball, Leavitt, Lord, Leadbetter, T. Moulton, Milliken, Morrison, McKenney, Pool, Parlin, Pitcher, Rowell, Rice, Rollins, G. Smith, Strickland, Stinchfield, Tolman, Walker, Woodman, J. L. Weeks, Williamson, Weed.

NAYS—Messrs. Andrews, Allen, Albee, N. Brackett, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Buxton, Butler, Bickford, Burleigh, Bryant, Clark, H. M. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church, Carr, Davis, Deblois, Day, Deveraux, Foster, Gowen, Gross, Gilbert, Hilton, Houdlette, Huff, Hobson, Houghton, Hathaway, Ingalls, Joy, Littlefield, S. Lewis, Longfellow, Little, Linscott, Lane, Murch, C. F. Moulton, Merriam, D. Merrill, Moore, Patten, Parsons, Pierce, Roak, Richardson, Stone, Silsby, Sampson, R. Smith, Sawyer, Tabbut, Tenney, E. Wells, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells, Woodbury.

And the bill, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, was laid upon the table.

Papers from the Senate:

Title eleven of the revised statutes, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the amendment of the House. The House reconsidered its vote adopting the amendment, and passed the title to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, in relation to alteration of the law for the protection of salmon, shad and alewives, ordering notice.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, laid upon the table the following order:

Ordered, That on and after Wednesday next, this House hold

two sessions per day, a morning session, commencing at 9 o'clock, and an afternoon session, commencing at half-past 2 o'clock; and the order was pending at the time the House adjourned.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act respecting the electors of President and Vice President;

Bill An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company;

Bill An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association;

Bill An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry;

Resolve authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock plantation, in the county of Aroostook;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, in compliance with an order of the Legislature of March 16, 1857, transmitting an abstract from bills rendered, of the time employed,

amount allowed, expenses and disbursements of the several commissioners appointed for revising the public laws of this State, under resolves of March 12, 1855, and April 1, 1856.

Read, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of George D. Bacon and others, of Unity plantation, praying for a reduction of State valuation of said plantation, reported recommending the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Nathaniel Hanscom of Lee, reported a resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom.

Report read and accepted. Resolve read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. DANFORTH, from the Judiciary Committee, on order in relation to empowering towns to purchase a hearse and erect a hearse house, reported a bill, entitled An act to authorize towns to purchase a hearse and erect a house for the same.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Mr. DANFORTH, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Lewis Williams and others.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was recommitted a resolve to protect the rights of Passamaquoddy Indians, reported the same in a new draft.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March 29, 1853.

This bill was amended by striking out the second section, and as amended, having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUREN of Calais, laid upon the table a report of the committee in relation to the printing of the new revised statutes, with resolves accompanying the same.

Report read and accepted. And on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the report was laid upon the table, and 350 copies of the resolves ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, entitled, of parishes and ministerial lands. Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, moved to amend the bill in the 3d line of section 3, by striking out the word "citizen," and inserting instead thereof the word "resident." Mr. CROSBY of Dexter moved further to amend, as per paper A, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the bill and amendments were ordered to be laid upon the table.

Bill An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo.

This bill was taken up on motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath, 350 copies of the bill and amendment, as per sheet A, were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, and the bill and amendment were laid upon the table.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, being under consideration, it was on motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, laid upon the table.

Bill An act to change the name of the Oak Grove School, laid on the table by Mr. SAMPSON of Manchester.

Rules suspended, bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on

petition of Henry C. Lovell and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to usury.

This bill came from the Senate refused a passage therein. The House concurred.

Report of same Committee, on petition of William Mitchell and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company;

Report of same Committee, on petition of Edward O'Brien and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company;

Report of same Committee, on bill An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass;

Report of same Committee, on bill An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass;

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath, reporting the same, and that it ought to pass;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted, in concurrence. Bills read twice, and Monday next assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of A. C. Buffum and others, with a resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Constance A. McLaughlin, reporting a resolve in favor of Constance A. McLaughlin;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Thomas S. Roberts, reporting a resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted. Read and accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and Monday next assigned for the second reading of each,

excepting the resolve in favor of Constance A. McLaughlin, which was assigned for Wednesday next for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Thomas A. Keating and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Read and accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting legislation inexpedient on petition of James M. Bangs;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of A. J. Donnell;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Cayford;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, granting leave to withdraw on petition of R. G. Dennis and others;

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to teachers' conventions;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relative to the misapplication of money for the support of schools;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to the examination of insane persons;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to altering or repealing chapter 119 of the revised statutes;

Report of same Committee, on bill An act to amend chapter 119 of the revised statutes relating to trustee process, reporting the bill, and that the same ought not to pass;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to foreign attachments;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order concerning interest on accounts after six months;

Report of same Committee, in relation to amending the law concerning manufactures, asking to be discharged from the further

consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Manufactures;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having severally been read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting title four, and that it ought to pass to be engrossed.

This report came from the Senate, read and accepted, and the title passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence, rules suspended, title read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on order relative to increasing the permanent school fund, reporting legislation inexpedient.

This report came from the Senate, read and accepted. On motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford, it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of J. K. Killsa, reporting a resolve in favor of J. K. Killsa.

This report came from the Senate, that branch refusing to give the resolve a passage. On motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, the report was ordered to lie upon the table.

Bill An act to abolish jury fees and to amend chapter 151 of the revised statutes.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch refusing to pass the bill to be engrossed, and non-concurring with the House. The House receded from its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and concurred with the Senate.

Bill An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations.

This bill came from the Senate, referred to the Judiciary Committee. Referred, in concurrence.

Order relating to abolishing the office of commissioner at Washington,

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed.
Read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill was taken up on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, and was under consideration and pending, when the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

• Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient on order directing inquiry into the expediency of repealing chapter 250 of the laws of 1856;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to the liability of married women doing business on their own account;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel G. Pike and others;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of S. G. Stevens and others;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Order on the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, inquiring what further legislation is necessary to secure the payment of notes due the State.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Charles E. Ranlett, reporting a bill, entitled An act authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of amending the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes, reporting a bill, entitled An act to amend the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes ;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Benjamin B. Benson and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company ;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill, An act to incorporate the trustees of Gray Academy, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill, An act for the preservation of trout in Schoodiac waters, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass ;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed.

Reports accepted, in concurrence. Bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on order in relation to the legacy of the late Col. John Black to the Insane Hospital, reporting a resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition and orders, that the Land Agent be authorized to sell the State lands in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll, and Chester, reporting a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell lands in the towns aforesaid ;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally accepted, and the resolves passed to be engrossed.

Reports accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order inquiring into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to open the State road from Portage lake to Fort Kent, reporting a resolve in favor of Fish river road;

Report of the Committee on Claims, upon the claim of the commissioners at Washington, to which a resolve was recommitted, reporting the same in a new draft, as follows: Resolve in favor of the commissioners at Washington;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted therein, and the resolves passed to be engrossed.

Reports accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and, Wednesday, April 1st, assigned for the second reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Josiah A. Judkins, reporting a bill, entitled An act to set off Josiah A. Judkins, together with certain real estate, from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence, rules suspended, and the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act repealing the law of 1852, and reviving the law of revised statutes relative to the publications of intention of marriage.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to encourage the use of water power.

This bill being under consideration, it was, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Mattamiscontis.

The foregoing resolve, having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to depositions ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company ;

Bill An act repealing an act entitled an act to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Calais, approved April 4, 1856 ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws, passed A. D. 1845, concerning the assignment of taxes.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. HOBBS of Waterford, it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on order relative to increasing the permanent school fund.

This report was taken from the table on motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford, and the House nonconcurred with the Senate in the acceptance of the report, and recommitted it.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Farrington and others, to make valid the doings of Milldam school district in the town of Brewer.

The above petition was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Holloway and others, praying for the passage of a bill for the protection of deer on Cross island.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, returning to the House a bill, entitled An act to provide for the trial of capital cases, and communicating the following reasons for withholding his signature to the bill :

To the House of Representatives :

I have attentively considered the provisions of the bill, entitled An act to provide for the trial of capital cases. It is a departure from the rule which has hitherto prevailed in this State for conducting the trial

of indictments for capital offenses, and in my opinion discards a sound and important principle generally recognized in the administration of justice.

Heretofore, whenever provision has been made by law for the hearing of such cases, by a number of judges less than a majority of the full law court, it has always been accompanied by a provision allowing the accused to take exceptions to their rulings and instructions. This safeguard is accorded to every person whose rights of property only are involved before our courts, as well as to all those who may be put on trial for offenses which are not capital; and I cannot perceive that it is wise or just to take it away from him alone who is on trial for a capital offense.

It is of the utmost importance in securing the confidence of a community in its judicial tribunals, that the laws of the land as promulgated by them should be uniform and harmonious; and this is eminently true in respect to the adjudication of criminal cases; but to allow four judges out of the eight who now constitute the supreme judicial court, to be the final arbiters of the law in capital cases, makes it at least possible for discordant opinions, on similar questions, to prevail at different times, thus producing a conflict of authoritative law within the same sovereignty and jurisdiction, which may conduct different juries to opposite conclusions, under a similar statement of facts.

Moreover, if four judges only are to sit in the trial of capital cases, should they at any time happen to differ in opinion among themselves, the negative opinions of any two of them, by producing an equipoise, would be controlling and decisive of the point in difference; nevertheless, under the provisions of this bill the accused would be remediless in such a case, however erroneous those negative opinions might be in the judgment of a majority of the whole court, if it could be appealed to.

That some two of our judges would not unfrequently be found at variance with their associates in the unpremeditated opinions they are sometimes called upon to form, in conducting capital trials, may readily be presumed, when we consider the different constitutions of independent minds, and the frequent introduction of new members upon the bench, under the operation of the present limitation of the judicial tenure.

Inasmuch, then, as this bill does not require the concurrence of opinion of a majority of "the supreme judicial court," which under the constitution is clothed with the judicial power of the State as the court of final resort, nor even unanimity among the four judges whom it proposes to authorize to try capital cases, and as it provides no alter-

native protection to the accused, by allowing him the privilege of taking exceptions to their rulings and decisions, I am constrained to withhold from it my approval, and herewith return it to that branch of the Legislature in which it originated.

JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 23, 1857.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

The bill and objections were committed to the Judiciary Committee, on the part of the House, and 350 copies of the objections ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, the House reconsidered the vote whereby it assigned Wednesday next for the consideration of this bill, and assigned to-morrow.

Resolve in favor of Insane Hospital.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, for a statement of facts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Biddeford.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, this bill was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of 1856, laid on the table by Mr. DANFORTH of Gardiner.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the State Prison, on the report of the Inspectors and Warden of the State Prison.

The House reconsidered its vote accepting this report and recommitting it.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. GARITY of Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting chapter eleven of title two;

Report of same Committee, reporting title five;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the titles passed to be engrossed as reported. Reports accepted, in concurrence, rules suspended, each title read three times, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to amend the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes;

Bill An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of Solon and Embden Bridge;

Bill An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the trustees of Gray Academy;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream;

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton;

Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March 29, 1853.

This bill came from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

Recommitted, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, upon petition of Joshua E. Jenks and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Perley and Lyman Bradstreet from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, on bill An act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws, approved March 17, 1855, reporting the bill in a new draft.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence, bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, it was ordered to be laid upon the table, and 350 copies to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting legislation inexpedient on petition of Stephen Purrington.

The foregoing report came from the Senate, read and accepted. Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company.

This bill came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on order relating to a Normal School, reporting a bill An act for the establishment of a State Normal School.

This report came from the Senate recommitted. Recommitted, in concurrence.

Bill An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. HOBBS of Waterford, it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of T. H. Fassett, reporting a resolve in favor of T. H. Fassett;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order relating to the repair of Houlton and Baring road, reporting a resolve providing for the repair of the Houlton and Baring road;

Report of the Committee on Claims, upon the petition of the city of Bath, reporting a resolve in favor of the city of Bath;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the resolves passed to be engrossed. Reports severally accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and Wednesday, April 1st, assigned for the second reading of each.

Report of the Committee on the Revised Statutes, on petition of William Wyman, reporting a bill, entitled An act to protect the culture of cranberries;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Sylvester J. Roberts, reporting a bill, entitled An act to authorize Sylvester J. Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters of Narraguagus bay;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of exempting libraries from attachment, reporting a bill entitled An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, the bills passed to be engrossed. Reports severally accepted, in concurrence. Bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Bill An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of the selectmen and superintending school committee of the town of Winthrop, for the year 1856, laid on the table by Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 28 of the laws of 1847, relating to appeal from the decision of county commissioners, laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry,

Ordered, That on and after Thursday next, this House meet at 9 o'clock in the morning, except Mondays, when it shall meet at 10 o'clock.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

Ordered, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Rev. Mr. ORCUTT of Hartford, this evening, for the purpose of delivering a lecture upon the purposes of the American Colonization Society.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the repair of the Maine military road.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel R. Jackson, of Brunswick, for reimbursement of money paid by him to secure the ends of justice;

Petition of John Parr; of Portland, praying that the State would relinquish to him the right to certain property in Portland;

The above petitions were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Higgins and 16 others, of Kenduskeag, to be re-annexed to the town of Levant;

Petition of Greenlief Wing and 150 others, that Kenduskeag may be re-annexed to Levant;

The above petitions were severally referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles K. Miller and others, for an act of incorporation to build a railroad from Greenbush to the east line of the State.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Allen Lewis and others, for an act of incorporation for a marine railway at Boothbay Harbor.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais,

The resolves accompanying the report of the Committee on Printing and Binding, were taken up, and amended on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, by striking out all the words in the 12th line of the first resolve, and the resolves were read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill An act to change the name of Oak Grove school.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal chapters 53, 56 and 57 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flax seed;

Bill An act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse, and erect a house for the same;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant Point;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company.

This bill was amended as per sheet A, and having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was, as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo;

This bill being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais, it was ordered that the question on its passage to be engrossed be taken by yeas and nays.

Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth, moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded by the House, and the main question was ordered to be put, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, by yeas 57, nays 56, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Albee, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Buxton, Butler, Bickford, Barron, Bryant, Clark, Coffin, H. M. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church, Carr, Cotton, Davis, J. H. Dunning, Day, Dev-
eraux, Foster, A. Fletcher, Gowen, Gould, Hilton, Houdlette, Huff, Hobson, Houghton, Hichborn, Joy, Little, Linscott, Lane, Murch, Marston, C. F. Moulton, Merriam, Marshall, Moore, Pike, Patten, Parsons, Pierce, Roak, Richardson, Stone, Silsby, Sampson, R. Smith, Sawyer, Tabbut, Tenney, E. Wells, E. Weeks, Webber, Whitaker, Woodbury.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, W. Brown, Burr, W. M. E. Brown, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, Bennett, G. W. Chadbourne, Copp, Chandler, Campbell, Cyr, Duren, Dennett, N. C. Deering, Danforth, Drummond, J. Deering, Dunn, Dingley, Ford, E. Fletcher, Fox, Guptil, Given, Hamblen, Hunter, J. S. Hobbs, Hammatt, Hinds, Holt, Jewell, Johnson, Kimball, S. Lewis, Leavitt, Longfellow, Lord, Leadbetter, Lombard, Martin, Morse, T. Moulton, Milliken, McKenney, Pool, Parlin, Pitcher, Rice, Rollins, G. Smith, Stinchfield, Tolman, Walker, Woodman, Weed.

Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin;

“ for encouraging the building of mills in Letter C, range 1;

* Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton ;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HANSON of Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on petitions of inhabitants of the towns of Pembroke, Charlotte, Perry, and Robbinston, reporting a bill, entitled An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Pennamaquon and Borden lake, and tributary waters;

Report of same Committee, on petition of William B. Lapham, reporting a bill, entitled An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's pond, in Woodstock, in the county of Oxford;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed.

Reports read and accepted, in concurrence. Bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Bill An act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings, laid on the table by Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to usury.

This bill came from the Senate refused a passage therein. Bill read three times, and refused a passage in concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal an act in relation to directors of corporations, approved February 27, 1857, laid upon the table by Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORSE of Paris, laid upon the table the account of E. W. Clark, for services as sheriff of the county of Oxford.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON of Saco,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall, this afternoon, be tendered to the Rev. Mr. ORCUTT, who proposes to address the members of the Legislature and others, who may wish to be present, upon the subject of African colonization.

On motion of Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield,

Ordered, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives this evening, is hereby granted to J. D. FARREN, Esq., for the purpose of an address on the subject of Kansas.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Hollis Bowman and others, for an additional criminal term of the supreme judicial court in Penobscot county.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston;

Bill An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company.

This bill having been amended as per amendments A and B, and having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of E. Holmes and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to restrain the sale and use of strychnine, or other deadly poison;

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer, reported a bill, entitled An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer;

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on order of inquiring into the expediency of providing further legislation relative to the taxation of personal property on farms divided by town lines, reported a bill, entitled An act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills each read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on order of inquiring into the expediency of repealing a resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, approved February 26, 1856, reported a resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

The report was read and accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital;

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to renew a note to the Trustees of Maine Insane Hospital. This resolve was amended by the Senate, and the amendment adopted by the House.

The foregoing resolves having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to the law relating to elections.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, offered the amendment as per sheet A. On motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, the bill and proposed amendment were ordered to be laid upon the table.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch of the Legislature refusing to concur with the House in refusing the passage of the bill to be enacted, and passed the bill to be enacted. The question being on receding and concurring with the Senate, Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, moved that when the question is taken, it be by yeas and nays, and it was ordered, and being so taken, the House refused to recede and concur, by nays 68, yeas 65, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, Albee, S. Brackett, Burr, Bickford, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, G. W. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church, Copp, Campbell, Cyr, Duren, Deblois, N. C. Deering, Drummond, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Fox, Gross, Garcelon, Hamblen, Hunter, J. S. Hobbs, Houghton, Hammatt, Hichborn, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Kimball, Leavitt, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Leadbetter, Lane, Lombard, Morse, Merriam, Milliken, Morrison, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Roak, G. Smith, Strickland, Steward, R. Smith, Stinchfield, Sawyer, Walker, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Adams, Allen, W. Brown, Banks, Bicknell, Buxton, Baker, Butler, W. M. E. Brown, Burleigh, Barron, Clark, Coffin, Chandler, Carr, Cotton, Dennett, Davis, J. H. Dunning, Day, Deveraux, Danforth, Ford, Foster, A. Fletcher, Guptill, Gowen, Given, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, Hilton, Houdlette, Huff, Hobson, Hathaway, Joy, Jewell, Johnson, Littlefield, S. Lewis, Linscott, Murch, Marston, C. F. Moulton, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill, Marshall, McKenney, Pool, Pike, Rowell, Robinson, Stone, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, Tolman, Tabbut, Tenney, Vinton, E. Wells, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, Woodbury, Williamson, Weed.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, moved that the House insist on its vote refusing to pass the bill to be enacted.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill An act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels, reporting the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

Report of same Committee, on order in relation to fraudulent insurance companies out of the State, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, on bill An act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to home and agencies of foreign insurance companies, reporting the bill and that it ought not to pass;

Report of same Committee, on order in relation to agencies of foreign insurance companies, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to chapter 16 of the revised statutes;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on petition of Oliver Farrington and others;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Charles K. Miller, ordering notice thereon;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted. Severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Isaac N. Davis and others, to be set off from Greene and annexed to Webster, reporting leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted. The House refused to concur in the acceptance of the report, and on motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, recommitted it.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Order relative to the State valuation of the town of Bowerbank.

This order came from the Senate having been read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Charles Carlisle and others, against changing the shire-town of the county of Lincoln.

This remonstrance came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Referred, in concurrence.

Petition of Harrison Knowles, that the time to cut timber on one fourth of township No. 8, in the 4th range, be extended.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act to amend section 70 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking;

Bill An act to set off Josiah A. Judkins together with certain real estate, from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico;

Bill An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to execute deeds under the resolves approved March 22d, in the year of our Lord 1856.

This resolve having had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds in the towns of Turner and Hartford, laid on the table by Mr. HOLT of Turner.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of Secretary of State, in the year of our Lord 1855.

This resolve came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve, and finally passed the same. The House non-concurred with the Senate in finally passing the resolve, and insisted on its former vote indefinitely postponing the same; and the same was sent to the Senate; and the information of the action of the House was transmitted to the Senate by the Clerk of the House.

The Joint Special Committee having the subject of salaries under consideration, reported by Mr. DUREN leave to withdraw on the petition of John S. Baker, for increase of salary as county attorney for the county of Sagadahoc.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, withdrew his motion pending yesterday, for the House to insist on its vote non-concurring with the Senate; and the bill was sent to the Senate, with the information, through the Clerk of the House, that the House refused to recede from its vote refusing to pass the bill to be enacted, and non-concurring with the Senate in passing the bill to be enacted.

Resolves relating to the publication of the revised statutes.

These resolves having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUREN, from the Committee on Increase of Salaries, on bill An act to amend an act for the better security of the money in the State treasury, reported the bill, and that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes, and providing for a change in the pauper laws, reported the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

Mr. LITTLEFIELD, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of inhabitants of Bridgewater plantation, reported leave to withdraw;

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to weights and measures;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting title two, excepting chapter 11 of said title, heretofore reported.

This report came from the Senate, report accepted, and the title as reported, passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Rules suspended, and title two as received from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution the Third Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, of the State of Maine, for the year 1856.

Mr. DUNNING of Charleston, laid upon the table the claim of the town of Charleston for bounty paid on bears.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Columbus Foster and others, for alteration of the law in relation to the location of school houses in school districts.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Constant Rankin and others, against the Trustees of First Universalist meeting-house in Rockland.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to authorize Sylvester J. Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters of Narraguagus Bay.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer ;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's pond, in Woodstock.

This bill was amended as per sheet A.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on bill An act requiring the Indian Agent to sell land in Brewer, reported a resolve authorizing the sale of Indian land in Brewer.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings, reported the same in a new draft, entitled An act additional respecting judicial proceedings ;

Mr. FOX, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of Custom House Wharf in Portland ;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills each read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Pennamaquon and Borden lake and tributary waters.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

This resolve being upon its passage to be engrossed, it was on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom.

This resolve being upon its passage to be engrossed, it was on motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Linneus, laid upon the table.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill was under consideration and pending when the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary regulating proceedings before juries to appraise damages for lands taken for highways on appeal from county commissioners.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton;

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital;

Resolve relative to meteorological observations in the State of Maine;

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Mattamiscontis;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the trustees of Gray Academy;

Bill An act to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company;

Bill An act repealing an act entitled an act to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Calais, approved April 4, 1856;

Bill An act to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company;

Bill An act in relation to depositions;

Bill An act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company.

This bill was read twice, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, it was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on the report of the Joint Special Committee to which was referred the order, that the communication of the Governor in relation to the claims of this State under the treaty of Washington, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, and that said committee be directed to inquire and report what further legislation may be needful to obtain the early adjustment of all the treaty claims, and to secure the equitable rights and promote the prosperity of the French settlers on the St. John river, reported a resolve relating to the claims of the State and settlers arising under the treaty of Washington.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, it was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was amended, in concurrence, as per sheets A and B, and further amended as per sheet C, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

This resolve, having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Solomon Coy and others, for alteration of city charter of Calais.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the town of Machias, for the support of an insane pauper, presented by Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the town of Greenwood, for bounty paid on bears, presented by Mr. WEED of Oldtown.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend the 26th section of the 32d chapter of the revised statutes in relation to paupers, laid upon the table by Mr. LINSOTT of Jay.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DANFORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill An act relating to the powers of justices of the peace in the city of Calais, reported the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

Also, on bill An act to prevent fraudulent conveyances and to protect heirs therefrom, reported the bill, and that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. FOSTER, from the same Committee, on bill An act fixing the liability of railroad corporations in certain cases, reported the bill, and that the same ought not to pass;

The above reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CHADBOURNE, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported, granting leave to withdraw on petition of James Bryant and others;

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Ira Fish and others, for an appropriation to erect a bridge over Mattawamkeag stream, in Chrystal plantation.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Sumner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be requested to inquire into the expediency of so altering or amending the law that all tickets sold by any agent or ticket master of any railroad or steamboat corporation in this State, or their agents out of the State, or by any individual or his agent owning such railroad or steamboat property, shall entitle the holder to be carried by said railroad or steamboat corporation on any one train or boat that may run belonging to the parties aforesaid, as the said ticket may show, for the term of six days, provided it shall not be for an excursion only.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MERRILL of Harmony, introduced the following order :

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock, until otherwise ordered.

The order was laid on the table on motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That a committee of five, with such as the Senate may join, be raised to ascertain and report when the Legislature may finally adjourn.

Passed, and Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Woodbury of Litchfield, Buxton of Warren, Brown of Solon, and Holt of Turner, were appointed said committee on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Judiciary Committee, reported in a new draft, that bill An act to repeal chapter 256 of the revised statutes, in relation to the disclosures of poor debtors, ought to pass.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. DEBLOIS, from same Committee, on an order respecting the expediency of amending the 18th section of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, reported bill An act to amend chapter 107 of the revised statutes, in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases.

The report was accepted. Bill twice read, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta.

Read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. BICKFORD, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Josiah P. Bean, for compensation for injuries received while in the service of the State, reported a resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and Wednesday, April 1, assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing, in the city of Bath.

This report was, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, recommitted, with instructions to report the bill in a new draft, and engraft in the bill the amendments which have been adopted to the bill, as shown by papers A and B.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, transmitting information to the House of Representatives, that

An act in relation to wills;

An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate;

An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and villages;

An act relating to attachments—were severally approved March 20, 1857;

An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens;

An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings—were severally approved March 21, 1857; and

An act additional to an act respecting the electors of President and Vice President, was approved March 24, 1857;

And the same entered upon the Journal of the House, and information thereof transmitted to the Senate, by message from the House, through the Clerk.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petitions of the Selectmen of Burlington and Oldtown, for further legislation relative to the collection of non-resident taxes.

This report was, on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, recommended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of George E. Burr and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond, in the town of Mercer.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Order relating to amendment of An act to provide for the education of youth.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed. Read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles R. Porter, for an appropriation to build a fence around General King's monument, at Bath;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on resolve authorizing the Land Agent to settle with William Dickey, reporting legislation inexpedient thereon;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of J. W. Winslow and others, for an appropriation for a road in No. 9, in Aroostook county;

Report of the Joint Select Committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, in the 28th chapter of the second revision of the public laws of Maine, which is chapter 255 of the laws of 1856, and is entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, reporting, that said chapter should not be embodied in the revision of the public laws, but should remain as one of the unrepealed laws of 1856;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Daniel Wheeler and others, to legalize doings of Milldam School District in Brewer;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of J. B. Cahoon and others, for amendment of city charter of Portland;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to compensation of county commissioners;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to liability of stockholders of corporations;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Godfrey Lyndrick to be set off from the town of Alexander and annexed to Crawford;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of David Jenkins to be set off from West Gardiner and annexed to Gardiner;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of John Moran and others, that Falls Island may be set off from Trescott and annexed to Pembroke;

Report of same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas Brastow and others, praying that the Brastow farm may be set off from Orrington and annexed to Brewer;

Report of same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw on petitions of Benjamin Shute and others, Jeremiah Lindsey and others, Greenleaf Gray and others, praying that if the town of Prospect is divided they may be left north of the proposed dividing line;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on various petitions referred from the last Legislature to the present;

Final report of same Committee, reporting that they have completed the examination of all petitions and remonstrances, and other

papers legitimately before them, and reported upon the same, and asking leave to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of G. S. Foster and others, for appropriation on road in Letter C, range one;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill An act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings, approved February 25, 1857, reporting the same, and that it ought not to pass;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted therein.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Benjamin Stinchfield and others, that costs in certain actions against the Shipbuilders' Bank may be made preferred claims.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted. On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, it was laid upon the table.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate insisted on its vote whereby it passed to be enacted a bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, and requesting a conference of the two Houses of the Legislature, and appointing on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Woodbury of Oxford, Webb of Lincoln, and Burbank of Cumberland, as conferees. The House concurred in the proposition for a conference, and Messrs. Gilbert of Bath, Foster of East Machias, and Danforth of Gardiner, were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of the Westbrook Seminary, for aid.

This report was, on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, recommitted for a statement of facts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GARCELON, from the Committee on Education, to which was recommitted the report of said committee on petition of Westbrook Seminary for aid, for a statement of facts, reported the same, accompanied with a statement of facts, and on motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, it was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of Bloomfield.

Bill An act to amend the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes;

Bill An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin;

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to renew a note to the Trustees of Maine Insane Hospital;

The foregoing resolves having had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROWELL of South Thomaston,

Ordered, That the statement of facts in relation to James Leonard, an inmate in the Insane Hospital, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER of Chesterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education, be required to consider so much of the report of the superintendent of common schools as relates to "central districts"; likewise so much as relates to the duty of committees in effecting a uniformity of text books, and report thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, entitled of parishes and ministerial lands.

This bill having been read three times, and being on its passage to be engrossed, it was amended on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, as per sheet A; and the bill as amended was, on motion of Mr. COTTON of Bowdoin, indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to protect the culture of cranberries.

This bill being under consideration, it was, on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, laid upon the table.

Bill An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond, in the town of Mercer;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional respecting judicial proceedings;

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

Bill An act to amend chapter 107 of the revised statutes in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the sale of Indian land in Brewer.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the

Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of Solon and Embden Bridge.

This bill having had three several readings, and having been passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts;

Resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream;

The above resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BICKNELL, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Edward S. Little and others, reported a bill, entitled An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston Bridge.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Education, on order inquiring into the expediency of establishing a Normal School, reported a bill, entitled An act for the establishment of a State Normal School.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and Tuesday next assigned for its third reading.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Smith Cram, praying that a pension may be granted him for injuries sustained while in the military service of the State.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from same Committee, on order in relation to discontinuing the pension now paid to Peter S. Folsom, reported that

said pension ought to be discontinued after the present quarter. On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, the report was recommended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to the powers of married women, laid on the table by Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Portland, laid on the table by Mr. FOX of Portland;

The above bills were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of South Thomaston, praying to be reimbursed expenses on account of insane paupers.

Referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DEERING of Hampden, presented the credentials of Ambrose C. Wilson, elected as a representative from the district composed of the towns of Brewer and Orrington, and by direction of the Speaker, Mr. Wilson was conducted to the Chamber of the Governor and Council, by Mr. Deering of Hampden, who subsequently reported that the member elect had taken and subscribed the oaths required by the constitution and the laws, to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient on order to amend chapter 30 of the revised statutes;

Report of same Committee, on order in relation to capital punishment, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of R. T. Dunlap and others, and James F. Patten and others;

Report of Committee on Division of Counties, reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of the city council of Rockland, praying for a half-shire town of the county of Lincoln;

Report of same Committee, making the same report on petition of Isaac Reed and others, praying that Waldoborough be made the shire town of the county of Lincoln;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw upon the

petition of R. S. Morse and others, to be set off from Dixfield and annexed to Wilton;

Report of same Committee, reporting a reference to the next Legislature on the petition of John Tobin and others, for a new county;

Report of Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of selectmen of Kingfield, praying that their State tax may be abated;

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Phillis Russell, for a conveyance to her of land in Indian township No. 4;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to aid for road in Letter B, range one;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to a survey of the line between this State and New Hampshire;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Claims of the city of Bangor for bounties paid, and for support of foreign insane paupers, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act to change the time of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Lincoln, came from the Senate referred to the Lincoln delegation.

Referred, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia, came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed.

Read once, and Wednesday, April 1, assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

The amendment offered to this bill by Mr. MERRILL of Harmony, as per sheet A, was rejected by the House. On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, it was amended as per sheet B, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Elisha Chick and others, reported a bill entitled An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act to repeal chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, in relation to the disclosures of poor debtors.

This bill being upon its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. DUREN of Calais, the House ordered that when the question is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays; and upon being taken, the bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, by yeas 55, nays 51, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Andrews, Adams, Allen, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, Butler, Burr, W. M. E. Brown, Blaisdell, Burleigh, Bryant, Crosby, Copp, Cotton, Cyr, Deveraux, N. C. Deering, Drummond, S. Dunning, Dingley, Fox, Gross, Gould, Gilbert, Hamblen, J. Hobbs, Houdlette, Hammatt, Hichborn, Holt, Johnson, Kimball, Leavitt, Little, Linscott, Lane, Marston, Martin, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill, Merriam, Marshall, Richardson, Robinson, Sampson, R. Smith, Stinchfield, Tenney, Vinton, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, Williamson, Weed.

Those who voted in the negative, were:

Messrs. Albee, Buxton, Baker, Bickford, Bennett, Clark, Came, Coffin, Church, Chandler, Carr, Duren, Dennett, Day, J. Deering, Ford, Foster, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Gowen, Huff, Hathaway, Hinds, Ingalls, S. Lewis, Leadbetter, G. H. Lewis, Lombard, Murch, C. F. Moulton, Morse, Milliken, McKenney, Moore, Pike, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pottle, Rowell, Rice, Stone, Spofford, Silsby, G. Smith, Steward, Tolman, Tabbut, Walker, E. Weeks, J. L. Weeks.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845, reporting a bill, entitled An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845.

The foregoing report came from the Senate having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of same Committee, on the petition of Wm. H. Titcomb and others, in relation to making valid doings of the assessors of the First Universalist meeting-house in Rockland, reporting a resolve making valid the doings of the proprietors of the First Universalist meeting-house in Rockland.

The foregoing report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims, upon the claim of the town of Moscow, for commitment of insane foreign pauper, reporting a resolve in favor of the town of Moscow.

The foregoing report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and Wednesday, April 8, assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of D. Alden and others, for an amendment of the city charter of Augusta;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to collection of taxes on real estate of resident owners.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of Warren Lamson and others of Franklin, to have unpaid non-resident taxes advertised in the county papers.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. The House non-concurred in referring to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order in relation to the final adjournment of the Legislature.

This order came from the Senate, having been referred to the Joint Select Committee, to inquire when the Legislature may take a recess.

Referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act to amend the 2d section of chapter 265 of the laws of 1856, relating to the militia.

Rules suspended, and having had three several readings, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to the publication of the revised statutes;

Resolve for encouraging the building of mills in Letter C, range one;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots.

This bill having had three several readings, and amended as per sheets A and B, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel Veazie and others, for further time to complete branch tracks of Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad.

This report was taken from the table on motion of Mr. WEED of Oldtown, and was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on bill An act for the better protection of orchards, nurseries, gardens, &c., reporting the bill, and that it ought not to pass.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting title one of the revised laws.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the title passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Rules suspended, title read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the directors of the Maritime Bank, for a re-charter of said bank ;

Report of same Committee, on petition of the stockholders of the Maritime Bank, for an increase of capital.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, that branch refusing to concur with the House in accepting said reports granting leave to the petitioners to withdraw, and recommitting the same. The House reconsidered its vote accepting the reports, and they were severally recommitted, in concurrence.

Bill An act to restrain the sale and use of strychnine or other deadly poison.

This bill being upon its passage to be engrossed, was referred to a Joint Special Committee, with instructions to report a bill embracing the substance of this bill ; and also provisions regulating the sale of poisons, and Messrs. Brown of Solon, Parlin of Winthrop, Buxton of Warren, Foster of East Machias, Fletcher of China, Andrews of Monmouth, Allen of Thomaston, were appointed said committee, on the part of the House.

Mr. BUXTON was excused from serving on the committee on bill An act to restrain the sale and use of strychnine or other deadly poison, and Mr. WELLS of Freeport, appointed instead.

Bill An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston bridge.

The foregoing bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Perley, and Lyman Bradstreet, from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation.

The foregoing bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the city of Bath.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional concerning the powers of judges of probate, laid on the table by Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, offered the following order :

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish this House with a copy of Webster's Dictionary unabridged.

Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport.

A message was received from the Senate by its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate non-concurred with the House in indefinitely postponing a resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State in the year of our Lord 1855, and insisted upon its vote finally passing the resolve, and proposing a conference of the two Houses, and appointing Messrs. Woodbury of Oxford, Wasson of Hancock, and West of Lincoln, as conferees on the part of the Senate. The House concurred in the proposition for a conference, and Messrs. Woodman of Bucksport, Adams of Newfield, and Duren of Calais, were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House on Saturday passed to be engrossed a bill,

entitled An act to repeal chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, in relation to the disclosures of poor debtors, and on motion of Mr. TOLMAN of Rockland, it was ordered, that when the question is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays; and being so taken, the House reconsidered the vote passing the bill to be engrossed, by yeas 63, noes 45, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Bicknell, Buxton, Baker, Burr, Bickford, Blaisdell, Bennett, Bryant, Cragin, Clark, Came, Coffin, Church, Chandler, Cotton, Duren, Dennett, Day, Danforth, Ford, Foster, A. Fletcher, Fox, Gowen, Gammon, J. Hobbs, Houdlette, Huff, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Hammatt, Hinds, Ingalls, Joy, S. Lewis, Little, Lord, Linscott, Leadbetter, G. H. Lewis, Lombard, Murch, C. F. Moulton, Martin, Morse, Marshall, McKenney, Moore, Pike, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pottle, Rowell, Rice, Stone, Spofford, Silsby, Tabbut, Walker, R. Wells, J. L. Weeks, Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Adams, Andrews, Albee, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Butler, W. M. E. Brown, Crosby, Copp, Cyr, Deveraux, N. C. Deering, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dingley, Guptil, Gould, Gross, Gilbert, Hamblen, Holt, Johnson, Kimball, Leavitt, Lane, Marston, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill, Merriam, Milliken, Parlin, Roak, Richardson, Robinson, Sampson, Strickland, Stinchfield, Tolman, Vinton, E. Weeks, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, Weed, Wilson.

And on motion of Mr. GILBERT of Bath,
The bill was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1857.

The Speaker called the House to order at 9 o'clock, and upon a call of the House being made, it appeared that there were but 64 members present, not a quorum; and on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock of this forenoon. The members answering to their names on the call, were as follows:

Messrs. Albee, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, Butler, Bickford, Blaisdell, Bennett, Barron, Bryant, Cragin, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Cotton, Deveraux, N. C. Deering, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Ford, A. Fletcher, Given, Gross, Gould, Hamblen, Hilton, Houdlette, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Hinds, Ingalls, Joy, Kimball, S. Lewis, Little, Linscott, C. F. Moulton, Morse, Merriam, D. Merrill, Moore, Parlin, Patten, Pitcher, Pottle, Rowell, Rice, Roak, Richardson, Robinson, Spofford, Silsby, Steward, Stinchfield, Tolman, Vinton, E. Wells, Walker, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Webber, R. Wells, J. L. Weeks, Woodbury, Weed.

Ten o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of Noah Lord and others; also, on petition of Trustees of Lebanon academy.

This report came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in the acceptance of the report, and recommitting the same for a statement of facts. The House reconsidered the vote whereby it accepted said report, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel W. Jones, for repayment of taxes paid to the State, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

Referred, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on County Estimates, granting leave to withdraw on petition of the county commissioners of Sagadahoc county, in relation to building a jail;

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting reference to the next Legislature on the petition of Limington academy;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on order in relation to horse trotting and horse racing at agricultural exhibitions, reporting a bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to the expediency of altering chapter 67 of the revised statutes, reporting a bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bills severally passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted, in concurrence. Bills each read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, upon the petition of Deodat Brastow, reporting a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot number eleven, in township No. 2, Indian purchase;

Resolve for the further distribution of the revised statutes;

The foregoing report and resolves came from the Senate, the report having been accepted, and the resolves passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Bill An act to amend the 2d section of chapter 265 of the laws of the year 1856, relating to the militia;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton;

Resolve providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant Point;

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Richard Hogan and 39 others, of Georgetown, in aid of petition of William M. Reed and others, in favor of a bridge from Bath to Woolwich, across the Kennebec river.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That a committee consisting of one from each county, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of removing the seat of government of this State to Portland or Bangor, and report on or before the sixth day of April next.

Read and passed. And Messrs. Moore of Ellsworth, Vinton of Gray, Littlefield of Alfred, Buxton of Warren, Burr of Mercer, Weed of Oldtown, Burleigh of Linneus, Copp of Liberty, Hobbs of Waterford, Campbell of Medford, Morrison of Farmington, Garcelon of Lewiston, Gilbert of Bath, Chadbourne of Perry, and Bicknell of Augusta, were appointed said committee on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Senate joined Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Wasson of Hancock, Graves of Kennebec, Chandler of Piscataquis, and Dane of York.

Bill An act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. BURR of Mercer, and Friday next, at 11 o'clock, assigned for its further consideration.

Bill An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Auburn, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the trustees of Oak Grove Academy, in Falmouth, laid on the table by Mr. HOBBS of Falmouth;

Bill An act relating to the division of school money, laid on the table by Mr. CHANDLER of Chesterville;

The foregoing bills were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DANFORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill An act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of 1856, reported the bill, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. CROSBY, from the same Committee, on bill An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to directors of corporations, reported the bill, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the directors of the City Bank of Biddeford, praying that the capital stock of said bank may be increased, reported a bill, entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, at Biddeford;

The foregoing reports were severally accepted, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John Parrs, praying that the State may relinquish to him the right to certain property in Portland, reported a resolve in favor of John Parrs.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act concerning judges of municipal courts, laid upon the table by Mr. VINTON of Gray.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, and considered; and on his motion amended as per sheet B, annexed.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, moved to amend the bill as per amendment C, annexed to the bill; and Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry, moved that when the question upon the adoption of said amendment is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays; and the House so ordered,

and upon the question being so taken, the amendment was adopted by yeas 89, nays 18, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Andrews, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, Buxton, Burr, W. M. E. Brown, Bickford, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, Bennett, Barron, Cragin, Clark, Coffin, Crosby, Church, Copp, Chandler, Cotton, Dennett, Day, N. C. Deering, Danforth, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Ford, Foster, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Gowen, Given, Gross, Gould, Gilbert, J. Hobbs, Hilton, Huff, Hathaway, Hinds, Ingalls, Joy, Kimball, S. Lewis, Little, Linscott, G. H. Lewis, Lombard, Murch, Marston, C. F. Moulton, Martin, Morse, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill, Merriam, D. Merrill, McKenney, Pool, Pike, Parlin, Patten, Pitcher, Pottle, Rowell, Rice, Roak, Richardson, Robinson, Stone, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, Tenney, Vinton, Walker, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells, J. L. Weeks, Woodbury, Williamson, Weed, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Adams, Baker, Bryant, G. W. Chadbourne, Duren, Deblois, Deveraux, Drummond, Fox, Hamblen, Hobson, Johnson, Lane, Marshall, Moore, Strickland, Tabbut, E. Wells.

Upon motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the bill was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison.

The above resolve having had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters ;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond, in the town of Mercer ;

Bill An act to authorize Sylvester J. Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters of Narraguagus Bay ;

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the York & Cumberland Railroad Company ;

Bill An act to change the name of the Oak Grove school ;

Bill An act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse and erect a house for the same ;

Bill An act to repeal chapters 53, 56 and 57 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flaxseed ;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's pond, in Woodstock ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven in the county of Waldo.

This bill being upon its passage to be enacted, Mr. DUREN of Calais, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and called for the yeas and nays on the question. Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded by the

House, and the main question ordered to be put. Mr. DRUMMOND moved the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill to be enacted, and they were ordered, and the bill passed to be enacted by yeas 71, nays 48, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Albee, N. Brackett, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Buxton, Butler, Burr, Burleigh, Barron, Bryant, Clark, Coffin, H. M. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church, Carr, J. H. Dunning, Day, Deveraux, Dingley, Foster, A. Fletcher, Fox, Guptill, Gowen, Goss, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, Hamblen, Hall, J. Hobbs, Hilton, Huff, Ingalls, Joy, Kimball, Little, Linscott, Lane, Lombard, Murch, Marston, C. F. Moulton, Merriam, Marshall, Moore, Pike, Patten, Pierce, Pottle, Roak, Richardson, Robinson, Silsby, Sampson, R. Smith, Sawyer, Tabbut, Tenney, Vinton, E. Wells, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells, J. L. Weeks, Woodbury, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Andrews, Adams, W. Brown, Baker, W. M. E. Brown, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, Bennett, Cragin, Came, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Cotton, Cyr, Duren, Dennett, N. C. Deering, Drummond, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Ford, E. Fletcher, Given, J. S. Hobbs, Hammatt, Hinds, Johnson, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Leadbetter, Martin, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill, McKenney, Pool, Parlin, Pitcher, Rice, Rollins, G. Smith, Strickland, Steward, Stinchfield, Tolman, Walker, Williamson, Weed.

Bill An act to encourage manufacturing establishments in this State, laid on the table by Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln;

Bill An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, or medical purposes, laid upon the table by Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor.

The foregoing bills were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been amended

as per sheets annexed to the bill marked A, B, C and D, was as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Sandy River Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank;

Bill An act to change the name of the Mousam River Bank;

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

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank of Bangor, and to extend the charter thereof;

Bill An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;

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

Bill An act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock;

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

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of the State of Maine;

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Thomaston Bank;

Bill An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank of Portland;

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

Bill An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to directors of corporations;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Free State Bank.

This bill was, on motion of Mr. DANFORTH of Gardiner, amended by striking out the 4th section, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of the commissioners at Washington.

This resolve, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, was amended as per sheet A, annexed.

Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House amended the resolve, and the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table, and to-morrow assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the resolve was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, it was laid upon the table.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order in relation to reporting a law regulating the sale of railroad tickets, reported legislation inexpedient.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Sumner, the report was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the Union Bank.

This bill was amended on motion of Mr. DANFORTH of Gardiner, by striking out the 4th section, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid upon the table.

Resolve relating to the claims of the State and settlers, arising under the treaty of Washington.

Mr. GILBERT of Bath, offered an amendment to this resolve, as per sheet A, annexed; and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the resolve and proposed amendment were laid upon the table.

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Bank, at Brunswick.

This bill, on motion of Mr. DANFORTH of Gardiner, was amended by striking out the 4th section, and on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank.

This bill being under consideration, it was, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, laid upon the table.

Bill An act to establish the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad Company.

This bill was taken up on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, and to-morrow at 10 o'clock assigned for its consideration.

Mr. BICKNELL, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of J. A. Pettingill and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, it was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act to incorporate the Central Bank.

This bill was amended by striking out the 4th section, and on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, it was recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HAMMATT, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was recommitted a bill for the preservation of moose and deer, reported the same in a new draft;

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act to amend chapter 28 of the laws of 1847, relating to appeals from decisions of county commissioners, reported the bill in a new draft, and recommend that the same do pass;

Mr. GILBERT, from same Committee, on bill, entitled An act relating to the property of deceased married women, reported the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Petition of Dennis O'Brien, of Berwick, for change of name.

Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Bill An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch having receded and amended the House amendment C, as on sheet annexed marked D, and passed the bill, as amended, to be engrossed.

The House concurred in the amendment made by the Senate to

House amendment C, and passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais academy.

This resolve came from the Senate amended as per sheet marked A, annexed, and the further consideration thereof indefinitely postponed.

The House concurred in indefinitely postponing the same. Subsequently the vote indefinitely postponing the resolve, in concurrence, was reconsidered, and the resolve recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act relating to certain officers of towns and other corporations, reported the bill, and that it ought not to pass.

Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of Harmony,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing by law the salary of the Deputy Secretary of State, and report by resolve or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BAKER of Wiscasset,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing the collection of birds now in the cabinet of the State House, belonging to Dr. Cushman of Wiscasset, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Revision of the Laws, reporting part of title nine, from chapter 81 to 90, inclusive.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the title, as reported, passed to be engrossed. Rules suspended, title as received, read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, to which was referred a resolve in aid of schools in Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren, reported a resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren;

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on order in relation to discontinuing the pension now paid to Peter S. Folsom, reporting a resolve in relation to pension of Peter S. Folsom;

These reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Report of the Lincoln County delegation, to which was referred a bill An act to change the time of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Lincoln, reporting the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Library, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of furnishing the surviving members of the constitutional convention who framed the constitution, with one copy each of the Journal of said convention, reporting legislation inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of Columbus Foster and others, in relation to altering laws concerning the location of school houses, granting the petitioners leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Library, reporting legislation inexpedient on order directing inquiry into the expediency of republishing the geology of the State;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Order in relation to papers of the Legislature, and to referring the same.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed. On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, it was laid upon the table.

Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the conventional line of 1842 and the line run by Lieutenant Graham.

This resolve came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed. Read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act in regard to the examination of witnesses.

This bill came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

The Senate joined to the Committee on bill An act to restrain the sale of strychnine and other deadly poison, Messrs. Oak of Penobscot, Twitchell of Oxford, and Berry of Waldo;

And to the Committee on order in relation to final adjournment, Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Wallace of Washington, and Dane of York.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order in relation to increasing the pay of witnesses and jurors, and to which the report on that subject was recommitted, came from the Senate recommitted, with instructions to bring in a bill increasing the travel of witnesses to six cents per mile each way, and increasing their pay for attendance upon the Supreme Judicial Court to one dollar and twenty-five cents per day.

The House reconsidered its vote accepting the report, and recommitted it, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

This resolve being upon its passage to be engrossed, Mr. ADAMS of Newfield, moved to amend the resolve, by adding after the word "dollars," in said resolve, the words, "also to the trustees of Limerick academy the sum of one thousand dollars." Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, objected to the reception of the amendment, as not being in conformity with the thirty-eighth rule of the House. The Speaker ruled the amendment to be in order. Thereupon Mr. JOHNSON took an appeal from the ruling of the Speaker to the House. And the question being, shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House, and it was decided in the affirmative, and the question pending when the House adjourned was upon the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. HAMMATT, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of William Holloway, reported a bill, entitled An act for the protection of deer on Cross island.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Petition of Newell Blake and others, citizens of Oldtown, in aid of petition of Samuel Veazie and others, for extension of Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad;

Petition of Jonathan Powers and others, citizens of Bradley, in aid of same;

Petition of Edward Ellison and others, citizens of Bangor, in aid of same;

Petition of John Butterfield and others, citizens of Milford, in aid of same;

The foregoing petitions came from the Senate, having been severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and they were severally referred, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Chester;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order upon so much of the Governor's message as relates to the public lands;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to amending a resolve for the collection of debts due the State;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to the purchase of county maps;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted. Reports accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State.

This resolve came from the Senate, amended as per sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendments of the Senate as per sheets A and B, and as amended the resolve was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HATHAWAY, from the Committee on Education, on order relative to central school districts and text books in schools, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Free State Bank.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, and amended by striking out of the first section the words "Free State" wherever they occur therein, and inserting instead thereof the word "Norombega"; and as amended the bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of Kenduskeag Bank of Bangor.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Bank at Brunswick.

This bill was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, and amended in the second section of the bill by striking out in the second line the words "one hundred," and inserting instead thereof the words "seventy-five"; and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the bill was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch non-concurred as to amendment A, and concurred as to amendment B, and as amended the bill passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the House insisted on its vote whereby it adopted amendment A, and proposed a conference of the two Houses of the Legislature.

A message was received from the Governor by the Secretary of State, transmitting information, that

An act entitled an act additional to chapter 163 of the revised statutes was approved March 26, 1857;

An act to amend section 70 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes in relation to banks and banking, was approved March 28, 1857;

An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property, was approved March 28, 1857;

An act to amend the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes, was approved March 30, 1857;

An act in relation to depositions, was approved March 30, 1857;

An act to amend the 2d section of chapter 265 of the laws of the year 1856 relating to the militia, was approved March 31, 1857;

An act to repeal chapters 53, 56 and 57 of the revised statutes relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flaxseed, was approved April 1, 1857;

And the same was entered upon the Journal of the House, and a message was sent to the Senate by the Clerk of the House, transmitting the same information to that branch of the Legislature.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act to provide for the trial of capital cases, with the message of the Governor accompanying the same, reported that the bill ought not to pass.

Report accepted; and the question being, shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to pass the bill, by yeas 4, nays 100, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. S. D. Brown, Cragin, Came, C. F. Moulton.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Andrews, W. Brown, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Butler, Burr, W. M. E. Brown, Bickford, Blaisdell, Bennett, Barron, Bryant, Coffin, G. W. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church, Copp, Chandler, Carr, Cotton, Duren, Dennett, Davis, Deblois, Deveraux, N. C. Deering, Drummond, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Ford, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Fox, Guptill, Gowen, Given, Gross, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, Hamblen, Hall, J. Hobbs, Hilton, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Joy, Johnson, Kimball, S. Lewis, Linscott, Leadbetter, Lane, Murch, Marston, Martin, T. Moulton,

J. W. Merrill, Merriam, Marshall, Milliken, McKenney, Pool, Pike, Parlin, Patten, Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, Robinson, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, G. Smith, Strickland, Steward, Stinchfield, Sawyer, Tolman, Tabbut, Tenney, E. Wells, E. Weeks, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells, J. L. Weeks, Woodbury, Williamson, Weed, Wilson.

And a message, with the bill and objections, were conveyed to the Senate by the Clerk, informing that branch of the Legislature of the action of the House.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution a list of stockholders of the several banks in this State, with the amount of stock held by each on the first day of January, 1857.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter;

Bill An act relative to the appointment of guardians of insane married women, laid on the table by Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden;

The above bills were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Judiciary Committee, on order directing them to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary regulating proceedings before juries to appraise damages for lands taken for highways, &c., on appeal from county commissioners, reported a bill, entitled An act additional to chapter 25 of the revised statutes, relating to ways.

Report accepted. On motion of Mr. FLETCHER of China, the report was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the bill ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court; also, on an order relating to the judiciary; also, on bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings, reported bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings.

The bill was read twice, an amendment offered by Mr. DRUM-

MOND of Waterville, on whose motion the bill and amendment were laid on the table, and 350 copies of the bill and amendment ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on Education, on bill An act additional to provide for the distribution of school money, reported the same ought not to pass, and the report was laid on the table on motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

The House proceeded to the special assignment of the day, viz: the subject of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, and on his motion, the bill submitted by him February 2, 1857, "to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company," was taken up, and the bill was read twice, the rule suspended, and the bill read the third time. The bill was then amended in its second section, by inserting amendment A, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville. Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland, then moved to further amend the bill in the same section; and Mr. JOINSON of Augusta, moved to amend the amendment, and his motion prevailed; and the amendment as amended, marked B, was adopted. Mr. DRUMMOND then moved to strike out section two, as amended, and substitute therefor section two of the bill reported by the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of E. Cobb and others, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, the motion was rejected, yeas 16, nays 98, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Clark, Came, G. W. Chadbourne, Duren, Drummond, Foster, Fox, Garcelon, Hunter, Hammatt, Lombard, C. F. Moulton, Martin, Marshall, Strickland, R. Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Andrews, Allen, N. Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Buxton, Butler, Burr, W. M. E. Brown, Bickford, S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, Burleigh, Bryant, Cragin, Coffin, Crosby, Church, Copp, Chandler, Cotton, Cyr, Dennett, Davis, J. H. Dunning, Day, Deveraux, N. C. Deering, Danforth, S. Dunning, Dingley, Ford, A. Fletcher, Guptill, Gowen, Given, Gross, Gould, Gammon, Hall, J. Hobbs, Hilton, Huff, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Joy, Johnson, S. Lewis, Linscott, Leadbetter, G. H. Lewis,

Lane, Murch, Marston, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill, Merriam, D. Merrill, McKenney, Moore, Pool, Pike, Parlin, Patten, Pitcher, Pottle, Rowell, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, Robinson, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, G. Smith, Steward, Stinchfield, Sawyer, Tolman, Tabbut, Tenney, Vinton, E. Wells, Walker, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, J. L. Weeks, Woodbury, Williamson, Weed, Wilson.

Mr. LINSOTT of Jay, moved to strike out the 12th section of the bill, and this motion prevailed.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, then moved to amend by substituting for the 12th section, the following :

“SECTION 12. The building of said railroad shall not be commenced until a bona fide and responsible subscription to the capital stock of said company is obtained, to an amount at least equal to fifty per cent. of the engineer's estimate of the whole cost of said railroad from Portland to Mechanic Falls, exclusive of any subscription to be paid for by the transfer of any other railroad to said company. If said company shall commence building said railroad before such subscription is obtained, they shall have no benefit from the provisions of this act.”

Pending this amendment, the bill was laid on the table, and its further consideration assigned for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Mr. COPP of Liberty, from the Joint Special Committee, to which was referred bill An act to authorize the business of banking, made a report, accompanied by a bill, entitled An act to authorize the business of banking ;

And the same was laid on the table, and on his motion 350 copies of the report and accompanying bill, were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. DANFORTH, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act to secure a uniform registration of births, marriages, deaths, and causes of death in the State of Maine, reported the bill in a new draft.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Litchfield, it was laid on the table.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which

was recommitted the bill in relation to the taxation of non-resident proprietors, reported the same in a new draft, and the same was read twice, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Litchfield, laid on the table.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported on the petition of the directors of Maritime Bank for recharter, leave to withdraw on same;

Mr. BROWN, from same Committee, on the petition of directors of Maritime Bank, for increase of the capital stock of said bank, reported leave to withdraw on same;

Mr. VINTON, from the Judiciary Committee, on petition of C. E. Hayward and others, praying for the abolition of the municipal court in Augusta, reported leave to withdraw on same;

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee composed of the Waldo delegation, on petition of H. Bass, judge of probate, for increase of salary, reported leave to withdraw on same;

Mr. WILLIAMSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Harrison Knowles, for extension of time to cut timber on State land, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CHENEY of Augusta.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order respecting the homestead act;

Report of same Committee, on bill An act to provide for proof of deeds in certain cases, reporting the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

Report of same Committee, on bill, entitled An act to amend section 20 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes, reporting the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

Report of same Committee, reporting a reference to the next Legislature on petition of Solomon Coy and others, for alteration of charter of the city of Calais;

Report of the delegation from the county of Kennebec, reporting legislation inexpedient on order inquiring into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to the municipal courts of the cities of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Theophilus Cushing and others, for leave to purchase east half of township No. 2, range 5;

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Paul Peavey, for aid for losses in building a bridge in township No. 6, range 5;

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of D. W. Bradley, for extension of time for cutting timber upon township 7, range 16;

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to the expediency of amending the 7th and 8th sections of an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved April 20, 1854;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Order in relation to limiting the number of the volunteer militia. This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed. Read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to prohibit the exhibition of circuses.

This bill came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Referred, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Arad Dudley and 65 others, against the further extension of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad.

Remonstrance of G. K. Jewett and 26 others, against any amendments to the bill reported by the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, extending Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill An act to authorize the formation of corporations, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to ascertain and report when the Legislature may finally adjourn.

This report came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and as amended, accepted. On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the report was laid upon the table.

Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais academy.

This resolve came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in recommitting the resolve, and adhering to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same. On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, it was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company, reporting the bill, and that the same ought to pass.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the House reconsidered its vote insisting on its vote adopting amendment A, and proposing a committee of conference, and passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. DENNETT, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of the selectmen of the town of Warren, praying that the law relating to the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river may be altered and amended, reported granting said petitioners leave to bring in a bill, entitled An act to amend the fourth section of an act entitled an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river and tributary streams.

Report accepted. Bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

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

Bill An act to amend chapter 107 of the revised statutes, in relation to the appointment of special administrators, in certain cases;

Bill An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer;

Bill An act authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston;

Bill An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture;

Bill An act to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Perley and Lyman Bradstreet from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Pennamaquon and Borden lake and tributary waters;

Bill An act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose river harbor, passed January 31, 1844;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the city of Bath;

“ in favor of the Insane Hospital;

Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ authorizing the sale of Indian land in Brewer ;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill to establish the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad Company, and the question being on the pending amendment to substitute for the 12th section the amendment offered by Mr. DRUMMOND as a 12th section, the amendment was adopted. Mr. DRUMMOND then moved to strike from the bill the 13th section, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and on being taken, it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 67, nays 51, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Andrews, Allen, Adams, Albee, S. Brackett, W. M. E. Brown, Blaisdell, Burleigh, Barron, Bryant, Cragin, Clark, Came, H. M. Chadbourne, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Carr, Cotton, Cyr, Dennett, Davis, Deblois, J. H. Dunning, Day, N. C. Deering, Drummond, Dunn, J. Deering, Ford, Foster, Gowen, Given, Hamblen, Huff, Hunter, Ingalls, Johnson, Kimball, Littlefield, S. Lewis, Leadbetter, Lombard, Murch, Martin, Marshall, Milliken, Morrison, Moore, Pike, Parlin, Patten, Pierce, Rowell, Richardson, Spofford, G. Smith, Steward, R. Smith, Stinchfield, Tolman, Tabbut, E. Wells, E. Weeks, Woodman, Whitaker, R. Wells, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. N. Brackett, Bicknell, Buxton, Butler, Burr, Bickford, S. D. Brown, Coffin, Crosby, Church, Copp, Deveraux, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, Fox, Guptill, Gross, Gould, Gammon, Hall, J. Hobbs, Hilton, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Hammatt, Holt, Linscott, G. H. Lewis, Lane, Marston, T. Moulton, Merriam, D. Merrill, McKenney, Pool, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Robinson, Sampson, Strickland, Sawyer, Vinton, Walker, W. Weeks, Webber, J. L. Weeks, Williamson, Weed, Wilson.

Mr. JOHNSON then moved to amend by striking from the 11th section, so much of said section as provides that the charter of the railroad company sought to be established, "shall not be revoked, annulled, altered, limited, or restrained, without the consent of the corporation, except by due process of law"; and on taking the question, the motion to amend was rejected. The bill, as amended, then passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting chapters 91 to 112, inclusive, of title nine.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and said chapters passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Rules suspended, the chapters of said title as reported, read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Memorial of John A. Poor and others, asking that measures may be adopted to promote the settlement and sale of the public lands of Maine.

Laid on the table by HAMMATT of Howland, and on his motion three thousand copies of the same were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act to establish the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad Company, being the bill reported by the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others.

This bill was, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of J. K. Killsa.

This resolve was taken from the table on motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, and Tuesday next assigned for its consideration.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

This resolve being under consideration, Mr. ADAMS withdrew the amendment offered by him, and it was amended by adding to the resolve the words, "and the Governor is hereby authorized to

draw his warrant for the same," and pending the question of the passage of the resolve to be engrossed, the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph W. Porter and another, to make persons indebted to towns ineligible to hold the office of treasurer ;

Reports of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to transfer of railroad shares ;

Also, same report on order relating to dower of insane married persons ;

And same report on order relating to assessment and collection of taxes on stock corporations ;

And same report on order to make valid the doings of county commissioners in certain cases ;

And a report granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of William H. Bowman and others, for a law creating a lien upon boards, shingles and clapboards for certain purposes ;

Reports of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reporting legislation inexpedient on petitions of Joseph R. Hews and J. W. Lowell, praying that the name of plantation No. 2, second range, may be changed to Buchanan ;

Also, making same report on remonstrance of Elijah Webster and others, against the petition of Ezra Chick and others, to have No. 5 plantation incorporated into a town ;

And reporting reference to the next Legislature on remonstrance of John W. Caldwell, against being incorporated into a town ;

Also, reporting leave to withdraw on the petition of S. L. Boulter and others, for an act of incorporation for a town ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to the repair of the military road ;

Report of the Committee on the Reform School ;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petitions praying for the relief of insolvent debtors, reporting that there being a bill upon that subject before the Legislature, they ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject ;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Freemans Bank.

This bill came from the Senate, amended as per sheet A annexed. The House reconsidered the vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, and passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell land in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll and Chester.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Charles N. Germaine and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Aurora Lodge ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of inhabitants of the town of Turner, reporting a bill, entitled An act to prevent the destruction of trout or pickerel in Bear and Little Bear Ponds, in the town of Turner, Androscoggin county, and the town of Hartford, county of Oxford ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill An act to incorporate the trustees of Oak Grove academy of Falmouth, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on sundry petitions for a law the better to secure claims for labor on

vessels and materials for building and repairing, reporting a bill, entitled An act relating to liens on vessels;

Report of same Committee, on bill An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company, reporting the bill, and that it ought to pass;

The above reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed. Reports severally read and accepted, in concurrence. Bills read twice, and Monday next assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Jona. R. Deering and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Mr. DEBLOIS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of establishing an assize of bread offered or intended for sale in the market, reported a bill, entitled An act additional concerning the city of Portland;

Mr. FOSTER, from the same Committee, on bill An act relative to the appointment of guardians of insane married women, reported a bill, entitled An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women;

Mr. CROSBY, from the same Committee, on bill An act in addition to chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, reported the bill, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. DANFORTH, from the same Committee, on bill An act additional concerning the powers of judges of probate, reported the bill, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. VINTON, from the same Committee, on bill An act concerning judges of municipal courts, reported the bill, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the same Committee, on bill, entitled An act in addition to chapter 53 of the public laws of the year 1848, reported the bill in a new draft, entitled An act additional to an act entitled an act to prevent disturbances of religious worship, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. CROSBY, from the same Committee, to which was recommended the report on the subject of witness fees, reported a bill, entitled An act increasing the fees of witnesses;

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of William M. Reed and others, and divers petitions in aid of same, in relation to building a bridge across the Kennebec river between Bath and Woolwich, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company;

Mr. CHADBOURNE, from the same Committee, on bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company, reported the bill in a new draft;

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the same Committee, on bill An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath, reported the same in a new draft, with the amendments ordered by the House of Representatives;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills each read twice, and Monday next assigned for their third reading.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom.

This resolve having had two several readings, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, it was laid on the table, and Thursday next, at 10 o'clock, assigned for its further consideration.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of William B. Hayford and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners and of other lands sold for taxes.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid on the table, and Monday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill An act to secure a uniform registration of births, marriages, deaths, and causes of death in the State of Maine.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act relating to the property of deceased married women ;

Bill An act to amend the 4th section of An act entitled an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river and tributary streams ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton.

This resolve was laid on the table by Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, and the rules being suspended, it had two several readings, and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday next, this House will hold two sessions a day, commencing at half past nine o'clock in the forenoon, and at half past two in the afternoon, and the Speaker shall adjourn the House in the morning session at half past twelve o'clock.

Bill An act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid upon the table, and Tuesday next assigned for its consideration.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

This resolve being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, Mr. WOODBURY of Litchfield, moved the previous

question, and the motion was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered to be put. On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, it was ordered that when the question is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the resolve was refused a passage by yeas 42, nays 51, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Albee, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Burr, Bryant, H. M. Chadbourne, Crosby, Cyr, Deveraux, A. Fletcher, Gowen, Gross, Gammon, Hall, Hilton, J. S. Hobbs, Hammatt, Hichborn, Holt, Ingalls, Johnson, Kimball, Littlefield, J. W. Merrill, D. Merrill, Milliken, Morrison, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, Strickland, Stinchfield, Sawyer, Tolman, Vinton, Woodman, Webber, Woodbury, Williamson, Weed, Wilson.

NAYS—Messrs. N. Brackett, W. Brown, Butler, Bickford, Blaisdell, Cragin, Clark, Came, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Carr, Dennett, Davis, J. H. Dunning, Day, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Ford, Foster, Guptill, Gould, J. Hobbs, Huff, Hunter, Hinds, Joy, S. Lewis, Little, Linscott, Leadbetter, Marston, C. F. Moulton, T. Moulton, Merriam, McKenney, Pike, Patten, Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Rowell, Robinson, Spofford, Silsby, Steward, Tabbut, Walker, E. Weeks, Whitaker, R. Wells, J. L. Weeks.

And the resolve was sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on papers relating to Waite and Talmadge plantations, reporting legislation inexpedient, and further reporting that there is no further business before said committee, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Isaac Sturdevant, agent of Cumberland Marine Railway, reporting reference to the next Legislature;

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to fixing salary of Deputy Secretary of State;

Report of the Joint Select Committee, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, reporting legislation thereon inexpedient at the present time;

Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Division of Counties, reporting that they have disposed of all business before them, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting that they have disposed of all business before them, and asking to be discharged;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Revision of the Laws, reporting the remaining part of title nine, being chapter 113.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the part of the title, as reported, passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence, and the rules having been suspended, the title as received, was read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes; also, upon another bill on the same subject, and also on order relative to providing for the support of paupers in unincorporated places, reporting a bill in a new draft, entitled An act providing for the expenses incurred for the relief of

persons falling into distress in unincorporated places in certain cases.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence, bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, it was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Resolve in favor of S. L. Milliken and S. B. Holt.

This resolve came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed. Rules suspended, and the resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, on order directing inquiry into the expediency of amending chapter 10, section 7, of the new revision of the public laws, reporting a bill, An act entitled an act amending an act, approved April 9, 1856 ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill An act entitled an act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committee of the town of Winthrop, reporting a general bill in a new draft, entitled An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases ;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Samuel Appleton and others, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed.

Reports severally accepted, in concurrence. Bills each read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole, Jr.

This resolve came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims, upon petition of Samuel W. Jones, reporting a resolve in favor of Samuel W. Jones ;

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on petition of selectmen of South Thomaston, reporting a resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Samuel Larrabee and others, reporting a resolve in favor of Eliphas Gullifer and Orlando W. Gilman;

The above reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the resolves passed to be engrossed.

Reports severally accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Reform School;

“ in favor of Penobscot county;

The foregoing resolves came from the Senate, having severally been passed to be engrossed.

Rules suspended, and they were each read twice, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve making valid the doings of the assessors of the First Universalist meeting-house in Rockland.

This resolve having been read twice, and being on its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, reporting that they have disposed of all matters before them, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on State Library, on resolve for distribution of certain books in the Library, reporting the resolve, and that it ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on State Prison, reporting that they have examined and disposed of all matters before them, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Samuel A. Gilman, for an extension of time to cut timber on south half of township No. 2, range 3, west from the east line of the State;

Report of same Committee, reporting reference to the next Legislature on order relating to appropriation for survey of railroad route from Lincoln to some point on the Aroostook river;

Report of same Committee, on bill An act to provide for the sale of certain interests in public lands, and for the taxation of certain interests, &c., reporting the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to Kansas affairs and slavery, with accompanying resolves.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolves amended as per sheet A, passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and Wednesday next assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

The fifty-fifth rule of the House was suspended for and during the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to the revision of the special laws of the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of passing a resolve, instructing the superintendent of common schools to recommend at the Institutes the adoption of a uniform system of penmanship.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, gave notice, that upon to-morrow he would introduce the following order :

Ordered, That the rules of this House be amended by the addition of the following rule, which shall continue in force during the remainder of the session—"Bills of a public nature that have had two readings, and have reached the time assigned for their third reading, shall, until disposed of, have precedence in the orders of the day over all other subjects, whether such subjects be specially assigned or otherwise."

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was referred an order requesting a statement of the amount of money

expended for military purposes during the past year, reported said amount, accompanied by a statement of said expenditures in detail.

Mr. VINTON, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the subject of the removal of the capital, reported, that in said committee, a question was submitted, viz: that it is expedient and advisable that the capital be removed from Augusta to Portland. On that question the yeas and nays were ordered, (in committee,) and it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 7, nays 6. A motion was then submitted that the further consideration of the subject, be referred to the next Legislature, which was passed unanimously.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, reported granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Warren Lamson, that non-resident taxes may be advertised in county papers;

Mr. WOODMAN, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel R. Jackson, praying that he might be reimbursed for money paid by him to secure the ends of justice;

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported legislation inexpedient on order of inquiry in relation to the necessity of further legislation to secure the payment of notes due the State;

Mr. WALKER, from the same Committee, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petition of William Jameson for extension of time to cut timber from No. 3, range 5, of the State lands;

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Central Bank, reported the bill in a new draft, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. FOX, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Allen Lewis and others, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company;

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on the Militia, on sundry petitions of members of volunteer companies for compensation, and also on that part of the Governor's message relating to that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to organize and discipline the militia, approved April 9, 1856;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

On motion of Mr. WHITAKER of Trenton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Leave of Absence be requested to report as soon as convenient, a list of such members as now have, or have had, leave of absence during the session, in accordance with the thirtieth rule of the Rules and Orders of this House.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 81 of the revised statutes, in relation to railroads, laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter;

Bill An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School, laid on the table by Mr. DEERING of Hampden;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company, laid on the table by Mr. DEBLOIS of Portland;

The foregoing bills were severally read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Resolve in favor of Limerick academy, laid on the table by Mr. ADAMS of Newfield;

Resolve in favor of Corinna Union academy, laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter;

The foregoing resolves were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Franklin Adams for extension of time to cut and haul timber from State land, reported a resolve in favor of Franklin Adams;

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on the Militia, on petition of Charles O. Record, for an appropriation to repair Arsenal at Bangor, reported a resolve making an appropriation for repairs on the State Arsenal at Bangor;

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the petition of J. G. Sweat and others, reported a resolve making an appropriation for repairing gun house at Brewer;

The above reports were severally read and accepted. Resolves read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Bill An act for the establishment of a State Normal School.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, this bill was taken from the table and to-morrow assigned for its consideration.

Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean.

This resolve being under consideration, it was by order of the House indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Acorn Lime Rock Company.

This bill was amended by striking out the 5th and 6th sections.

Bill An act to incorporate the Union Bank.

This bill was amended by striking out the words "Union Bank" wherever they occur in the bill, and inserting therein instead thereof the words "Penobscot River Bank."

And as amended, the foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners and of other lands sold for taxes.

This bill being under consideration, and having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, it was amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank.

This bill having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having had three several readings, and being upon its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the House ordered that when the question is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the bill was passed to be engrossed by yeas 83, nays 13, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Bennett, Bicknell, Bickford, Blaisdell, N. Brackett, S. Brackett, S. D. Brown, W. M. E. Brown, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Buxton, Carr, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Copp, Crosby, Cyr, Davis, Day, Deblois, N. C. Deering, Drummond, J. H. Dunning, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Ford, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Hall, Hathaway, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Hunter, Johnson, Joy, Kimball, Leadbetter, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Linscott,

Little, Lord, Marston, Martin, McKenney, D. Merrill, Milliken, Morrison, T. Moulton, Murch, Parlin, Patten, Pierce, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Robinson, Rollins, Sawyer, Silsby, Spofford, Steward, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbut, Tenney, Tolman, Vinton, Walker, Webber, Weed, J. L. Weeks, R. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson, Woodman.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Came, Clark, H. M. Chadbourne, Coffin, Deveraux, Foster, Houghton, Ingalls, Pike, Richardson, Rowell, Talbot, Woodbury.

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill An act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Resolve in favor of Warren academy. Laid on the table by Mr. BUXTON of Warren;

Resolve to amend a resolve providing for printing certain documents. Laid on the table by Mr. ADAMS of Newfield;

The foregoing resolves were read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Bill An act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors.

This bill being under consideration, it was, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill An act concerning reviews in civil actions, reported the bill, and that it ought not to pass.

The report was, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, laid upon the table.

Bill An act concerning judges of municipal courts.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. BANKS of Biddeford, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act additional concerning the powers of judges of probate.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for a loan of thirty thousand dollars, if the Treasurer shall deem it necessary, during the current year.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases.

This bill being on its passage to be engrossed, was amended as per sheet A, annexed, and having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

The order of which Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, gave notice yesterday, and which appears entered at length upon the Journal of April 6th, in relation to the adoption of a further rule of the House, was considered, and passed.

Bill An act for the establishment of a State Normal School.

This bill was taken up on motion of Mr. BROWN of Kenne-

bunkport, and amended as per sheet A, and was pending when the House adjourned.

Adjourned by the Speaker until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Bill An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank, of Portland;

Bill An act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock;

Bill An act to change the name of the Mousam River Bank;

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Thomaston Bank;

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

Bill An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Kenduskeag Bank, of Bangor;

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

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of the State of Maine;

Bill An act additional respecting judicial proceedings;

Bill An act to increase the capital stock of the Sandy River Bank;

Bill An act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank, of Bangor, and to extend the charter thereof;

Bill An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston bridge;

Bill An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to directors of corporations;

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

Bill An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots;

Bill An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed

Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State;

Resolve in favor of S. L. Milliken and S. B. Holt;

“ in favor of Committee on State Reform School;

“ authorizing the Land Agent to sell land in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, and Chester;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and having been passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill, entitled An act additional to provide for the distribution of school money.

This report was taken from the table on motion of Mr. CHANDLER of Chesterville, and recommitted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 81 of the revised statutes, in relation to railroads.

This bill was amended in its title, so that it shall read, An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability.

On motion of Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, the bill was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act to amend chapter 140 of the revised statutes, relating to the price of board of officers of the State Prison.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill in relation to the admission of evidence in certain cases, reported a bill, entitled An act in addition to an act additional in relation to witnesses, approved April 9, 1856;

Mr. DEBLOIS, from the same Committee, on bill An act providing an increase of the charter powers of the city of Portland,

respecting the holding real and personal property, reported a bill, entitled An act additional concerning the city of Portland;

Mr. BROWN, from the Joint Select Committee, having the subject of regulating the sale of strychnine and other deadly poisons under consideration, reported a bill, entitled An act to regulate the sale and use of poison;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Bill An act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company;

The above bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to encourage the use of water power.

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws passed A. D. 1845, concerning the assessment of taxes.

This bill being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, the House ordered, that when the question is taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and upon being so taken, the bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, by yeas 68, nays 29, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Barron, Blaisdell, N. Brackett, S. Brackett, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Carr, Chandler, Crosby, Cyr, Davis, J. Deering, N. C. Deering, Deveraux, Drummond, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Gammon, Given, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Hall, Hathaway, Hichborn, Hilton, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Holt, Hunter, Jewell, Johnson, Leadbetter, Linscott, Little, Littlefield, Lord, Marston, Martin, McKenney, Morrison, Murch, Parlin, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Richardson, Robinson, Rollins, Sawyer, Silsby, G. Smith, Spofford, Steward, Stone, Strickland, Tolman, Vinton, Walker, Webber, E. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, E. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Bennett, Bicknell, S. D. Brown, Buxton, Clark, H. M. Chadbourne, G. W. Chadbourne, Copp, Cragin, Danforth, Day, Dennett, J. H. Dunning, Foster, Huff, Ingalls, Joy, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Merriam, D. Merrill, T. Moulton, Pike, Rowell, Stinchfield, Tabbut, Weed, Woodman, Woodbury.

And the bill was sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for the establishment of a State Normal School.

This bill being upon its passage to be engrossed, was amended as on sheets marked A and B, and on motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, it was ordered, that the yeas and nays be taken on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, and being taken, the bill, after having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, yeas 70, nays 28, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Banks, Barron, Bicknell, Blaisdell, S. Brackett, S. D. Brown, W. M. E. Brown, W. Brown, Bryant, Butler, Carr, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Church, Copp, Cragin, Crosby, Cyr, Davis, Day, J. Deering, N. C. Deering, Deveraux, Drummond, J. H. Dunning, A. Fletcher, Gammon, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Guptill, Hall, Hathaway, Hichborn, Hilton, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Huff, Hunter, Ingalls, Johnson, Joy, S. Lewis, Linscott, Littlefield, Marston, Milliken, Morrison, T. Moulton, Murch, Parlin, Patten, Pierce, Pike, Pottle, Rice, Sawyer, Silsby, Spofford, Strickland, Tabbut, Tenney, Vinton, Walker, Webber, E. Wells, Whitaker, Wilson, Woodman, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Albee, Bennett, Bickford, N. Brackett, Burr, Buxton, Came, H. M. Chadbourne, Danforth, Ford, Foster, Hinds, Houdlette, Houghton, Jewell, Kimball, Leadbetter, Lord, Merriam, Pitcher, Robinson, Rollins, Rowell, G. Smith, Steward, Stinchfield, Stone, Weed.

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Ebenezer Brown and others, for the preservation of fish in Eastern river;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting that they have disposed of all business before them, and asking to be discharged from further service at the present session;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting that they have disposed of all business before them, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on the Militia, on order requesting them to visit the Arsenal at Portland and for other purposes, reporting a resolve for the repair of the Arsenal buildings at Portland;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on claim of the town of Solon, reporting a resolve in favor of the town of Solon;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having severally been read and accepted, and resolves passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted, in concurrence. Resolves read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Order in relation to a uniform system of penmanship.

This order came from the Senate, that branch of the Legislature refusing it a passage. The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the order and concurred with the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting that they have acted upon and disposed of all matters before them, and asking to be discharged.

The above report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted. Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking;

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

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and

passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Penobscot county.

The foregoing resolve having had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on bill to encourage the formation of corporations, reported a bill, entitled An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes and to encourage manufactures in this State.

Report accepted. Laid on the table on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, and 350 copies of the bill ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill An act additional respecting judicial proceedings.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch having reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, amended the same by striking out in the first line of section 1 the word "six," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "seven," and as amended passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, and as amended, passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Harriet Doe;

Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the conventional line of 1842 and the line run by Lieutenant Graham;

Resolve for the further distribution of the revised statutes;

Resolve providing for the repair of the Houlton and Baring road;

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren;

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot number 11 in township number 2, Indian purchase;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and

reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company ;

Bill An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution ;

Bill An act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes, relating to timber upon rivers and streams ;

Bill An act amending chapter 265 of public laws of 1856, approved April 9, 1856, respecting the militia ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams.

This resolve having had two several readings, and being reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company ;

Bill An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women ;

Bill An act in addition to chapter 256 of the public laws of the year 1856, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Central Bank ;

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

Bill An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing, in the city of Bath ;

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to prevent disturbances of religious worship ;

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March 29, 1857 ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill An act additional to provide for the distribution of school money.

This report came from the Senate, that branch refusing to concur with the House in recommitting the report, and accepting the same.

The House reconsidered its vote recommitting the report, and concurred with the Senate in accepting the same.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill An act regulating suits for false representations, reported the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

The same gentleman, from same Committee, on bill An act in regard to the examination of witnesses, reporting the bill, and that it ought not to pass;

Mr. DRUMMOND, from same Committee, on resolves providing for a change in the Constitution, in relation to removals from office by impeachment and address, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee composed of the delegation from Penobscot county, on petition of the judge of probate for said county for an increase of salary, reported reference to the next Legislature;

The same gentleman, from same Committee, on bill An act to provide for transcribing conveyances recorded in Lincoln and Hancock, of lands lying in Penobscot county, reported reference to the next Legislature;

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

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

This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr. DEERING of Hampden, it was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents.

This resolve was amended as per sheet A, and Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, offered amendment as per sheet B, and the resolve and amendment were laid upon the table.

Bill An act to regulate the sale and use of poison.

This bill being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, it was amended as per sheet A, and on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, it was laid on the table.

Bill An act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of 1856, in relation to poor debtors.

This bill having had three several readings, was, upon motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, laid upon the table.

Bill An act to protect the culture of cranberries.

This bill was taken up, and Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, offered amendments as per sheet A, and the bill and proposed amendments were laid on the table.

Bill An act increasing the fees of witnesses.

This bill was read three several times, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid on the table.

Bill An act concerning judges of municipal courts.

This bill was taken up and amendment as per sheet A, offered by Mr. BANKS of Biddeford, and amendment adopted, and the bill as amended laid on the table on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville.

Resolve making an appropriation for repairs on the State Arsenal at Bangor.

This resolve having been twice read, and being on its passage to be engrossed, it was, on motion of Mr. FOSTER of East Machias, laid upon the table.

Bill An act in addition to an act additional in relation to witnesses, approved April 9, 1856.

This bill being under consideration, it was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, in relation to the disclosures of poor debtors;

Bill An act additional relating to liens on vessels;

Bill An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies;

Bill An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1855, relating to the assessment of taxes;

The foregoing bills were severally considered, and the further consideration of each was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, reporting an order in relation to applications for leave of absence, reported by Mr. HINDS of said Committee.

Read and accepted.

Resolve in favor of Falmouth academy, laid on the table by Mr. HOBBS of Falmouth, and lies over under the rule.

Bill An act to repeal chapter 230 of the public laws of 1856, laid on the table by Mr. WILLIAMSON of Starks.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves relating to Kansas affairs and slavery, were taken up on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, and to-morrow, at half-past 2 o'clock in the afternoon, assigned for their further consideration.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Finance, on order directing them to make inquiry of the expediency of a State loan, reported a resolve authorizing a State loan.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings.

This bill having had three several readings, and amended as per sheet A, annexed, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on order directing inquiry relative to the expediency of encouraging underdraining, reported a resolve for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture for 1856.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on Education, on order directing said committee to inquire into the expediency of increasing the common school fund, reporting a resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of this State;

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Hannah Murphy of Tremont, reporting a resolve in favor of Hannah Murphy;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the resolves passed to be engrossed.

Reports accepted, in concurrence. Rules suspended, and the resolves having severally had two readings, were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON of Starks, the House reconsidered the vote whereby it referred to the Committee on Education, on yesterday, a bill, entitled An act to repeal chapter 230 of the public laws of 1856.

Resolve in favor of Sarah W. Stone.

The rules being suspended, the above resolve had two several readings, and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Judiciary Committee, on petition of Seward Merrill and others, in relation to building a wharf in Portland, reported granting leave to said petitioners to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the report was laid upon the table.

Mr. BRACKETT, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Ezra Clark and others, praying for a law providing for standard gas metres and inspectors of same, reported, that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company.

This bill being on its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the House ordered, that when the question is taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, by yeas 79, nays 37, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Adams, Albee, Andrews, Baker, Barron, Bennett, Bickford, Bicknell, Blaisdell, N. Brackett, Burleigh, Buxton, Carr, Clark, Chandler, Church, Copp, Cragin, Crosby, Cyr, Day, J. Deering, Deveraux, J. H. Dunning, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Foster, Gammon, Garcelon, Given, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Holt, Houdlette, Houghton, Huff, Hunter, Jewell, Kimball, S. Lewis, Linscott, Little, Lombard, Marston, McKenney, J. W. Merrill, Morrison, T. Moulton, Murch, Parsons, Patten, Pierce, Pike, Pottle, Rice, Richardson, Robinson, Rollins, Rowell, Sampson, Sawyer, Silsby, G. Smith, Steward, Stone, Tolman, Webber, Weed, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Williamson, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. S. Brackett, S. D. Brown, Bryant, Butler, H. M. Chadbourne, G. W. Chadbourne, Danforth, Davis, Deblois, Dennett, Drummond, Fox, Hamblen, Hammatt, Hathaway, Ingalls, Johnson, Leadbetter, G. H. Lewis, Lord, Marshall, Martin, D. Merrill, Milliken, Pitcher, Spofford, Stinchfield, Strickland, Tabbut, Tenney, Vinton, Walker, E. Wells, R. Wells, Woodman, Woodbury.

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren.

Mr. FLETCHER of China, moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby it passed the above resolve to be engrossed, yesterday, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND, the resolve and motion to reconsider were laid upon the table, and this afternoon, at half-past 2 o'clock, assigned for the consideration of the motion.

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted to Dr. Samuel Gregory, Secretary of the New England Female Medical College, on Friday evening, the 10th inst., for the purpose of delivering a lecture in reference to the objects of that institution.

Bill An act to secure a uniform registration of births, marriages, deaths, and causes of death in the State of Maine.

This bill was amended as per sheets A, B, C, D and E annexed.

Bill An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, range 5, in the county of Aroostook.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability.

The foregoing bill being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the House ordered that when the question is taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the bill having been read three times, was passed to be engrossed, by yeas 86, nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Andrews, Baker, Barron, Bennett, Bicknell, N. Brackett, S. Brackett, S. D. Brown, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Buxton, Carr,

G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Church, Coffin, Copp, Cragin, Crosby, Cyr, Danforth, Davis, J. Deering, Drummond, Dunn, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, Fox, Gammon, Garcelon, Given, Gould, Gross, Hall, Hammatt, Hathaway, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Houdlette, Hunter, Jewell, S. Lewis, Linscott, Little, Littlefield, Lombard, Marshall, Marston, Martin, Merriam, J. W. Merrill, Milliken, Morrison, T. Moulton, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Pearson, Pitcher, Pool, Pottle, Rice, Robinson, Rollins, Sampson, Sawyer, Silsby, Spofford, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbut, Tenney, Vinton, Walker, Webber, Weed, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Adams, Albee, Blaisdell, W. M. E. Brown, W. Brown, Burleigh, Came, Clark, H. M. Chadbourne, Day, Deblois, N. C. Deering, Deveraux, J. H. Dunning, E. Fletcher, Ford, Foster, Guptill, Hamblen, Ingalls, Johnson, Joy, Kimball, G. H. Lewis, Pierce, Rowell, G. Smith, Steward, Tolman, E. Weeks, E. Wells, R. Wells, Woodman, Woodbury.

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch of the Legislature having reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be enacted, and also having reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, and amended the bill as per sheet E, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed. The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be enacted, and also reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, and amended the bill by the adoption of the amendment E as made by the Senate, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the bill was laid upon the table.

Resolves relating to Kansas affairs and slavery.

The above resolves were taken up, and were pending and under consideration when the House

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, and further amended as per sheet F, annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Norombega Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank;

Bill An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity;

Bill An act additional to chapter 109 of the public laws passed in the year of our Lord 1845, concerning the assessment of taxes;

Bill An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank;

Bill An act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property;

Bill An act to amend the 4th section of an act entitled an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river and tributary streams;

Bill An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company;

Bill An act relating to the property of deceased married women;

Bill An act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton;

Resolve for the further distribution of the revised statutes;

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of Harmony,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be instructed to make up the pay of Samuel B. Stone to the close of the present session, for the benefit of the surviving widow of said Stone, late member of this House.

Bill An act to regulate the sale and use of poison.

This bill being under consideration, it was, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to Waterville College, the two volumes of the collections of the Maine Historical Society, necessary to complete the set in the College Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Falmouth academy.

This resolve was read once, and this afternoon, at half-past 2 o'clock, assigned for its second reading.

Resolve in relation to the North American and European Railway.

Read once, and this afternoon, at half-past 2 o'clock, assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act relating to the division of school money, laid on the table by Mr. WILLIAMSON of Starks.

Bill read twice, and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Resolve in favor of John Parrs.

The foregoing resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, on order in relation to the purchase of the cabinet of Dr. Cushman, reporting a resolve for the purchase of the birds now in the cabinet.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act to change the name of Joseph Morang.

This bill had three several readings, and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company.

This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, and passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes, and to encourage manufactures in this State.

This bill was taken from the table, read twice, and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Messrs. Woodman of Bucksport, Foster of East Machias, and Adams of Newfield, were upon their request excused from service on the Committee of Conference, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing vote between the two Houses in relation to the pay of temporary clerks in the office of Secretary of State in the year 1855.

Resolve making an appropriation for repairs on the State Arsenal at Bangor.

This resolve was amended as per sheet A, annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act providing for the expenses incurred for the relief of persons falling into distress, in unincorporated places, in certain cases.

This bill was amended as per sheet A, annexed, and its further consideration indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company.

This bill was amended as per sheet annexed marked A, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association, laid on the table by Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston.

Rules suspended, the bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned until half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act to prevent disturbance of religious worship;

Bill An act additional concerning the powers of judges of probate;

Bill An act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act amending chapter 265 of public laws of 1856, approved April 9, 1856, respecting the militia;

Bill An act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes, relating to timber upon rivers and streams;

Bill An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women;

Bill An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution;

Bill An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March 29, 1857;

Bill An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing, in the city of Bath;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Harriet Doe;

“ in favor of Hannah Murphy;

“ providing for the repair of the Houlton and Baring road;

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot No. 11, in township No. 2, Indian purchase;

Resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of the State;

“ directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the conventional line of 1842, and the line run by Lieut. Graham;

Resolve in favor of Sarah W. Stone ;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to amend an act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations.

This bill being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, Mr. BROWN of Milford, moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded by the House, and the main question was ordered to be put.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, the House ordered the yeas and nays, and upon being taken, the House refused to pass the bill to be engrossed, by yeas 40, nays 65, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Adams, Albec, Andrews, Banks, Bickford, S. Brackett, W. Brown, Burleigh, G. W. Chadbourne, Church, Cyr, Davis, Dennett, Drummond, E. Fletcher, Ford, Foster, Fox, Hamblen, Houghton, Johnson, Joy, Kimball, Little, Marshall, J. W. Merrill, Milliken, Parsons, Patten, Pike, Pitcher, Pottle, Robinson, G. Smith, Tabbut, Tolman, E. Weeks, E. Wells, Woodman, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Baker, Barron, Bennett, Bicknell, Blaisdell, N. Brackett, S. D. Brown, Burr, Butler, Buxton, Carr, Clark, Cragin, Crosby, Day, Deveraux, J. H. Dunning, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, Gammon, Garcelon, Given, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Guptill, Hall, Hathaway, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Holt, Houdlette, Hunter, Ingalls, Jewell, Leadbetter, S. Lewis, Linscott, Littlefield, Lombard, Marston, Martin, Merriam, Morrison, T. Moulton, Murch, Parlin, Rice, Rollins, Sawyer, Spofford, Steward, Stone, Strickland, Vinton, Walker, Webber, Weed, J. L. Weeks, R. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson.

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole, Jr.

The above resolve had two several readings, and on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act additional to chapter 25 of the revised statutes, relating to ways.

This bill was taken up, read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company.

This bill was amended as per sheet A, annexed, and as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves in relation to Kansas affairs and slavery.

These resolves came from the Senate, amended as per sheet A, annexed, and passed to be engrossed, and having had two several readings, and amended, in concurrence, and the yeas and nays being ordered, they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by yeas 85, nays 14, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Adams, Andrews, Baker, Banks, Barron, Bicknell, Blaisdell, S. Brackett, S. D. Brown, W. M. E. Brown, W. Brown, Burr, Butler, G. W. Chadbourne, Church, Crosby, Cyr, Davis, Deveraux, Drummond, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Ford, Fox, Gammon, Given, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Gupitll, Hall, Hamblen, Hathaway, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Holt, Houdlette, Houghton, Jewell, Johnson, Joy, Leadbetter, Linscott, Little, Littlefield, Marshall, Marston, Martin, Merriam, D. Merrill, J. W. Merrill, Morrison, T. Moulton, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Richardson, Robinson, Rollins, Sawyer, G. Smith, Spofford, Steward, Stone, Strickland, Tolman, Vinton, Walker, Webber, Weed, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, E. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson, Woodman, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Burleigh, Buxton, Clark, Day, Dennett, J. H. Dunning, Foster, Ingalls, Lombard, C. F. Moulton, Pike, Rowell, Tabbut, R. Wells.

Report of the Committee on the Library, reporting that they have attended to all matters before them, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on State Reform School, reporting that

they have disposed of all matters before them, and asking to be discharged ;

The above reports came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and they were read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on sundry bills and order in relation to exempting certain manufacturing interests from taxation, reporting a bill, entitled An act to encourage manufactures ;

Report of same Committee, on bill An act to establish the Ingalls' Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company, reporting a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Ingalls' Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary, for aid, reporting a resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary ;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the claim of the city of Bath, reporting a resolve in favor of the city of Bath ;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted, and the bills and resolves passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted, in concurrence. Bills each read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading. Resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on a recommitted report on sundry petitions asking aid for Lebanon academy, with instructions to report a statement of facts.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and amended so as to allow the petitioners to bring in a resolve in favor of Lebanon academy, and referred to the next Legislature.

Read, amended and referred, in concurrence.

Bill An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State.

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD of Lincoln, and considered, and was pending when the House adjourned.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1857.

The Clerk announced the absence of the Speaker, and presided during the choice of a Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. FLETCHER of China, laid on the table the following resolve:

Resolved, That during the absence of the Speaker of this House, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Esq., of Waterville, be unanimously elected Speaker *pro tempore*.

The resolve was passed unanimously, and Mr. DRUMMOND was declared to be elected Speaker of the House *pro tempore*.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing that department of the government, that during the absence of the Speaker the House had elected JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Esq., as Speaker *pro tempore*. A similar message was sent to the Senate by Mr. COPP of Liberty; and those gentlemen subsequently reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

Messrs. Woodbury of Litchfield, Brown of Milford, and Pike of Eastport, were appointed as the Committee of Conference, on the part of the House, with the Senate, in the matter of the disagreeing vote in relation to temporary clerks in the office of Secretary of State in 1855.

Bill An act additional in relation to banks and banking;

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

The above bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State.

This bill being under consideration, and on its passage to be

engrossed, Mr. BROWN of Milford, moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered to be put, and the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Accounts, made an additional report, reporting a resolve for payment of additional roll of accounts, No. 37.

Report accepted. Resolve read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, offered the following order :

Ordered, That no member shall speak to the same question more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice, without the unanimous consent of the House.

On motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and further to provide for the recording of mortgages of personal property and conditional sales.

This bill being under consideration, Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded by the House, and the main question was ordered to be put, and being taken, and the question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the House refused to pass it.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Samuel W. Jones.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Central Bank ;

Bill An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases ;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company ;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed

Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams.

This resolve having had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. PARLIN of Winthrop, gave notice that on Monday next he should move the following, as additional to the rules and orders of the House :

Ordered, That no member shall speak to one question more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice, without the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. FOX of Portland, laid on the table a remonstrance of Warren Brown and others, against the passage of the bill incorporating the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad Company, with leave to come into Portland.

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons, reported by the Committee on Change of Names.

Rules suspended, and the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Order in relation to final adjournment of the Legislature on Wednesday next.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, it was laid upon the table.

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook.

This resolve having had one reading, Mr. VINTON of Gray, moved the indefinite postponement of its further consideration, and Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry, moved that when the question is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the

resolve was indefinitely postponed, by yeas 61, nays 56, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Baker, Barron, Bickford, Blaisdell, N. Brackett, S. Brackett, S. D. Brown, W. Brown, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Copp, Cragin, Davis, Deveraux, Dingley, J. H. Dunning, E. Fletcher, Ford, Gammon, Given, Gowen, Gross, Guptill, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Holt, Houdlette, Houghton, Joy, Lane, Linscott, Little, Marshall, Marston, Martin, McKenney, Morrison, T. Moulton, Pitcher, Pool, Pottle, Rice, Richardson, Roak, Robinson, Rollins, Rowell, Sawyer, G. Smith, Tolman, Vinton, Weber, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, E. Wells, Whitaker, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Adams, Albee, Andrews, Banks, Bennett, Bicknell, W. M. E. Brown, Burleigh, Buxton, Carr, Clark, H. M. Chadbourne, G. W. Chadbourne, Church, Coffin, Crosby, Cyr, Deblois, Dennett, Drummond, Dunn, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, Foster, Fox, Gould, Hamblen, Hammatt, Huff, Hunter, Ingalls, Jewell, Johnson, G. H. Lewis, Littlefield, Lombard, Lord, Merriam, D. Merrill, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Pike, Sampson, Silsby, Steward, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbut, Walker, R. Wells, Williamson, Wilson, Woodman.

And the resolve was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Solon,

Ordered, That on and after Monday next, this House hold two sessions each day, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M. and 2½ o'clock P. M.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Jonathan Spear and others, reporting a bill An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacturing of lime.

This report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, reporting that they

have attended to all matters before them, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, reporting that they have attended to all business before them, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting legislation inexpedient upon an order in relation to the town of Bowerbank;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw upon the claim of the town of Machias;

Report of same Committee, reporting that they have attended to all business before them, and asking to be discharged;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on petition of William F. Penniman and others;

Report of same Committee, reporting that they have attended to all business before them, and asking to be discharged;

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having been severally read and accepted.

Read, and severally accepted, in concurrence.

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Accounts, reported that they had disposed of all business before them, and asking to be discharged.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for payment of additional roll of accounts No. 37.

This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings, came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

The House refused to recede and concur with the Senate, and insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and pro-

posed a conference, and Messrs. Deblois, Woodman, and Crosby, were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

A message was conveyed to the Senate, by the Clerk of the House, transmitting information of the action of the House on the foregoing bill.

Mr. DRUMMOND, from the Judiciary Committee, on an order relating to the special laws and resolves, reported resolve concerning the special laws and resolves.

Read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Resolve relating to the publication of the laws, laid on the table by Mr. FOX of Portland.

Read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents.

Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, range 5, in the county of Aroostook, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, April 9, by the House, came from the Senate, that branch refusing to concur with the House.

The House receded from its reference, and the bill was read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Bill An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in indefinitely postponing the bill, and insisting on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

Resolve for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture of 1856, was amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School, was amended in concurrence with the Senate, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture for 1856.

This resolve being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, Mr. BROWN of Milford, moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered to be put. Mr. ROBINSON of Sumner, moved that when the question is taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the resolve was passed to be engrossed, by yeas 68, nays 40, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Adams, Andrews, Baker, Banks, Barron, Bickford, Blaisdell, S. Brackett, W. M. E. Brown, Bryant, Burleigh, Butler, Buxton, G. W. Chadbourne, Church, Cyr, Davis, Drummond, Dunn, J. H. Dunning, S. Dunning, E. Fletcher, Ford, Gammon, Given, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Guptill, Hall, Hammatt, Hilton, Holt, Houghton, Ingalls, Jewell, Johnson, Linscott, Little, Littlefield, Lombard, Marston, Martin, J. W. Merrill, Milliken, Morrison, C. F. Moulton, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Pool, Pottle, Rice, Robinson, Rollins, Sampson, Sawyer, Silsby, Stinchfield, Strickland, Tolman, Vinton, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, R. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Albee, Bennett, Bicknell, N. Brackett, S. D. Brown, Crosby, Dingley, Foster, Fox, Hamblen, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Houdlette, Huff, Hunter, Joy, Leadbetter, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Lord, Marshall, McKenney, Merriam, D. Merrill, T. Moulton, Patten, Pike, Pitcher, Richardson, Roak, Rowell, Steward, Stone, Tabbut, Walker, Webber, E. Weeks, E. Wells, Woodbury.

And the resolve was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill An act to restrain the sale and use of strychnine and other deadly poisons, was amended as per sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend an act entitled an act to organize and discipline the militia, approved April 9, 1856.

This bill being under consideration, it was, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate insisted on its vote passing bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings, with amendment A, and concur in the proposition of the House for a conference, and appoint Messrs. West of Lincoln, Hallowell of Penobscot, and Davis of Cumberland, as conferees on the part of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Fish river road.

This resolve having had two several readings, and amended as per sheet A, annexed, was as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company, came from the Senate, that branch having reconsidered its votes passing the same to be enacted, and to be engrossed, and having then amended the bill as per sheet A, passed the same to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the same to be enacted, and its vote passing the same to be engrossed, amended the bill, in concurrence, and then passed the same to be re-engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of E. G. Buxton and others.

This resolve was amended as per sheet A, and as amended, on motion of Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry, the further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, made in the Senate, reporting on the petitions of inhabitants of the incorporated towns of Aroostook, reported bill An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.

Accepted. Bill read twice, rule suspended, the bill read the third time.

On motion of Mr. MERRILL of Lee,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that it shall be the duty of the

Secretary of State to forward to the clerks of the plantations of Drew and Webster, one copy each of the Maine register, and the acts and resolves of the State of Maine, for the year 1856.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of the assessors of the town of Gray for 1856, laid on the table by Mr. VINTON of Gray;

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons, laid on the table by Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden;

The rules having been suspended, the foregoing bills had each three several readings, and were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Portland;

Bill An act additional concerning the city of Portland;

The foregoing bills were each read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Eliphas Gullifer and Orlando W. Gilman, reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. WELLS of Clinton, was laid on the table.

Bill An act entitled an act to incorporate the master, wardens and members of Aurora Lodge;

Bill An act to incorporate the trustees of Oak Grove academy;

Bill An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Ingalls' Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds, in the town of Turner, Androscoggin county, and the town of Hartford, county of Oxford;

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston;

Resolve for the repair of the arsenal buildings at Portland;

Resolve in favor of the city of Bath;

Resolve in favor of the town of Solon ;

Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow ;

The foregoing bills and resolves, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were, the bills, severally read the third time, and the resolves severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolves in relation to the North American and European Railway ;

Resolves in relation to the publication of the laws ;

Resolve providing for the collection of statistics in relation to the colleges and other institutions of learning in this State ;

The foregoing resolves, severally reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements, was pending, and under consideration, when the House adjourned.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton, amended as per sheet A, on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve repealing a resolve approved March 25, 1856, relating to books, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to chapter 25 of the revised statutes, relating to ways;

Bill An act increasing the fees of witnesses—severally reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bills were read third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company, came from the Senate, that branch having amended the same as per sheet A, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment, and then passed the same to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Whitefield, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve making an appropriation for a gun house in Brewer, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the State Prison, reporting bill An act in relation to the clerk of the State Prison, and a resolve in favor of the State Prison, came from the Senate accepted, and bill and resolve passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and resolve read once, and this afternoon assigned for another reading.

Bill An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this State, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

Bill was read twice, and this afternoon assigned for third reading.

Bill An act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company, reported in the Senate from the Committee on Manufactures, came from that branch passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and this afternoon assigned for a third reading.

Bill An act additional relating to liens on vessels, reported in the Senate from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, came from that branch passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and assigned for third reading this afternoon.

Resolve in favor of the commissioners at Washington, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, amended in the House as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to change the location of the Skowhegan Bank, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and the House indefinitely postponed the same, in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge and repairing a road to Dead river, came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, and the House referred in concurrence.

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

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Bank, at Brunswick;

Bill An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank—severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on State Lands and

State Roads, reported, that they had acted upon all business before them, and asking to be discharged.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures—reporting severally that they had passed on all business before them, and asking to be discharged, came from the Senate accepted, and the House accepted them, in concurrence.

Resolve concerning the special laws and resolves, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill An act additional to an act further to protect personal liberty, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, moved to take up bill An act to authorize the business of banking, and the motion prevailed.

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

Bill An act to amend chapter 149 of the revised statutes, and bill to protect the cultivation of cranberries, were severally taken up on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, and the further consideration of the bills was postponed until the tenth day of June next.

Bill An act in relation to the division of school money, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill An act repealing the law of 1852, and reviving the laws of the revised statutes relating to the publications of intentions of marriage, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of the year 1856, in relation to poor debtors, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act further to regulate appeals from county commissioners, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act for the preservation of deer on Cross Island, was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Benjamin Stinchfield and others, in relation to costs in certain actions against the Shipbuilders' Bank.

Accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported legislation inexpedient on an order in relation to a law regulating the sale of railroad tickets, and the report was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DANFORTH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to choice of Governor and Senators by plurality vote, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER, from same Committee, on bill An act concerning reviews in civil actions, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Report accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to the law relating to elections, was taken up, and amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts, and of officers executing them, was taken up, read a third time, and on motion of Mr. BANKS of Biddeford, indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

[Resolve repealing a resolve, approved March 17, 1855, laid on the table by Mr. VINTON of Gray.

Read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Resolve in favor of J. K. Killsa, was called up by Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to establish a board of agriculture, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. HAMMATT of Howland, its further consideration was postponed until the 10th of June next.

Bill An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability, came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, annexed, and passed to be engrossed.

The amendment was read, and on motion of Mr. WELLS of Clinton, laid on the table.

Bill An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements, being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, was, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Solon, laid on the table.

Bill An act to encourage manufactures, being under consideration, was, on motion of Mr. WELLS of Clinton, laid on the table.

Mr. CYR of Madawaska, laid on the table resolve relating to the claims of the French settlers under the treaty of Washington.

It was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais academy, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and the House indefinitely postponed the same, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations.

This report came from the Senate accepted, and bill amended as per sheet A, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, in concurrence. Bill read twice, and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Adjourned until half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Bill An act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the

town of Bowerbank—severally reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to the clerk of the State Prison.

Reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray, the bill was laid on the table.

Resolves in favor of Limerick academy, were taken up, and the question being on the passage of the same to be engrossed, Mr. PATTEN of Pittsfield, moved the indefinite postponement of the resolves, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, the motion prevailed—yeas 59, nays 51, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Albee, Allen, Banks, Barron, Bennett, Bickford, Blaisdell, S. D. Brown, W. M. E. Brown, W. Brown, Burr, Burleigh, Campbell, Carr, G. W. Chadbourne, Dingley, J. H. Dunning, S. Dunning, E. Fletcher, Ford, Gould, Gross, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Houghton, Hunter, Ingalls, Jewell, Joy, Lane, Leadbetter, S. Lewis, Linscott, Marston, Martin, McKenney, Merriam, C. F. Moulton, T. Moulton, Parsons, Patten, Pike, Pitcher, Pool, Pottle, Roak, Rowell, Sampson, Silsby, G. Smith, Steward, Tolman, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, R. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Adams, Andrews, Bicknell, N. Brackett, S. Brackett, Bryant, Butler, Buxton, Clark, H. M. Chadbourne, Church, Coffin, Crosby, Cyr, Danforth, Davis, Deblois, Dennett, Deveraux, Drummond, Dunn, A. Fletcher, Fox, Given, Gowen, Hall, Hamblen, Hammatt, Holt, Houdlette, Johnson, Little, Littlefield, Lord, Marshall, D. Merrill, J. W. Merrill, Morrison, Murch, Rice, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbutt, Vinton, Webber, Weed, E. Wells, Wilson, Woodman, Woodbury.

And the resolve was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacturing of lime, was amended as per sheet A, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements, being on its passage to be engrossed, was amended in concurrence, as per sheets A, B and C, and further amended as per sheet D. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended, by yeas 79, nays 25, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Allen, Andrews, Baker, Banks, Bennett, Bicknell, Bickford, Blaisdell, N. Brackett, S. Brackett, Bryant, Burleigh, Butler, Campbell, Carr, Church, Copp, Crosby, Dennett, Deveraux, S. Dunning, E. Fletcher, Ford, Gowen, Gross, Gould, Guptill, Hamblen, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Houdlette, Huff, Hunter, Johnson, Joy, Lane, Leadbetter, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Linscott, Little, Littlefield, Marshall, Marston, McKenney, Merriam, D. Merrill, J. W. Merrill, Morrison, T. Moulton, Murch, Parsons, Patten, Pitcher, Pool, Rice, Richardson, Rollins, Rowell, Sampson, Sawyer, Silsby, G. Smith, Steward, Stone, Strickland, Tabbut, Tolman, Vinton, Walker, Webber, Weed, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, E. Wells, Whitaker.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Adams, Albee, S. D. Brown, W. M. E. Brown, Burr, G. W. Chadbourne, Cotton, Cyr, Danforth, Deblois, Drummond, Dunn, A. Fletcher, Fox, Hammatt, Holt, Ingalls, Jewell, Leavitt, Lord, Martin, Pottle, Stinchfield, Williamson, Woodbury.

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order from the Senate :

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to notify the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations in the State, of the change of the law in relation to the publication of intentions of marriage, by forwarding a copy of the act making the change, to each of them, immediately after its approval by the Governor.

Passed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary, came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred with the House in refusing a passage to the resolve, and passing the same to be engrossed.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, moved that the House recede and concur with the Senate in passing the resolve to be engrossed ; and

the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion was rejected, yeas 37, nays 55, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Andrews, Baker, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Burr, Cotton, Crosby, Danforth, Deblois, Deveraux, Drummond, Dunn, A. Fletcher, Fox, Given, Gross, Hamblen, Hammatt, Holt, Houdlette, Houghton, Ingalls, Johnson, Lord, D. Merrill, J. W. Merrill, Morrison, Rice, Rollins, Stinchfield, Strickland, Tolman, Vinton, Weed, E. Wells, Woodman, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Albee, Allen, Banks, Barron, Bickford, Blaisdell, N. Brackett, S. D. Brown, W. M. E. Brown, W. Brown, Burleigh, Butler, G. W. Chadbourne, Dennett, S. Dunning, Ford, Gowen, Gould, Guptill, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Hunter, Jewell, Joy, Lane, Leadbetter, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Linscott, Little, Marshall, Marston, Martin, McKenney, Merriam, T. Moulton, Patten, Pitcher, Pool, Pottle, Roak, Rowell, Sampson, Silsby, G. Smith, Steward, Tabbut, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, R. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson.

The House then insisted on its former vote refusing the resolve a passage.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, laid on the table resolve relating to the Maine State Prison.

Read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. ADAMS of Newfield, laid on the table a resolve relating to the encouragement of penmanship in the schools of Maine.

Read once, rule suspended, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves in favor of Falmouth academy;

Resolves in favor of Warren academy—severally reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were read the second time, and their further consideration postponed until the 10th of June next.

Bill An act in addition to chapter 256 of the public laws of the year 1856, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors;

Bill An act to change the name of Joseph Morang;

Bill An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company;

Bill An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of John Parrs;

Resolve in favor of Samuel W. Jones;

Resolve making an appropriation for the State arsenal at Bangor;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of E. G. Buxton and others, came from the Senate, that branch having refused to concur with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve, and passing the same to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, the resolve was laid on the table, and its further consideration assigned for the 10th of June next.

Bill An act to establish a State Normal School, came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the House adhered to its former vote passing the same to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of Limerick academy, came from the Senate, that branch having referred the same to the next Legislature.

The House reconsidered its vote indefinitely postponing the resolve, and concurred with the Senate in referring the resolve to the next Legislature.

Resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, the resolve was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for purchasing the specimens of natural history now in the cabinet, was called up, and the further consideration thereof assigned for the 10th day of June next.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of the assessors of the town of Gray, being on its passage to be engrossed, was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, offered the following order :

Ordered, That there be printed under the direction and control of the Clerk, five hundred copies of the Journal of this House; each member of the 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, the remaining copies shall be deposited in the State Library, for the use of the State.

And the same was laid on the table.

Mr. VINTON of Gray, offered the following order :

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, that the House proposes that the Legislature shall adjourn *without day*, on Monday the 20th instant, and ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The order was laid on the table.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, and sundry petitions relating to the same subject, came from the Senate accepted.

The House accepted the report, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1857.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BLAKE of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

The House reconsidered the several votes whereby it passed the several titles and parts of titles of the revision of the statutes to be engrossed, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, they were laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Whitefield;

“ for the repair of the arsenal buildings at Portland;

“ in favor of the town of Moscow;

“ in favor of the town of Solon;

“ in favor of the town of South Thomaston;

“ providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School;

Resolve in favor of Fish river road;

“ in favor of the city of Bath;

“ in favor of the Committee on the Militia;

“ for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture, for 1856;

Bill An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes;

Bill An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company;

Bill An act additional concerning the city of Portland;

Bill An act additional to an act further to protect personal liberty;

Bill An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds, in the town of Turner, county of Androscoggin, and the town of Hartford, county of Oxford;

Bill An act for the protection of deer on Cross Island;

Bill An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the master, wardens and members of Aurora Lodge ;

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons ;

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company ;

Bill An act to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Ingalls' Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company ;

Bill An act to incorporate the trustees of Oak Grove academy, in Falmouth ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Maine Bank ;

Bill An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company ;

The foregoing resolves were each severally read twice, and the bills each read three times, and the resolves and bills severally passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the resolves were finally passed, and the bills passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve making valid the doings of the assessors of the First Universalist meeting-house in Rockland.

This resolve came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and the resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Gray,

The order proposing to send a message to the Senate in relation to the final adjournment of the Legislature, was taken up and considered, and on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, it was again laid upon the table.

Bill An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability.

This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed,

adopted amendment A of the Senate, and further amended the bill as per sheet B, and as amended, the bill having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to the claims of the State and settlers arising under the treaty of Washington.

This resolve being under consideration, it was amended as per sheet A, and as amended, its further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Eliphas Gullifer and Orlando W. Gilman.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act additional relating to liens on vessels.

This bill having had three several readings, and amended as per sheet A, annexed, was, as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional relating to liens on vessels.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in indefinitely postponing the bill, and passing the same to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its former vote by which the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Bill An act to secure a uniform registration of the births, marriages and deaths, and the causes of death, in the State of Maine.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch having reconsidered its vote refusing the bill a passage, amended the bill as per sheets annexed marked E and F, and as amended refused to pass the bill. The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendments of the Senate marked E and F, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings.

This bill was reported by the Committee of Conference, and the report came from the Senate read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted, in concurrence. Rules suspended, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State, introduced by Mr. WELLS of Freeport.
Laid on the table.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, gave notice, that on to-morrow he should move that the rules of the House shall be so amended for the remainder of the session, that the House may by a two-thirds vote of the members voting, dispense with the reading of any paper before the House.

Bill An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes, and to encourage manufactures in this State.

This bill was amended as per sheet A, annexed, and laid on the table.

Bill An act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of 1856.

This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet marked A, and as amended indefinitely postponed. The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, in concurrence, and as amended, concurred in indefinitely postponing the bill.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill An act to incorporate the trustees of the St. Luce and Madawaska High School, reporting the bill, and that it ought not to pass.

This report was taken from the table, report accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of James Campbell.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole, Jr.;

Resolve in favor of T. H. Fassett;

Resolve relating to foreign paupers and criminals;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company;

Bill An act additional relating to liens on vessels;

Bill An act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association;

The foregoing bills having had three several readings, were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the conventional line of 1842 and the line run by Lieut. Graham.

This resolve came up on its final passage. On motion of Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry, it was laid upon the table, and the further consideration thereof assigned for the first day of May next.

Resolve relating to the claims of the French settlers under the treaty of Washington;

Resolve relating to the Maine State Prison, amended as per sheet A;

Resolve repealing a resolve approved March 17, 1855;

The above resolves were each read twice, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this State, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them.

Bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State;

Bill An act to change the names of certain persons;

Bill An act further to regulate appeals from county commissioners;

Bill An act to regulate the sale and use of poison;

Bill An act increasing the fees of witnesses;

Bill An act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company;

Bill An act repealing the law of 1852, and reviving the law of the revised statutes relative to the publication of intentions of marriage;

Bill An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company;

Bill An act additional concerning the city of Portland;

Bill An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacturing of lime;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve relating to the publication of the laws;

“ authorizing a State loan;

“ in favor of the town of Stockton;

“ concerning the special laws and resolves;

“ in favor of the commissioners at Washington;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to authorize the business of banking.

This bill being under consideration, it was, on motion of Mr. COPP of Liberty, referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom.

This resolve being under consideration, on motion of Mr. TOLMAN of Rockland, it was laid upon the table.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, range 5, in the county of Aroostook.

This bill being under consideration, it was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOX of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of the Messenger at three dollars for each day's attendance, the pay of the Assistant and Second Assistant Messenger, and Assistant Clerk, at two dollars and fifty cents each for each day's attendance, and the pay of the Page at one dollar for each day's attendance, and the usual travel to each.

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren.

On motion of Mr. FLETCHER of China,

The vote of the House passing this resolve to be engrossed, was reconsidered; the resolve was then amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve making valid the doings of the assessors of the First Universalist meeting-house in Rockland.

This resolve having had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Bill An act additional in relation to the promulgation of the public laws, laid on the table by Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta.

Rules suspended, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad.

This bill had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act in relation to the rights of married women, laid on the table by Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden.

Read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up in the pay roll, the usual compensation to the reporters.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages

given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations.

This bill came from the Senate amended, as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed. The House adopted the amendment of the Senate, and further amended the same, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, as per sheets B, C, D, E and F, and as amended, passed the bill to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House on yesterday referred resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary to the next Legislature.

The House refused to reconsider the vote.

The conferees, on the part of the House, on the disagreeing vote between the Senate and House on a resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State during the session of the Legislature of 1855, reported, that they are unable to come to any agreement on said vote, and recommend the House to adhere to its vote indefinitely postponing said resolve.

Report accepted.

The order introduced yesterday by Mr. VINTON of Gray, in relation to printing 500 copies of the Journal of the House, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, read and passed.

Bill An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes, and to encourage manufactures in this State.

This bill being under consideration, it was amended as per sheets A, B, C and D, and as amended, was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

The order introduced yesterday by Mr. VINTON of Gray, in relation to sending a message to the Senate upon the subject of final adjournment of the Legislature, was taken up, amended by striking out "Monday," and laid upon the table.

Bill An act to encourage manufactures.

This bill being under consideration, and having had three several

readings, and being on its passage to be engrossed, was amended as per sheet A, annexed. Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville, moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded by the House, and the question pending when the House adjourned was, "shall the main question now be put?"

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1857.

No chaplain present.

Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts No. 37;

Bill An act concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings;

The above resolve having had two several readings, and the bill having had three several readings, and each passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the resolve was finally passed, and the bill passed to be enacted, and they were signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Order from the Senate, in relation to final adjournment of the Legislature, taken up, considered, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, it was laid upon the table.

Title one and title two of the revised statutes were taken up, title one amended as per sheets A, B, C, D, E, F and G, and title two amended as per sheet A, sheets annexed.

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook.

This resolve came from the Senate, that branch refusing to concur with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve, and insisting on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and the question being on receding and concurring with the Senate, the yeas and nays were ordered thereon, and being taken, the House

receded from its vote indefinitely postponing the resolve, and passed the same to be engrossed, in concurrence, by yeas 77, nays 42, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Adams, Albee, Andrews, Baker, Banks, Bicknell, Blaisdell, S. Brackett, W. M. E. Brown, Burleigh, Buxton, Carr, H. M. Chadbourne, G. W. Chadbourne, Church, Coffin, Copp, Crosby, Cyr, Danforth, Day, Debleis, Dennett, Dingley, Drummond, Dunn, J. H. Dunning, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, E. Fletcher, Fox, Garcelon, Gowen, Gould, Hall, Hamblen, Hammatt, Hathaway, Hilton, Hinds, J. Hobbs, Huff, Hunter, Ingalls, Jewell, Johnson, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Lombard, Lord, Marshall, Merriam, D. Merrill, J. W. Merrill, Milliken, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Pike, Sampson, Silsby, G. Smith, Spofford, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbut, Tenney, Tolman, Walker, Weed, R. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson, Woodman.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Allen, Barron, Bennett, Bickford, N. Brackett, S. D. Brown, W. Brown, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Chandler, Cotton, Ford, Gammon, Given, Guptill, J. S. Hobbs, Houdlette, Houghton, Lane, Leadbetter, Linscott, Little, Marston, Martin, McKenney, Morrison, C. F. Moulton, T. Moulton, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Roak, Rollins, Rowell, Sawyer, Vinton, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, J. L. Weeks, E. Wells, Woodbury.

Bill An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this State free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them;

Bill An act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association;

Bill An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company;

Bill An act additional relating to liens on vessels;

Bill An act additional to chapter 25 of the revised statutes, relating to ways;

Bill An act additional in relation to the promulgation of the public laws;

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve providing for the collection of statistics in relation to the colleges and other institutions of learning in this State;

Resolve in favor of Eliphas Gullifer and Orlando W. Gilman;

“ relating to foreign paupers and criminals;

“ in favor of T. H. Fassett;

“ in favor of Benjamin Cole, Jr.;

Resolves in relation to the North American and European Railway;

Resolve repealing a resolve, approved March 25, 1856, relating to books for the several towns and cities;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in relation to pension of Peter S. Folsom.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That Messrs. Woodman of Bucksport, and Drummond of Waterville, be added to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Isaiah Dunn, Messenger and mail carrier for the several offices, the same as for Assistant Messenger of this House.

Senate order in relation to final adjournment of the Legislature on Friday, the 17th inst., was taken from the table, read and passed, in concurrence,

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, was charged with a message to the Senate, signifying the concurrence of the House.

Mr. JOHNSON subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of the members of the House of Representatives for their travel and attendance, up to, and including Friday, the 17th day of April, instant.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee appointed to consider the memorial of Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell and others, reported granting said petitioners leave to withdraw.

Report read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetery Company, laid on the table by Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston.

Read twice, and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren;

Resolve making an appropriation for repairing gun house at Brewer;

Resolve in favor of James Campbell;

Bill An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability;

Bill An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad;

The foregoing resolves were severally read twice, and the bills each read three times, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the resolves were finally passed, and the bills each passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Title three of the revised statutes was taken up and amended as per sheet A.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of the officers of this House, up to and including Friday the 17th instant.

Resolve in favor of Wm. W. Bolster, W. B. F. Davis, and Joseph B. Hall.

This resolve came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed. Resolve read twice, laid on the table, and the 10th day of June next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.

This bill having had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves relating to Kansas affairs and slavery, came up on their final passage.

On motion, the vote passing said resolves to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the same amended as per sheet marked A, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting that they have acted on all matters before them, and asking to be discharged.

This report came from the Senate, read and accepted.

Accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, on petition of Seward Merrill and others, in relation to building a wharf in Portland ;

Minority report of same Committee, on same subject ;

The above reports were severally referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Title eleven of the revised statutes taken up, and amended as per sheets A, B and C, annexed.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State.

This resolve came from the Senate amended, by striking out the words "Secretary of State" and inserting the words "Governor with the advice and consent of the Council." The House reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, and as amended, passed the resolve to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank.

This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheets A and B, annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendments of the Senate numbered one and two on sheet B, and

refused to adopt amendment number three on sheet B, and also refused to adopt amendment number four on sheet A, and as amended, passed the bill to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned until half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State.

The House reconsidered its vote passing this resolve to be engrossed, and further amended it as per sheet A, annexed, and as amended, passed the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GROSS of New Gloucester,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to add to the pay of the Page, the sum of seven dollars additional to his travel and per diem, it being for expenses in sickness during the present session.

Bill An act to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetery Company.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability.

This bill came from the Senate, that branch having rejected amendment B of the House, and adopting House amendment on sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote whereby it passed, the bill to be enacted, and whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, and reconsidered the vote adopting amendment B, and rejected it, and passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DENNETT of Kittery,

Ordered, That the petition of Ira B. Delano for relief from a note held by the State, and from losses by reason of the State taking

his logs which he had paid for, be taken from the files for the year 1854, and referred to the Governor and Council.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate the Ticonic Company.

This bill being under consideration, and on its passage to be engrossed, was amended as per sheet A, annexed, and as amended, having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to encourage manufacturing establishments in this State.

This bill having had three several readings, and being on its passage to be engrossed, the House ordered that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the bill was refused a passage, by yeas 45, nays 54, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, were

Messrs. Andrews, Bickford, Blaisdell, S. Brackett, S. D. Brown, Bryant, Burr, Campbell, Carr, Church, Crosby, Cyr, Danforth, Day, Dennett, Dunn, J. H. Dunning, S. Dunning, Fox, Gammon, Given, Gowen, Gould, Hammatt, Hilton, Houdlette, Hunter, Jewell, Lane, Lord, Martin, Morrison, Patten, Pottle, Rice, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbut, Tenney, Weed, E. Weeks, R. Wells, Williamson, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, were

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Banks, Barron, Bennett, Bicknell, N. Brackett, W. M. E. Brown, W. Brown, Burleigh, Butler, H. M. Chadbourne, G. W. Chadbourne, Copp, Cotton, Dingley, E. Fletcher, Ford, Gammon, Gross, Hall, Hinds, J. S. Hobbs, Holt, Houghton, Joy, Leadbetter, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Linscott, Lombard, Marshall, McKenney, D. Merrill, J. W. Merrill, Milliken, C. F. Moulton, T. Moulton, Murch, Parsons, Pitcher, Roak, Rollins, Sampson, Sawyer, Silsby, Steward, Tolman, Vinton, Walker, E. Wells, Whitaker, Woodbury.

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Richard Wells, laid on the table by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter.

Rules suspended, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to claims of the French settlers under the treaty of Washington;

Resolve in relation to the pension of Peter S. Folsom;

“ in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages, given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations.

This bill having had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act in relation to the rights of married women.

This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, in case of Dred Scott.

These resolves came from the Senate amended as per sheets annexed marked A, B and C, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Amended in concurrence, and being on their passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. LOMBARD of Wales, the House ordered that when the question is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the resolves having been twice read, were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by yeas 88, nays 18, as follows :*

Bill An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank;

Bill An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability.

* NOTE BY THE CLERK—The list of the yeas and nays on the foregoing vote, was by accident destroyed, and the Clerk is therefore obliged to omit the names of members voting.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be to meet this evening at 7½ o'clock.

Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh, reported by the Committee on the Pay Roll.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DUNN, from the Committee on Pay Roll, on sundry orders of the House, reported the pay roll of the members and officers of the House of Representatives, with an accompanying resolve, as follows:

Resolve on the pay roll of the House.

Report accepted. Rosolve read once, and this evening at 8 o'clock assigned for its second reading.

Resolve relating to the encouragement of a uniform system of penmanship in the schools of Maine;

Resolve relating to the Maine State Prison;

Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of Dred Scott;

The above resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve repealing a resolve concerning the special laws and resolves;

Resolve in favor of Samuel S. Berry;

The above resolves came from the Senate passed to be engrossed. Rules suspended, resolves each read twice, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland Harbor, Maine, known as the Hog Island

Ledge, and over certain land at, or near the entrance of the Kennebec river, Maine, laid on the table by Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta.

Rules suspended, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State.

This resolve came from the Senate, that branch having amended the House amendment A, as per sheet B, annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, and as amended, passed the resolve to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned until 7½ o'clock this evening.

EVENING.

The House convened at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., and the Speaker being absent, the Clerk called the House to order, and presided during the organization of the House, by the election of a Speaker *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Speaker, CHARLES DANFORTH, Esq., of Gardiner, be elected Speaker *pro tem*. of the House of Representatives.

Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing that branch of the government that the House, in the absence of the Speaker, had chosen CHARLES DANFORTH, Esq., Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry, was charged with a similar message to the Senate.

Those gentlemen subsequently reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

Resolve relating to Kansas affairs and slavery.

This resolve having had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as

truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve repealing a resolve concerning the special laws and resolves;

Resolve in favor of Samuel S. Berry;

These resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act to regulate the salary of the judge of the municipal court of the city of Bath, and fees accruing therein.

This bill being under consideration, it was, on motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, laid upon the table, and the 10th day of June next assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve in favor of Corinna Union academy.

This resolve was taken from the table on motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, and considered, and on motion of Mr. BROWN of Milford, the resolve was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve on the pay roll of the House.

This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents.

This resolve came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, and passed the resolve to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland Harbor, Maine, known as the Hog Island Ledge, and over certain land at or near the entrance of Kennebec river, Maine.

This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed,

refused to adopt amendment A, adopted amendment B, and as amended, passed the bill to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill, entitled An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government.

Report accepted, rules suspended, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate.

This resolve came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed. Rules suspended, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Richard Wells;

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents;

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State;

The above resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet tomorrow, at 7 o'clock in the afternoon.

Titles one to twelve inclusive, of the revised laws, were taken up, and having had three several readings, they were severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Baker.

This resolve was laid on the table by Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta. Rules suspended, resolve read twice, amended by striking out the words "under the resolve of March 12th, 1855," and as amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1857.

No chaplain present.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

The House reconsidered the vote whereby it yesterday passed to be engrossed titles one to twelve inclusive, of the revised statutes, and amended the same, by inserting in the revision certain public laws passed at this session, as per sheet A, and as amended, passed the titles one to twelve inclusive, to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Ticonic Bridge.

This bill was laid on the table by Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville. Rules suspended, bill read three times, amended as per sheet A, annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland harbor, Maine, known as the "Hog Island Ledge," and over certain land at or near the entrance of Kennebec river, Maine;

Bill An act to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetery Company;

Bill An act to incorporate the Ticonic Company;

Bill An act in relation to the rights of married women;

Bill An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government;

Bill An act to revise and consolidate the public laws of the State;

The foregoing bills having had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve on the pay roll of the House;

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate;

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed

Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the commissioners for revising the public laws.

The above resolve was laid on the table by Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston. Rules suspended, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves for the appointment of commissioners to superintend the publication of the revised statutes of the year 1857.

The above resolves were read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill An act to repeal the acts consolidated in the revised statutes of the year 1857;

Bill An act additional to provide for the expenses of government;

The foregoing bills, the rules having been suspended, were each read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DRUMMOND of Waterville,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to each of the clerks who have been in his office during the present session of the Legislature, one copy each of the revised statutes of 1857, when they are ready for distribution.

On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Bill An act to repeal the acts consolidated in the revised statutes of the year 1857.

This bill having had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves for the appointment of commissioners to superintend the publication of the revised statutes of the year 1857.

These resolves having had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CYR of Madawaska, laid on the table the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the per diem pay of William Dickey, of Fort Kent, to the end of the session, the same as members of this House.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Kennebunkport, the order was laid on the table, and the 10th day of June next assigned for its consideration.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of the Ticonic bridge.

This bill having had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1857.

No chaplain present.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Baker;

“ in favor of the commissioners for revising the public laws;

The above resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill An act additional to provide for the expenses of government.

The above bill having had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Order from the Senate, appointing a Committee to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature having acted upon all matters before them, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Smith of Aroostook, and Hoyt of Franklin, were appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Order passed, in concurrence, and Messrs. Cotton of Bowdoin, Tabbut of Addison, Silsby of Aurora, Wilson of Brewer, Albee of Forks, Marston of Windham, and Jewell of Phipsburg, were appointed on the part of the House.

The Committee, through Mr. COTTON, subsequently reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and the Governor was pleased to say, that he would forthwith communicate to the Legislature, through the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the Governor, by the Secretary of State, transmitting to the House of Representatives, a list of the acts and resolves approved by him during the present session of the

Legislature, and further saying, that he had no further communication to make.

Mr. BUXTON of Warren, addressed the House, as follows :

MR. CLERK :—I should be doing great injustice to my own feelings, and to the feelings of those members of this House with whom I am politically associated, if I should permit this opportunity to pass, without expressing our acknowledgments to the Speaker and dominant party of this House, for the courtesy and respect that has invariably been extended to us during the session that is now about drawing to a close. I therefore move the following resolve :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be presented to the Hon. CHARLES A. SPOFFORD, for the able manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, as being marked with ability and impartiality.

The passage of the resolve, was signified by the unanimous rising of the members of the House.

The SPEAKER thereupon rose and addressed the House, as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I acknowledge this expression of your approbation with profound sensibility. I thank you for all your kindness. I thank you, especially, for the uniform forbearance and generous co-operation to which I am so much indebted for what of success I may have attained in the discharge of the duties which have been assigned me.

In this hour of parting, which is the sadest and sacredest hour of all human relations, there seems to me a peculiar propriety in the kindly allusions which have been made to the sentiments of friendship and mutual esteem, which have grown up among us, and which are so naturally incident to our intimate association.

Whatever of good or ill may come, in coming years, it will always be grateful to remember the kindness and courtesy, the harmony and good feeling with which your deliberations have been so pre-eminently characterized.

There is something, gentlemen, in a just conception of the true dignity of legislation, which gives us enlarged and liberal views of

humanity and political science, which elevates us above the atmosphere of local interest and the policies and expediciencies of party organization.

We do well to remember that this chartered, free and liberal government of ours, is the produce of long history, ancient events, and ages of human experience.

The lamp of the scholar and the scaffold of the patriot, the prayers and hopes of all good men, have been converging in the great sweeping current of history, to the establishment of a government, which has a just regard to the rights of man and the conditions of his being.

We make laws for a sovereign, independent State—a member of a confederation of states which is destined to become the historic centre of the world's civilization. We legislate in a refined age, for an enterprising, enlightened and progressive people.

In determining, then, the equitable rights of man, which is the legitimate object of all political science, in solving important social problems, in making laws for our moral and intellectual advancement, for the material development and physical well being of the State, *our obligations as legislators* demand of us an enlightened, disinterested patriotism, and a christian philanthropy. As legislators, we are all republicans, and all democrats.

Let us avoid the radicalism that uproots virtues, and the conservatism that befriends vice and sanctions evil, and though our State can boast no dusty archives nor crumbling monuments, no carved hatchments nor rolls of heraldry, you may place it among the foremost in that column of progressive States, whose union constituted time's noblest empire, whose history will be an era of wisdom, genius and human exaltation.

We would not forget in this farewell hour, to recall the memory of that one of our number, who, in high health and hope, has been swept from our midst by the hand of death, but let us say in the language of believing trust, "It was better for our brother to die than to live," for his day of life well spent in noble work brought him to a calm and hopeful evening, and the shadows of his declining sun only curtained his spirit to its rest.

We will hold his name and virtues in grateful remembrance, and while we blazon the deeds of the illustrious dead, while we write

on marble those names which illumine the pages of history, we will not forget that the hands of forgotten brave men have made the world for us.

I bespeak the big drops of your sympathy for his bereaved family, in their hour of solitude and wo. May they be sustained by the consolations of that sublime faith that gleams over the measureless ocean of the future, and sends its ray of light even among the shadows of eternal grandeur and mystery.

It is a touching consideration, that, although we are thus singly called from the battle of life to tread alone our silent and solemn march to the tomb, there is that in the common good and ill of humanity that binds us together in one compassionate brotherhood, and teaches us impressively, that we are all of one dying, and of one immortal family.

Let us acknowledge our obligations to the source of all good, that so many of us have been preserved from sorrow, sickness and death.

Gentlemen, I again thank you for all your generous friendship and kindness. I congratulate you upon the great success which has attended your patient and unremitting devotion to your laborious duties. I wish you all, health, honor and happiness, and now bid you an affectionate farewell.

Mr. ADAMS of Newfield, laid on the table the following resolve:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to Messrs. . GEORGE W. WILCOX and BENJAMIN FREEMAN, for the faithful discharge of their duties as Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this House.

The resolve was passed.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta,
The House of Representatives adjourned *without day*.

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk*.

TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1857.

PUBLIC LAWS.

- An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property.
- to amend the thirty-first section of the twenty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways.
- in relation to the supreme judicial court.
- respecting judicial proceedings.
- in relation to directors of corporations.
- respecting the redemption of land sold for the payment of taxes.
- repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops.
- relating to the property of deceased married women.
- granting further powers and privileges to agricultural and horticultural societies.
- in relation to wills.
- relating to attachments.
- additional to chapter ninety-four of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate.
- to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings, in cities and villages.
- to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings.
- to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens.
- additional to an act entitled "An act respecting the election of electors of president and vice-president."
- entitled "An act additional to chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the revised statutes."

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- An act to amend section seventy, of chapter seventy-seven of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking.
- in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property.
- to amend the twenty-second section, of chapter one hundred and six of the revised statutes.
- in relation to depositions.
- to amend the second section, of chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the militia.
- to repeal chapters fifty-three, fifty-six and fifty-seven, of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flax seed.
- authorizing towns to purchase a hearse, and erect a house for the same.
- to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer.
- to amend chapter one hundred and seven of the revised statutes, in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases.
- to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a board of agriculture."
- to repeal an act entitled "An act in relation to directors of corporations."
- to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots.
- additional to chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the public laws, passed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, concerning the assessment of taxes.
- further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property.
- additional in relation to banks and banking.
- additional respecting judicial proceedings.
- relating to the property of deceased married women.
- additional to an act entitled "An act to prevent disturbances of religious worship."
- to exempt libraries from attachment and execution.
- additional concerning the powers of judges of probate.
- additional to chapter sixty-seven of the revised statutes, relating to timber upon rivers and streams.
- amending chapter two hundred and sixty-five of public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, approved April ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, respecting the militia.

An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women.

to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees, in certain cases.

in addition to chapter two hundred and fifty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors.

additional to "An act further to protect personal liberty." to regulate the sale and use of poison.

further to regulate appeals from county commissioners.

repealing the law of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and reviving the law of the revised statutes, relative to the publication of intentions of marriages.

creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacturing of lime.

increasing the fees of witnesses.

regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes.

concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this state.

additional relating to liens on vessels.

additional in relation to the promulgation of the public laws.

declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this state, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them.

additional to chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes, relating to ways.

additional concerning the supreme judicial court and judicial proceedings.

to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.

providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons, issued by railroad corporations.

to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability. in relation to the rights of married women.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

- An act to incorporate the town of Islandport.
to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose river.
to make valid the doings of school district number one, in Madawaska plantation, in the county of Aroostook.
additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary.
enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais.
relating to the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.
to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company.
to make valid the doings of school district number five, in the town of Otisfield.
to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford.
additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, passed August fourteenth, eighteen hundred forty-nine.
to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns.
to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
to incorporate the City Insurance Company.
to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
to change the name of the "Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."
to repeal "An act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company."
to incorporate the Indigent Ministers' Relief Association.
to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company.
additional to "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government," approved February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred fifty-seven.
in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom.
for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company.
for the assessment of a state tax, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, amounting to two hundred thousand nine hundred twenty-nine dollars thirty cents.
accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

- An act to divide the town of Prospect and incorporate the southerly part thereof into a town by the name of Stockton.
- to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland.
- authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes.
- to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians.
- to change the names of certain persons.
- to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont.
- in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company.
- to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick, and annex the same to Penobscot.
- to set off a portion of plantation number ten, and annex the same to the town of Franklin.
- to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company.
- concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland.
- additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland.
- to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company.
- to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters.
- to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company.
- to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company.
- to incorporate the town of Winn.
- to incorporate the Little River Canal Company.
- to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company.
- to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company.
- additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association.
- to set off Josiah A. Judkins, together with certain real estate, from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico.
- to incorporate the International Hotel Company.
- to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company.
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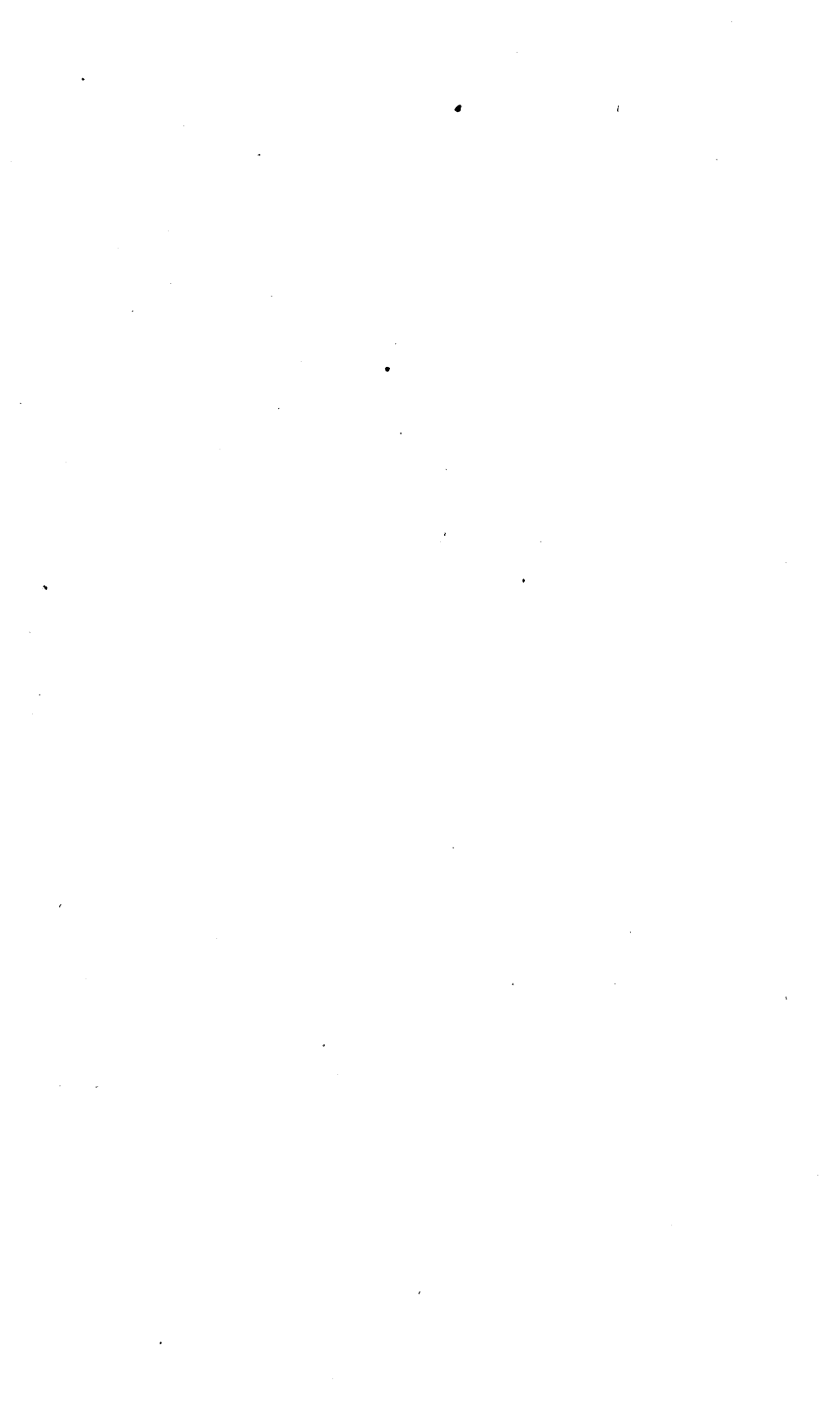
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