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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 24, 1865.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House cause the usual number of copies of the Journal to be printed; each member of this House shall receive two copies of the same; one copy shall be distributed to each member of the next House of Representatives and Senate, on the first day of the session, and the copies remaining shall be deposited in the State Library for the use of the State.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1865. }

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. GRANGER of Calais, and upon his motion, Mr. HERSEY of Bangor was appointed Chairman of the Convention.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE of Auburn,

Messrs. Little of Auburn, Nickerson of Linneus, Holden of Casco, Hathaway of Wilton, Hopkins of Ellsworth, Moore of Gardiner, Hall of Rockland, Day of Damariscotta, Hammond of Paris, Crosby of Dexter, Pullen of Monson, Hunt of Bath, Churchill of Anson, Roberts of Stockton, Hobart of Edmunds, and Hill of Biddeford, were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the credentials of members elect and report whether a quorum is present.

Mr. LITTLE of this Committee subsequently reported that they had examined the credentials of members, and that a quorum of the members elect is in attendance.

Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, 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.

Having attended to the duty assigned him, Mr. Cram reported

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. LARRABEE of Portland,

Messrs. Larrabee of Portland, Cram of Brunswick, Abbot of China, Walker of Hampden, Follansbee of Camden, Heath of Detroit, and Barker of Bethel, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee, through Mr. Larrabee, reported :

Whole number of votes,	143
Necessary for a choice,	72
Horace Stilson has	125
F. A. Small,	16
Edmund Wilson,	2

The report was accepted and HORACE STILSON was declared to be duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

That gentleman was appointed to accompany the Clerk elect to the Council Chamber in order that he might take and subscribe the oaths required by law to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

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

The House of Representatives was called to order by the Clerk, who presided during its further organization.

On motion of Mr. PATTEN of Bath,

Messrs. Patten of Bath, Haines of Livermore, Lang of Vassalborough, Kilby of Eastport, Monroe of Belfast, Mayo of Orono, and Bowman of Buckfield, were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	138
Necessary to a choice,	70
W. A. P. Dillingham has	116
Edmund Wilson,	22

The report was accepted, and W. A. P. DILLINGHAM was declared duly declared Speaker of the House of Representatives for the current political year.

Mr. DILLINGHAM was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Patten of Bath, and addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The courtesy and distinguished honor which you have so generously conferred on me, is fully and gratefully appreciated. The graceful manner in which you have invested me with the dignities of this position, by so full and significant an expression, induce me to accept the chair of Speaker, with its trusts of delicacy, its demand of manly qualities, its responsibilities, and its attendant work, believing that every member of this House will be pleased to extend to me that indulgent forbearance and hearty good-will which I am fully sensible will be requisite for the satisfactory discharge of the duties of this office.

From this hour it shall be my solicitude and endeavor to facilitate the dispatch of the public business, to obey strictly the will of the majority, to protect carefully the rights of the minority, and to treat courteously and fairly each member of this body.

Gentlemen, from morning to morning, as we shall enter the eastern door of this capitol and look upon the silent but not speechless memorials of patriotism which grace the columns of the rotunda, and as we turn towards the torn and blackened and once wet battle-flags of freedom, and learn how much it has cost and will yet cost to save the Republic, may we enter our places in this hall feeling the responsibility that rests on us as legislators, to promote knowledge, to ensure justice, to encourage wealth and confirm liberty, and by all means contribute to the power and dignity of the State of Maine.

A message was sent to the Governor and Council by Mr. Larabee of Portland, and also to the Senate by Mr. Hill of Sullivan, informing those branches of the government that the House of Representatives had organized by the election of W. A. P. DILLINGHAM as Speaker, and HORACE STILSON as Clerk.

These gentlemen subsequently reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

A message was received from the Senate through Mr. Banks of York, informing the House that the Senate had organized by the choice of Hon. David D. Stewart as President, and Thomas P. Cleaves, Esq., as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE of Auburn,

Messrs. Little of Auburn, Hill of Bucksport, Haley of Frankfort, Howe of Fryeburg, Perley of Bridgton, Estabrook of Oldtown, and Prescott of Canaan, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Clerk.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	110
Necessary to a choice,	56
Sumner J. Chadbourne has	110

The report was accepted, and Sumner J. Chadbourne was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That A. L. Norton be elected Messenger, and Benjamin F. Cary and William H. Turner, Assistant Messengers of this House.

On motion of Mr. ABBOT of China,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be supplied to each member and officer of this House, during the session, one copy of the Legislative paper published by the conductors of the Kennebec Journal.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDS of Belmont,

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

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

Ordered, That the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of each day be the hour for the meeting of this House.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, informing the House that he had on this day laid before the Legislature the returns of votes made to his office for Governor for the current political year.

Order from the Senate :

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 Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and Messrs. Sanborn of Kennebec, Walker of Knox, Virgin of Oxford, Hale of Piscataquis, Stone of Franklin, Hamor of Hancock, and Southard of Sagadahoc, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Webb of Portland, Jones of Lewiston, Bradford of Houlton, Fairbanks of Farmington, Wasgatt of Mt. Desert, Webb of Winthrop, Wilson of Rockland, Stetson of Newcastle, Ellis of Canton, Porter of Burlington, Chase of Dover, Patten of Topsham, Heath of Detroit, Monroe of Belfast, Davis of Lubec, and Shaw of Biddeford, were joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Hampden,

Ordered, That the Rules of the last House be adopted as the Rules of this House until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

Ordered, That a Committee be raised to report Rules for the government of this House.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Webb of Portland, Weston of Gorham, Granger of Calais, Webb of Winthrop, and Chase of Dover, appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

Ordered, That on Wednesday, the 11th day of January instant, at twelve o'clock at noon, both branches of the Legislature will proceed to ballot for a Senator to serve in the United States Senate from this State for six years from the fourth day of March next, 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 person, such person shall be considered as elected by the Legislature to be Senator 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 such House until the adjournment thereof on that day, and afterwards from day to day from twelve 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 hereinbefore provided and until the same person shall be elected in both, or until otherwise provided.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to prepare a Register of the House, containing the names, residence, post office address, boarding place, and number of seat of members, together with a diagram of the House, and cause 800 copies of the same to be printed.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. EATON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The SPEAKER announced the Monitors of the House as follows:

First Division,	Moore of Minot.
Second "	Larrabee of Portland.
Third "	Hill of Sullivan.
Fourth "	McIntire of Peru.
Fifth "	Eaton of Readfield.
Sixth "	Bickford of Warren.
Seventh "	Roberts of Stockton.
Eighth "	Shaw of Biddeford.

Mr. CHASE of Dover informed the House that James Doyle of Eaton Grant plantation, Representative elect, was in attendance and ready to take and subscribe the oaths required by law to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Chase was appointed to accompany Mr. Doyle to the Council Chamber for the purpose indicated, and subsequently reported that he had discharged that duty.

Order from the Senate :

Ordered, That the Joint Rules of 1864 be adopted as the Rules of this Legislature until otherwise ordered.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER announced the Standing Committee of the House on Elections, as follows :

Messrs. Garnsey of Bangor,
 Little of Auburn,
 Miller of Portland,
 Patten of Topsham,
 Heath of Detroit,
 Chase of Dover,
 Hobart of Edmunds.

The report of the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the returns of votes for Governor, was made in the Senate, and came from that branch read and accepted.

It was read and accepted in concurrence, and is as follows :

Whole number of votes,	111,999
Necessary to a choice,	56,000
Samuel Cony has	65,583
Joseph Howard has	46,403
William P. Haines,	3
Ezra C. Andrews,	3
Bion Bradbury,	2
John Ware,	1
Richard D. Rice,	1
N. G. Hichborn,	1
Jeremiah Hacker,	1
Samuel Fessenden,	1
Blank,	1

Order from the Senate :

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon His Excellency, SAMUEL CONY, and inform him that he has been elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and Messrs. Tenney of Somerset, McGilvery of Waldo, and Sanborn of Kennebec, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Hersey of Bangor, Lang of Vassalborough, Hobbs of Norway, Follansbee of Camden, Weston of Gorham, Denison of Poland, and Holden of Casco, were joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. HERSEY, from this Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say he accepted the office to which he had been elected, and would meet the Legislature at such time as it would indicate, to take and subscribe the oaths of office necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston,

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Hall of Representatives this day at ten minutes before twelve o'clock, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Governor elect and of receiving such communication as he might be pleased to make.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate through its Secretary, Thomas P. Cleaves, Esq., signifying the concurrence of that body in the proposition of the House.

The hour assigned for the Convention having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. MANSON of Penobscot,

That gentleman was charged with a message to the Governor elect, informing him that both branches of the Legislature were in waiting and ready to administer to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Manson subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor elect was pleased to say he would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purposes indicated.

Whereupon, the HON. SAMUEL CONY, Governor elect, attended by the Executive Council and Heads of Departments, came in, and in presence of both branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, 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 Address, information upon the affairs and condition of the State, as follows :

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances under which you have assembled to inaugurate anew the government of the State. True, indeed, peace long hoped for, has not yet returned to rejoice the hearts of all our countrymen, and the carnage of battle still fills the land with anguish ; yet the year which has closed upon us, has been marked by signal success and memorable achievement, and the opening year dawns radiant with hopeful promise.

To God, in His infinite mercy, let us render the homage of our thanks for His goodness to this nation.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the State, and the provision to be made for meeting future calls upon the treasury, will demand, beyond any other subject, your most serious consideration.

The expenditures of the last year have been for all

ordinary civil purposes including payment of public debt and interest thereon,	\$515,010 46
For refunding cities and towns money advanced in 1863 for relief of soldier's families,	532,168 14
For bounties,	2,988,183 78
For other war purposes,	73,179 63

The receipts in the same period have been—

From State taxes assessed prior to 1864,	445,197 59
State tax of 1864,	384,221 15
From loans permanent and temporary,	2,965,000 00
From all other sources,	309,513 48

It appears that a debt of \$2,965,000 has been created during the past year which added to that existing January 1864, makes the whole debt of the State as represented by loans \$5,337,000. In addition to this is the amount to be refunded to cities, towns, &c., for aid furnished families of soldiers in 1864, not payable till 1865, but constituting actually a debt against the State. The amount of this last item, in consequence of the returns not having been made, I am unable to state, but it is supposed that it will reach a higher figure than was required for the same object last year.

The Legislature of 1864 in levying the State tax for that year, assessed the sum of six hundred thousand dollars beyond all requirements for the established ordinary civil expenses of the State including the interest on the whole public debt.

The revenue derived from this tax, is that on which the treasury relies to defray these charges the present year, and whatever may remain, after meeting them, will be applied to reduce the debt to the cities and towns for advances to soldiers' families. A portion of this tax has already been paid into the treasury and disbursed, postponing for the time the necessity to that extent of making a loan, but which the exigencies of the treasury the coming year, will require to be made. The loans effected by the Treasurer the past year have been made under the authority of Resolves approved March 19, 1864, providing for the borrowing of three millions of dollars, by the issue of bonds on a term of twenty-five years, to refund advances to soldiers' families and for the payment of bounties. These resolves also authorized a temporary loan of any portion of this amount, which the convenience of the treasury might require, to be refunded from the sales of the bonds. Under this authority, bonds have been disposed of to the amount of \$2,765,000, and there are outstanding notes on short time for \$200,000. The success of the Treasurer in negotiating so large an amount of the permanent loan of the State, under the limitation of not selling below par, at a time when there existed so much competition in the market of public securities seeking the money of capitalists, many of them at a rate of interest very much above the rate paid by this State, is a substantial compliment to the financial standing of Maine. The difficulties of negotiation for those under the necessity of borrowing are not likely to be diminished in the future.

The constitutional restraint imposed upon the power of the Legislature to increase the debt of the State, was a most wise

provision, and though not affecting it upon the occurrence of war-like necessities, still the spirit by which it was dictated demands its chary use.

The magnitude of our present debt enforces this consideration, and when it is considered that the municipal corporations of the State have incurred an amount of liability, equal, if not larger than that of the State, I feel sure that you will not consent to an increase beyond what may be required, if anything, to meet past engagements, or the most unyielding necessity in the future. The progress of events during your present session will doubtless develop these.

The people of this State have most unmistakably announced their purpose to sustain the general government in its efforts to save the life of the nation, and they will expect of you the adoption of such measures as shall enable Maine to fulfill all her duties.

While compelled by circumstances to resort to loans to supply present necessities, a wise administration of affairs points to the propriety of beginning at an early day to provide for their liquidation. It is with States as with individuals in matters of finance. Those who are careful of incurring debt and provident in the arrangement of their affairs, so as to anticipate their obligations, do, and ever will, command the readiest credit and the highest prices for their securities.

The State has thus far reaped the benefit of its high character for scrupulous punctuality in meeting its engagements. I respectfully suggest that the best interests of the State require at an early day the establishment of a sinking fund by setting apart a fixed sum annually to be applied to the purchase of the debt. True it is that the only source of revenue possessed by the State is direct taxation, but unless the State debt should be largely increased beyond its present amount, the time is not distant when the State tax may be considerably reduced and still leave it large enough to provide such a fund as would in a few years sensibly reduce the debt. The inauguration of this policy would greatly strengthen the credit of the State, and facilitate the negotiation of its bonds if the condition of the treasury shall require.

The imposition of a tax of a single mill upon the valuation of 1860 would be entirely adequate to the purpose. The policy of the last Legislature in levying a State tax sufficient to pay all the ordinary charges upon the treasury, including interest on the State

debt, and a large surplus to be applied to the liquidation of the claims of cities and towns for money advanced in aid of the soldiers' families will commend itself to your favorable consideration in making provision to supply the treasury for the year 1866.

ASSUMPTION OF STATE DEBTS.

The necessities of the nation have compelled Congress to resort to the imposition of taxes hitherto unknown to our people, and that to an extent which nothing but the most unshrinking loyalty makes tolerable, but which, while the necessity continues, will not be called in question.

Added to this, and in order to give the national government almost exclusive possession of the market for the sale of its securities, and induce the purchase thereof by the people, they have been specially exempted from municipal and State taxation. The power to do this has been judicially affirmed by the highest tribunal known to our laws.

The wisdom of this policy I do not propose to discuss. The consequence is to increase the burdens of State taxation upon the visible, fixed property in the States, by inviting very large investments in government securities. Coupled with these considerations, arises another, growing out of the exercise of the power by Congress, granting charters to the National banks, and the imposition of such taxes upon existing State institutions as must compel them to throw aside their State charters and transform themselves into National banks, or to surrender them and quit the field. One or the other of these alternatives awaits the banks of Maine.

The surrender of each State charter involves a loss to the treasury of a tax which from time immemorial has been paid by every bank created by the laws of the State. In the outset, as soon as the system of National banks was inaugurated, the Legislature of this State, in the spirit of fairness and justice, remitted one-half of the bank tax, and authorized the surrender of the charter of any bank by a vote of a majority of its stockholders. The loss to this State of revenue derived from this source by the action of Congress on the basis of the banking capital existing two years since, will not be less than \$80,000 per annum.

The case stands thus: while the States, counties, cities and towns, in their efforts to respond to the demands of the nation,

have incurred heavy debts, to meet which increased taxation is demanded, Congress devising means to the same end, has impaired their ability to provide for even their current, usual expenditures, by withdrawal, on the one hand, of a large portion of capital from liability to contribute to it, and on the other, by the absolute annihilation of long-established sources of revenue.

At the late session of Congress, a resolution was presented to the House of Representatives by a gentleman representing this State in part upon the floor of that body, asking for the assumption, by the United States, of the debts of States, counties, cities and towns, incurred in aid of the general government in the prosecution of the war. This was enforced by a speech of eminent ability and research, presenting precedents for the measure in the uniform past action of the government, at the same time demonstrating its justice by a great variety of argument.

These debts have been incurred for the national defence, upon which ground alone justice demands their assumption by the United States, and still more loudly it is called for by the fact that sources of revenue in the States have been dried up by Congressional action. Should you concur in this view of the subject, some appropriate legislative expression is recommended.

BANKS.

The condition of affairs, arising from the surrender of the charters of so many of our banks, either retiring altogether from business or changing to national institutions, is anomalous.

That some additional legislation may be needed for further security to the public is probable. It is extremely desirable that this financial transition shall be made without producing a shock disturbing the course of commercial transactions. The subject of banking, so intimately interwoven with all the business of our people, is one requiring to be treated with the most careful consideration. The people of the State, and the public in general, have the strongest guarantee in the character of the managers of these institutions, that all their obligations will be faithfully and promptly discharged.

ENLISTMENTS, ETC.

During the year 1864 there have been sent from this State 13,623 men, of whom 3,380 were enlisted under the call of October,

1863. Besides these, 3,525 veteran soldiers, whose term of enlistment in the organizations which entered the service in the beginning of the war, was about expiring, have re-enlisted. Enlistments in the navy for the same period number 1,846. The aggregate of these is 18,994 men whom Maine has, in the year 1864, contributed to the service of the country—equal to twenty regiments. All these have received the bounty of the State. The same proportional contribution of soldiers from all the loyal States would constitute a force of nearly three-fourths of a million. Allowances of credits for naval enlistments anterior to the past year have been made to the number of 3,675.

During the same period the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th and 14th regiments have been mustered out of service, the term of their original enlistments having expired, and the organizations disbanded. The number of men actually retiring from service by these musters-out, is about 2,000. The residue of these organizations who had re-enlisted, or whose original terms of enlistment had not expired, have been transferred to other regiments.

At the present time there is probably a small deficiency in the quota of this State upon the call of July 18th, 1864, for 500,000 men; but enlistments are constantly progressing, and I doubt not in sufficient numbers very soon to furnish the complement of the State. The President of the United States has made another demand for 300,000 men, to be enforced by a draft after the fifteenth of February next. The military position of the country is such as to afford encouragement that this requisition will be met with alacrity. The staggering blows recently dealt upon the military power of the rebels in the west and south, furnish a cheerful augury that the end is approaching, and the country will not willingly lose the advantages gained, by withholding any needful support.

Until the last calls, Maine has met every demand upon her for troops, not by constructive credits, but by the bone and sinew of her people. She will continue to do so to the end. I am confident that her citizens will have no cause to blush at a comparison of her efforts with those of her sisters to sustain the government of our fathers. Authentic returns establish the fact that more than 61,000 of her sons have been in the military and naval service of the nation since the commencement of the war—a number very nearly equal to one-tenth of the whole population of the State, embracing both sexes and all ages.

The report of the Adjutant General, furnishing the history of our soldiers the past year in full detail, will make an honorable record for our State. It would be invidious for your chief magistrate, in a communication to the Legislature, to designate any single instances of heroic sacrifices where there have been so many. The disastrous campaign upon the Red river, the murderous march from the Rapidan to Petersburg—almost a continuous battle—and the brilliant campaign in the Shenandoah, all attest the bravery and heroism of our soldiers. Maine mourns the loss of thousands of her sons on these various fields of conflict, all of whom have laid down their lives for their country. The families and friends of the fallen receive the sympathy of every patriotic heart. The noblest tribute that can be paid to their memories, is the steadfast maintenance of the cause, in support of which they have perished.

BOUNTIES.

Intimately connected with and affecting the financial condition of the State, the subject of paying bounties is deserving attention. This system, inaugurated at the outset of the war, providing at first for the payment of two months' wages to privates and non-commissioned officers as an inducement to volunteering, has overleaped the prudent limits then established, and caused the creation of a very large State and municipal debt. The magnitude of the present bounty has been reached in consequence of the competition of the various cities and towns, which in their anxiety to fill their quotas and escape a draft, stimulated overbidding upon each other. In addition to the evil of an accumulating municipal debt, there arose another, growing out of the permission at one time to enlist men without regard to their residence, and crediting them to the quota of the place paying the bounty.

The direct effect of this, was entirely to deprive the poorer towns and plantations, particularly in the northern border counties, of the benefit of the enlistment of their own citizens, from their utter inability to enter the lists against larger and more wealthy towns in the offer of pecuniary inducements.

To prevent these mischievous results, and hoping to check the tendency to a ruinous expenditure, the Legislature, at its last session, enacted a law for the payment of a uniform bounty by the State. The liberality of this provision was such as to command the belief that the men needed could be obtained by it, and that all

portions of the State would be enabled, the poor as well as the wealthy, to fill their quotas. Until the last call for five hundred thousand men, the law operated as intended. When this call was made for men to serve a single year, the bounty of one hundred dollars paid by the State was thought to be insufficient, and the old mode of paying bounties by cities, towns or associations of individuals was again resorted to.

The system originated at a time when there was no military organization, State or National, by which service could be made compulsory, to invite volunteers to meet the pressing necessities of the hour. The United States have since established a system for enrolling and calling out the national forces, which is adequate to the object for which it was created. Every able-bodied citizen, between the ages of twenty and forty-five, is held subject to its provisions without distinction. The necessity originally existing for the payment of bounties has ceased, for the government can reach the men it needs. The large bounties paid the past year in other States, as well as this, have given rise to great abuses. Men have been found base enough, and in large numbers too, to enlist, get their bounty and desert, go to another place, re-enlist, receive another bounty and desert again. There is reason to believe that this has been practised to a great extent. Others, unfit by reason of years or some covert disability, have been mustered into service, paid their bounty and gone directly to the hospital, and ere long discharged, pocketing the fruits of their fraud. The consequence is that quotas are filled but soldiers not obtained, and it is soon found that another call must be made to supply the lack of numbers created by these delinquent proceedings, and the same system of fraud repeated. Another evil has likewise arisen, and that is the creation of a class of *chevaliers d'industrie*, called substitute brokers, who are believed to have been largely instrumental in the perpetration of these frauds, and by whom many a soldier has been swindled out of the greater part of the bounty to which he is entitled. I recommend in regard to this employment that a heavy duty for a license should be imposed upon those practising it, and that their qualifications be defined by law. Among other abuses is that of enticing boys under age to enlist, destitute of mental or bodily stamina to fit them for soldiers, without the consent of their parents. Severe penalties should be prescribed for such practices, as well as for all the various fraudulent artifices by which soldiers

are defrauded of the bounty of the government. It is within the province of the Legislature to protect our citizens against these frauds.

If the government of the United States would adopt a regulation that every broker who put into the service a recruit that subsequently deserted, should be summarily seized and put into the army to make good the place of the deserter, a considerable portion of the evils inflicted by this class upon the community and government would be cured.

I respectfully submit, whether from economic considerations and the good of the cause, it is not time that this whole matter should be revised. Embarrassment of the finances of our State will inevitably ensue from the continuance of the system as at present existing. That a liberal, even generous provision should be made for those who may be obliged to enter the army, I unhesitatingly admit and cheerfully concur in, but it should be in some mode better adapted to keeping up the numbers of the army than that now practised. In lieu of the bounty now paid, let the State establish an addition to the monthly wages of the soldier, to be paid while he remains in the service. This will most effectually put a stop to the swindling operations which have absorbed thousands of dollars.

If it is objected that unless the present policy is persevered in, men from this State will be tempted to go to other States which pay large bounties, and that Maine will thus lose her own citizens, by whom her quotas ought to be filled, the answer is at hand. The number of men called for from a State is based upon the enrolments of persons of military age, resident therein. A State, in equity, is entitled to the credit of every person so enrolled who may enlist in the service of the United States, while his name is borne on the rolls of such State, without regard to the place of his enlistment. Congress can, by amending the law regulating enrolments, provide that each person duly enrolled shall be held to military service in the State in which he is so enrolled for the period of one year from the date thereof. These lists are public records, easy of access, and there would be no difficulty in tracing any case that might arise of an individual improperly attempting to transfer his services. This would effectually cut off competition between States, and leave to each all its own citizens of military age to meet the calls upon it for soldiers. The extension of this

rule to sub-districts in the same State would save a vast amount of trouble and expense to them, as well as vexation to all concerned in an official capacity, in settling questions of quotas and allowances. This proposition, so fair in itself and so just to the States, must commend itself to the favorable consideration of Congress.

With these brief suggestions, I commend this whole matter to your serious consideration, trusting you may be able to devise some measure by which the treasury may be protected from plunder, and, it is hardly necessary to add, the only treasury we have is the pockets of the people.

HOSPITALS, ETC.

In compliance with a resolve of the Legislature, early in April last, I made personal application to the authorities at Washington for the establishment in this State, of a General Hospital for the accommodation of our sick and wounded soldiers. While met by a very friendly disposition, the pressure of business growing out of the preparations for the then ensuing campaign, was such as to preclude that consideration which the subject required. Subsequently, in the month of May, I renewed the application with success. An order was issued turning over Camp Fry and Camp Keyes, at this place, to the medical department, for hospital purposes. The accommodations furnished by these buildings, not having been originally designed for the purpose, were not very convenient, but such as they were, they gladdened the heart of many a soldier who pined to breathe the air of his native State.

Dr. Brickett was placed in charge of the hospital, and immediately engaged in improving and enlarging the arrangements for the comfortable accommodation of the patients. Upon his application, approved by the Medical Inspector of this department, orders were issued for the construction of additional wards, buildings for laundry, mess room and officers' quarters, and the introduction of an adequate supply of water, all of which has been accomplished, so that it is now a convenient and well appointed hospital, with beds for the accommodation of eight hundred patients. During the summer the buildings at Camp Keyes have furnished quarters for quite a large number, but being rough structures, intended only for the temporary occupation of recruits, they are unfit for habitation in the severer months, with the excep-

tion of two or three, which have been repaired and made comfortable for convalescents.

Since the establishment of this hospital, twenty-five hundred soldiers have been admitted for treatment. Five hundred have passed through it. Eight hundred and seventy-one have returned to duty with their regiments. Fifty-five have been discharged for permanent disability, one hundred and twenty-three transferred to other hospitals, twenty-five have died, and thirteen deserted.

The sanitary results here presented are of a most satisfactory character; and I do not doubt that very many lives have thus been saved, which must have been lost, had the patients remained in hospitals no farther south than New York.

It affords me pleasure to state that in all my intercourse with General Barnes, Surgeon General of the United States Army, and with Medical Director McDougall and Medical Inspector Lyman, of the Department of the East, touching the matter of the hospital, and the welfare of our soldiers generally, my wishes have been met with the greatest cheerfulness and courtesy, and the State is under great obligation to these gentlemen. The efforts which have been made by the authorities of the nation to provide adequately for its sick and wounded soldiers, have been upon the largest and most liberal scale ever attempted by any people, and, as a general remark, the hospitals are worthy of the government. The gratitude manifested by our unfortunate soldiers, who have been transferred home, is ample demonstration of the value, not to say the necessity, of the establishment of a hospital here. Many applications for transfer have been unavoidably postponed, in consequence of the hospital being filled to its utmost capacity. I hope to be able to obtain an enlargement of its accommodations, and, if successful in this effort, the wishes of many more to be removed near their homes will be gratified. As it is at present, new transfers cannot be obtained until room is made by the discharge of present occupants.

At the city of Portland the needs of soldiers, sick and wounded, in transitu to their homes and hospital, have been most generously attended to, by the kind and ever-ready liberality of its citizens, aided by the treasury of the State. This being the first prominent point of arrival in the State, the demands upon the charities of her people have been very great, and have been met in a manner highly honorable to the citizens of our commercial metropolis.

The great number of soldiers, returning enfeebled by sickness and casualties, residing in the eastern and north-eastern portion of the State, passing through Bangor, the terminus of railroad transportation in that direction, rendered necessary the adoption of measures to take care of those arriving at that point of distribution. The Mayor and citizens of that city, with the energy and liberality so peculiarly and honorably its characteristic, immediately, by private contribution, undertook to supply the need. After a time it became evident that it was too heavy a tax upon their charities; and by order of the Executive Council, the same was assumed by the State. I at once entered into correspondence with the Medical Department of the United States upon the subject of this Soldiers' Rest, to procure its adoption by the general government, in which I was successful, except that the rent of the necessary buildings is paid by the State.

Immediately after the inauguration of active hostilities, gentlemen resident in the city of Washington, formerly citizens of Maine, and the members of Congress from this State, established the Maine Soldiers' Relief Association, supporting it by their own contributions. My immediate predecessor arranged with this Association to provide for the necessities of our soldiers in that quarter, paying a monthly stipend of two hundred dollars, and discontinued other existing agencies. This was found to be economical and effective. The advance in the cost of every article of consumption, together with the largely increased number of soldiers requiring its care and attention, rendered it both just and necessary to enlarge the compensation allowed, and it has been raised to three hundred dollars per month.

The rooms occupied as the headquarters of this society are immediately sought out by our soldiers arriving at Washington, needing aid of whatever kind, and they are at once attended to. Its employees also are in active personal communication with the army, forwarding packages to soldiers, and furnishing from its own sources such aid as it may be able to afford.

I do not hesitate to commend this association to the charities of our people, with the assurance that whatever may be given to it, will be distributed with fidelity, and whatever is sent to its care for any particular organization or individual, will be forwarded with punctuality and despatch. From its constant contact with our soldiers, their particular necessities are better understood at

this agency than elsewhere. The support heretofore extended to it from the treasury should, in my judgment, be continued, and I trust it may be fostered by the contributions of the people, as one of the most direct channels through which they will reach their objects.

The agencies which have existed since the first year of the war, at the cities of New York and Philadelphia, rendered necessary by the large number of sick and disabled soldiers passing through those great thoroughfares and arriving at the extensive hospitals in the vicinity of those cities, have been continued at a moderate expense. I take pleasure in bearing witness to the fidelity with which Col. F. E. Howe, at the former, and Col. Robert R. Corson, at the latter place, have executed their responsible trusts.

In this connection, it would be improper to pass in silence the Sanitary and Christian Commissions. The former has been the recipient of the most stupendous charities the world ever witnessed, and right nobly has it executed its trust, as is known to every soldier in the army, and I cheerfully bear my own testimony to its readiness to meet any demand made upon it. The Christian Commission has performed the labor its name implies, dispensing bodily comforts and spiritual ministrations. Its uncompensated agents have faithfully discharged their self-imposed duties, many of them at the expense of ruined constitutions, and the grave folds in its embrace others who have sacrificed their lives in its service. I trust that the people will not shorten their charities or withhold their support to these most meritorious instrumentalities.

And, in conclusion, it is with pride and pleasure that I acknowledge the whole-souled and christian generosity with which the people of Maine, in every locality, have responded to the numerous and urgent appeals in behalf of the soldier.

FUGITIVES FROM THE DRAFT.

To fill the armies of the Union as rapidly as the exigences demanded, it became necessary for the government to enforce the law providing for a draft. To the credit of our people as a body, it is but just to say that a ready obedience was rendered, and in most localities every effort was made by municipal authorities and citizens to comply with the requisitions of the government, and the quotas were largely filled by volunteers. Exceptions, however, I am mortified to say, in some quarters arose. In one instance, a

person in the employ of the Provost Marshal of the Fifth District, in the discharge of a public duty, was brutally murdered.

In numerous instances, individuals drafted have expatriated themselves to avoid rendering service to their country. It is an oft-repeated truism that every able-bodied citizen of the legal age owes military service to his country. Inasmuch as no general military organization exists in the country from which the men needed to reinforce armies in the field can be detailed, it is impossible to provide any system which shall levy its burdens more fairly than that created by the laws of the United States, "for enrolling and calling out the national forces." These laws were enacted to provide for the contingency of the failure of volunteers to supply the required recruits, upon whom the country, in the commencement of the war, relied. Under them, who shall be called upon to fill the ranks is determined by lot.

Every able-bodied citizen owing service, upon whom the lot falls, is bound by every principle of patriotism, every incentive of honor, every obligation of the law, to come forward and go into the ranks or furnish a substitute. Disregarding all these considerations, men have been found so unpatriotic, base and cowardly, as to seek in flight to a foreign country, an escape from the performance of the duty they owed their own, the benefit and blessings of whose institutions they have enjoyed, worthless poltroons and traitors as they have proved themselves to be. If the exhibition of personal unworthiness was the end of such conduct, I would pass it over in silence for the credit of the State, which is disgraced by such citizens. But it rests not here. The quota of each town must be filled, and the desertion of any of the number drawn compels the renewal of the draft until it is. The consequence is that the burden is cast upon the loyal and Union-loving men, and they are required to stand not only in their own, but in the lot of these base fugitives.

It is true that they are liable under the laws of the United States for desertion; it is true that they bring upon themselves the scorn and detestation of every patriotic citizen, which would be punishment enough for any soul sensitive to the promptings of an honorable emotion, but men who are guilty of such gross dereliction of duty as is implied in the failure to respond to the call of their country, purposely expatriating themselves at a time when their services were urgently needed, compelling their manly and loyal

neighbors to meet their obligations, morally forfeit the right to American citizenship.

A man who thus wantonly repudiates the claims of his government at such a crisis, deserves the withdrawal of its blessings and protection forever; and I submit whether it is not a duty devolving upon you in behalf of the loyal citizens of Maine, to devise some mode by which this class of persons shall be perpetually disfranchised and cease to be citizens of this State.

COAST AND HARBOR DEFENCES.

At an early day after my accession to the Chief Magistracy, my attention was attracted to the condition of the coast defences of the State. The government of the United States, the previous year, had constructed earthworks for batteries, and mounted cannon at various points, but there were neither soldiers in charge nor barracks for their accommodation.

In this condition of affairs, the batteries were worse than useless, as a small force could have captured them and turned the guns upon the towns they were designed to defend. In view of this state of facts, I addressed the War Department upon the subject. Authority was granted for raising several companies of coast guards to be mustered into the service of the United States and subject to be ordered wherever the exigencies of the country might require. Three companies were accordingly recruited, two of which, soon after entering the service, were ordered on duty in the defences near Washington, the third being distributed to the several batteries constituting the nucleus of a garrison which could readily be reinforced in time of need. Barracks, convenient and of adequate capacity, have also been erected, rendering these defences all that could be desired. What mischief may have been averted by these preparations, it is impossible to say, but without them almost our entire coast was an inviting field for plunder and destruction, which a single cruiser could have visited, laid under contribution and escaped before capture was possible.

Incidents which have occurred indicate very clearly what might have happened but for timely precaution. As early as July, intimations were received that an attempt was to be made by confederates coming from the Province of New Brunswick, to commit depredations upon the city of Calais. Having timely notice, due preparation was made for their reception and capture. Three only

of the miscreants made their appearance, at mid-day, for the purpose of robbing the bank at that place. There is evidence that the original party was much larger. Those who made the demonstration were disappointed in not being joined by their comrades, and were instantly arrested by the authorities, have been tried, convicted and sentenced, and are now suffering the penalty awarded their crime, with the exception of one, who escaped from the State Prison. The leader of this band avowed himself an officer in the confederate service, and that his associates were also confederates. There was nothing in their conduct incompatible with the character which they claimed.

An attempt was subsequently made to surprise the battery at Castine, the facts in relation to which are well known. It has been suggested that this was simply a feint, designed to alarm the garrison and create a momentary sensation. That it was such can hardly be credited. The love of mischief, simply, would be an insufficient motive to lead men into actual danger, and it must have been known that the garrison would employ deadly weapons against any body attempting a surprise; at least, the probability of its doing so was so great that it is not rational to believe it could have been approached as it was except for a serious purpose.

These incidents, apparently insignificant, read by the light of what has occurred elsewhere on the border, afford color to the presumption that they were a portion of a series of attempts plotted and organized upon the soil of our neutral neighbors. I did not feel at liberty to neglect these monitions, and took such steps as appeared necessary to guard against the occurrence of actual mischief, receiving the coöperation of the War Department. Overcaution is better than neglect.

While the defenceless condition of our shores excited apprehension, similar fears were entertained for the safety of our coasting commerce. In the month of May last, having been placed in possession of evidence tending strongly to show that the rebels designed to visit the coast with destructive purpose, I forwarded it to the authorities at Washington, coupled with a request that a patrol of gunboats should be established and maintained for the protection of our property by sea and land. That there was good reason for asking the adoption of this precautionary measure, the early subsequent destruction of numbers of vessels just outside Penobscot Bay, and in sight of land, clearly demonstrated. The

routes of our coasters upon the ocean are as well defined as highways or railroads upon the land. These traversed by gunboats, with suitable coaling stations in our harbors, so as to avoid the necessity of temporary withdrawal, would effectually protect that interest and secure the exposed and otherwise defenceless towns situate in close proximity to the sea, from hostile attack. The extensive demands upon the Navy Department for blockading purposes have hitherto perhaps prevented due attention to this matter, but it is certainly to be desired that in future something more than an occasional visit by a gunboat may be ordered along the coast.

SOLDIERS' VOTE.

The "Resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution to allow soldiers absent from the State to vote for Governor, Senators, Representatives and County officers," passed by the last Legislature, having been submitted to the people for approval, were sanctioned by a larger vote and more emphatic majority than ever attended any other proposition changing the organic law of the State.

On the sixth day of October I issued a proclamation as required, announcing their adoption. That so simple an act of justice should be accorded to our fellow citizens, who have, in the spirit of the loftiest patriotism, encountered voluntarily the deadliest perils in behalf of our common country, was to have been expected, and it is only matter of surprise that it should not have been done by an entirely unanimous popular expression. The amendment could hardly be said to confer any new right, but simply afforded the soldier, unable by reason of his duty and position to return to his home, an opportunity to exercise the most precious privilege attaching to the American freeman. The spirit which would deny this opportunity is not far removed from that which would disfranchise a people. The law in regard to voting for the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and for Members of Congress and various State officers created by law, were modified to meet the new condition of affairs, and allow the absent soldier to participate with the citizen at home in the selection of those who should be called to hold the helm of State in these troublous times.

To carry out these new provisions, I appointed Commissioners to repair to the various military Departments in which Maine sol-

diers were serving, taking with them all necessary blanks and ballots for the candidates for Presidential electors and State officers nominated by each political party, with instructions to them to furnish the same to every military organization, detachment or squad belonging to the State, that the soldiers might have entire freedom in the selection of such as they might choose to cast. I have every reason to believe that these instructions were faithfully observed.

The whole number of votes thrown by the soldiers was four thousand nine hundred and fifteen, of which due return was made, accompanied by certified poll lists showing the name of each person voting.

To meet the allegation that fraud might be practised, by the same persons voting at home in September and at camp in November, as well as to detect any false return, I caused a circular to be addressed to the various cities, towns and plantations, requesting them to forward to the Secretary of State a certified copy of the check-list used in the two elections, noting thereon every person who voted at either. From the comparison of these with the poll-lists of the soldiers, it is very clear that the returns of the soldiers' votes were free from any suspicion of wrong.

THE NATIONAL CEMETERY.

The Legislature of 1864 appropriated the sum of \$2,500 as the supposed proportion of this State for improving the grounds and erecting a monument in the National Cemetery, dedicated as the last resting-place of the soldiers who were slain at the battle of Gettysburg.

Circumstances well understood, have caused the cost to be very much increased beyond the estimates, chiefly growing out of the large advance in prices, or more properly speaking, the depreciation of our currency. The Association having this patriotic labor in charge, have voted to apply to Congress for an appropriation to complete it. Should this prove successful, no further call will be made upon the States; failing this, quite a number of the States have already indicated a willingness to contribute their proportion to finish it. I submit that you take such action as the dignity and honor of this State require in the premises. The report of the Commissioner will be submitted to you.

I venture to renew the recommendation, submitted last year,

that some provision be made, by which the names and memories of our fallen soldiers shall be preserved. Monuments have, in some few instances, been erected by private contribution. If a law should be enacted, authorizing all our municipalities to erect these monuments to their own soldiers, to be paid for from their respective treasuries, the object would be effectually accomplished, as it would not then be left to the accident of individual liberality.

MILITIA.

In the address I had the honor to submit to the Legislature of 1864, at the commencement of the session, the necessity of an organized Militia, and the adoption of a system to secure it, was presented at length. The conviction of the justice of those views has derived strength from the occurrences of the past year. A State which does not possess a military force within the reach of the Chief Magistrate, for the enforcement of the laws, the preservation of order, resistance to attack and to guard against violence, is deficient in one of the vital elements constituting a State.

Without physical power to enforce them, the laws are but empty threats, furnishing no safety against the violence of the lawless, who, in small numbers, may combine to resist them.

It is unnecessary for me to reiterate what was said on the former occasion. The Constitution of the State requires it, internal security demands it, and without it we are helpless against external attack.

The incidents of the past year have demonstrated the necessity of this proposition; and I trust you will not separate without making adequate and ample provision in this regard.

EDUCATION.

The Normal School, at Farmington, commenced operations the past season, although the sale of land designed for its support had not been made. The arrangements for opening having all been entered into, it was deemed advisable to advance the requisite funds for the payment of teachers from the contingent fund of the Governor and Council, to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the lands to be sold for its maintenance. The school is but an experiment in this State, and was established upon the earnest and persistent solicitation of those who believed great

advantages would result to the cause of education in Maine therefrom. The Council visited the school at the close of the fall term; but I was prevented from doing so by causes beyond my control. A single term is by no means sufficient to settle the question of the value of this school, or the propriety of inaugurating another. The friends of the Normal School profess to be satisfied with the beginning. That it may be a perfect success is certainly to be desired.

A disposition for some years past has been manifested to abolish the office of Superintendent of Common Schools, and it is believed that an unwillingness to displace a most worthy and competent official, alone has prevented it. At the present time there is no such embarrassment, the late Superintendent having resigned his position to participate with you as a lawgiver.

Whether the salary of this office, and the other expenses arising therefrom, can be saved to the treasury without injury to the educational interests of the State is for you to determine. The suspension of this office for a time will prove or disprove its value. If on trial it is found expedient, it will be easy to restore it.

Commending the whole subject to your consideration, I shall defer most cheerfully to your decision, whatever it may be.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

Under the "Resolve relating to the establishment of a College for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," approved March 24, 1864, Honorable Messrs. Wm. G. Crosby, Joseph Eaton and Samuel F. Perley, were appointed by the Governor and Council Commissioners to perform the duties thereby created and defined.

These gentlemen have proceeded to the discharge of the trust confided to them with that intelligence and fidelity demanded by the public expectation, and of which their character was so adequate a guarantee. A full report of all the propositions submitted to them for consideration, accompanied by their own reasonings and conclusions upon the subject, will be submitted to the Legislature at an early day. This report will, I doubt not, receive at your hands the consideration to which it will be entitled and, I trust, may aid you materially in the settlement of the subject to which it relates.

In other States the subject of the most appropriate disposition of the endowment granted by the United States for Agricultural Col-

leges, has not been unattended with difficulties, arising in part from the lack of that experience which practically and wisely settles such questions. That diversities of opinion will arise with you, is to be expected, but the people will look with confidence to the Legislature for the adoption of a policy which shall secure the greatest possible amount of benefit attainable with the means at your control.

My own opinions upon this subject have undergone no change within the year, and I again take the liberty to reiterate the sentiments heretofore expressed, that the objects of the grant and the interests of the State will be best promoted by a connection of the proposed college with some one of the established literary institutions of the State, unless the national grant is largely increased by private contributions. The funds to be derived from the sale of the scrip will be utterly inadequate to the maintenance of an independent institution, and the financial condition of the State forbids that one shall be established upon the foundation of taxing the people for its support. I invoke for the settlement of this question your most impartial and dispassionate consideration.

The resolve contingently authorizing the Governor to dispose of the scrip issued to the State, has not been executed. It will be proper that some new provision upon this subject should be made by you during the session. I would respectfully ask that the responsibility of disposing of this scrip may not be devolved solely upon the Executive, but that others, to be designated by the Legislature, shall be associated with him in the discharge of this delicate duty.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

The public institutions for the relief of the unfortunate or the punishment and reform of the criminal, patronized or maintained by the State, have been visited the past season by the Governor and Council.

The Perkins Institute for the Blind at South Boston and the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Hartford are too well known to require any special notice. The benefits rendered by each to the class of unfortunates coming under their special care would be utterly astonishing if they had not become so familiar.

The past year the number of beneficiaries supported by the State has been seven at the Institute for the Blind and thirty-three at the

Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, and I unhesitatingly say, that in my judgment, no public expenditure has been made for more worthy objects, or attended with any better results. I cheerfully commend to the Legislature a continuance of its patronage to these institutions.

The Asylum for the Insane has been filled to its utmost capacity with patients and unable to receive all the applicants for its treatment. The report of the Superintendent will acquaint you with the details of its operations, and being under your own eye during the session of the Legislature, you will have ample opportunity to judge of its management, its usefulness, and its ability to meet the necessities of the State. The expense of supporting the inmates chargeable to the State has increased with the advance in prices; this is unavoidable and without a remedy. In looking at the vast usefulness of this institution, the wonder is how the State ever got on without it.

The visit to the Reform School was both instructive and gratifying, and served to disabuse a portion of the visiting board of erroneous opinions. It is to be looked upon rather as a refuge for misfortune than a receptacle for criminals. Judging from the appearance and size of the children there it would seem that a majority quite large are hardly to be regarded as either legally or morally accountable. They are indeed the children of misfortune, orphans by the loss of parents, or made worse than orphans by parental criminality, cast upon society with none to care for or be interested in them, to live in the purlieus of our cities, coming in contact with vice in every form and exposed to its pernicious example until for some petty offence they find themselves perhaps for the first time in their lives brought within the sphere of virtuous and christian influence.

The appearance of the children was creditable and their proficiency in the rudiments of education most satisfactory.

The sentence to the Reform School of a young child during its minority at first sight seems harsh, but is it not rather a deed of kindness to children without parents or with parents unfit to take charge of them, that society gathers them up as waifs upon its bosom, and undertakes to provide for their wants during their tender years and fit them for usefulness in life?

They are not committed to this institution for punishment, but for reform and education under the guardianship of the State. As

they arrive at a suitable age, many are apprenticed by the trustees to employments adapted to their capacities. I think it desirable so far as possible to dissociate from this institution the idea that it is penal in its character, and rather connect with it the sentiment that it is a refuge for misfortune. The expense of sustaining this school will be no exception to the general laws of economy to which we are subject. I commend it to the favorable consideration of the Legislature, and trust that it may be visited by a committee which shall take time sufficient to examine all its workings and enable it to make suggestion of any improvement in the regulations by which it is governed, if any is required. The report of the officers of this institution, which will be laid before you at an early day, will be read with interest.

In June last, a thorough examination was made into the condition of the State Prison. The edifices constituting it, with the exception of the Warden's house and cells recently erected, are by no means creditable to the architectural skill which constructed them, and the whole arrangement is unsightly and by no means convenient. It is very evident that the structures have not been erected upon any well matured plan, but have been built by piecemeal from time to time under the pressure of some necessity which could not longer be evaded. The defects of the original construction can hardly be cured except by razing to the ground; this, however, must be postponed to more auspicious days. I am happy to be able to state that for the year past, under the management of Warden Rice, a most marked improvement has taken place in the financial condition of the Prison. The reports of the Warden and Inspectors exhibit the anomalous fact that it has been for 1864 a self-sustaining institution, a most gratifying surprise to those conversant with its past history.

LAND OFFICE.

The operations of the Land Office have been circumscribed the past year in consequence of the contingent grants to the European and North American Railway Company, to literary institutions, and for educational purposes.

Bates College and Maine Wesleyan Seminary, have complied with the conditions of the grants to these institutions, and the lands have been selected.

Until it is settled whether the European and North American

Railway Company shall so far comply with the conditions of the resolves in favor of that corporation, sales of land or timber will be necessarily held in abeyance. •

In compliance with certain resolves invoking the aid of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in behalf of this important enterprise, Honorable Messrs. Kent, Hubbard and Washburn were appointed Commissioners to present the subject to the government of our parent Commonwealth. They will make a report of their doings which will be laid before you in due season.

The application was not successful, and one very strong ground of objection was the alleged unfriendly action of the Legislature of this State some years since and still unrepealed in regard to connections with railroads west of Portland having their termini at Boston. I would respectfully call your attention to this subject for the purpose of ascertaining whether the supposed exigency which called for this legislation exists at this time. In the early history of railroads in this State, certain policies were regarded as indispensable, the wisdom of which has hardly been justified by experience. That the legislation referred to belongs to that class is more than probable.

A neighboring State can hardly be expected to contribute in aid of an enterprise in the benefits of which it is not to be allowed a participation. It is only upon the ground of a common interest to be promoted by the freest inter-communication that any such claim for coöperation can be asked with prospect of success. In addition to a common interest believed to exist, there are some considerations connected with the past history of the public lands of Maine, formerly the joint property of Massachusetts and our own State, which may be fairly urged as a reason for seeking assistance from that Commonwealth, in aid of the European and North American Railway Company.

Many years since arrangements were entered into between the two States for the management of their common domain, and among other stipulations was one for the expenditure of the proceeds of the sales of the land and timber to the extent of not more than ten per cent., in making improvements through these lands by the construction of roads and rendering the watercourses navigable. But a very small part of this sum was expended, as is well known to every person at all conversant with the history of our public lands.

Again, the State of Maine extinguished the title of Massachusetts in these lands by purchase in 1853. A bargain fairly made is binding upon both parties and not to be complained of, but if the State of Maine ever receives from the land thus purchased a sum equal to the interest of the principal paid for them, it is as much as those well informed upon the subject ever expected. These considerations may be fairly addressed to Massachusetts in seeking her aid for this enterprise, and it is for her authorities to determine their weight.

But little progress has been made the past year in the construction of this railroad. The European and North American depends in a considerable degree for its immediate success upon the connection it may be enabled to make with the lines of railway in the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The discussions which have recently arisen, having for their object the confederation of the British North American Colonies, have revived the slumbering project of an inter-colonial railroad connecting these provinces, which if constructed would postpone the early completion of the European and North American. The great cost of labor and material for railroad construction, as measured by the currency of the United States, has been such as to discourage the immediate commencement of this enterprise.

A committee of Congress informally visited this State the last summer, for the purpose of acquainting themselves with the condition of our frontier and coast defences, and it is believed by gentlemen having the interests of this proposed road in charge that the visit will be productive of beneficial results.

The very lively interest felt in the valley of the Penobscot in the early completion of this line of traffic and travel, has led the city of Bangor to vote a loan of its credit in its aid, and an individual subscription is being solicited with promising results.

Large expectations are entertained by its projectors and the public, resulting from the developments of the northern portion of our State now so largely a wilderness, as well as for the increase of trade and business, which its connection with the neighboring provinces will bring to our cities.

Last year I took occasion to commend to the favorable consideration of the Legislature the propriety of extending aid to an enterprise designed to secure a more direct and shorter communication between the Penobscot and St. Croix rivers. I have seen no reason

to change my opinion as to the desirableness of the measure. In all matters relating to public expenditures you are the guardians of the interests of the people, you will be held responsible for them, and you must be the judges.

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.

The President of the United States, in his recent annual message to Congress, recommended that notice of the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty with Great Britain be authorized upon the ground of the financial necessities of the nation. The popular branch has already acted affirmatively upon the suggestion, and the subject is now before the Senate, with the prospect of a speedy concurrence.

My own views upon this subject have been publicly expressed heretofore. However favorable the operations of this treaty may have been upon certain minor interests, I cannot refrain from the expression that it has been detrimental to two of the leading interests of the State—her lumber and her agriculture—in which so large a portion of our population is engaged.

UNITED STATES SENATOR.

A vacancy of a Senator in Congress from this State occurred during the recess of the Legislature, occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. William P. Fessenden, for the purpose of accepting a position in the cabinet of the President of the United States.

Under the provisions of the Constitution, I appointed Hon. Nathan A. Farwell, Senator *ad interim*.

Upon you devolves the duty of permanently filling the office.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLVES.

A copy of certain resolves passed by the Legislature of New Hampshire in regard to the construction of fish ways over the dams across the Connecticut, Merrimac and Saco rivers, has been transmitted to me with a request that the same be laid before the Legislature of Maine. With this request I most cheerfully comply, and invoke that consideration of the subject which the comity between States demands.

This is no new topic with the people of this State, legislation having often been sought for this same object, upon rivers lying

wholly within the limits of Maine. The experiments have not been satisfactory. Our rivers, the haunts of fish in former times, ere yet the wheel of the steamboat disturbed their waters, or they had been turned to the uses or necessities of the white man, are so no longer. Civilization, which has banished the red man from its presence, has also destroyed the means on which he subsisted, and the effort to preserve his fish and game have been as futile as would be the attempt to recall these perished tribes. The buffalo of the west has been as constantly receding from the presence of the white population, abandoning prairies now within the borders of thickly settled States, until it is being crowded to the very verge of the Rocky Mountains, preliminary to its final disappearance.

For the uses of commerce, of subsistence or of sport, it would be but a poor exchange to withdraw the teeming and industrious millions who have taken possession of the ancient home of these dumb herds, that they might be invited to return. The mills and manufactories upon our rivers and streams, though they have banished the former denizens of their waters, furnish a compensation immeasurable as compared with all the fish that ever have floated in their bosom. Partial attempts to invite them again to these waters have had no beneficial results. Anything more, which should compromise the security of the vast improvements upon which the prosperity of our State so much depends, will hardly be demanded by the comity of States.

CONCLUSION.

After three years of war, with varied fortune, the mighty armies of the Republic, which at no time have lacked aught to secure success but competent leaders, have at length found themselves marshalled to victory by commanders whom the progress of the conflict has slowly developed, of consummate skill, courage and energy, inspired by no other ambition than that of serving and saving their country by crushing the military power of the rebellion, and willing to abide with patience that recognition of distinguished merit which a grateful people have never yet failed to accord to their benefactors. Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Thomas have inscribed their names in ineffaceable characters on the scroll of fame and on the tablet of every loyal heart. Coupled with these, and animated by the same inspirations, are the officers and soldiers of the armies of the East and of the West, com-

panions of their toils, instruments of their success, they will ever be inseparably associated with their glory.

But the land has not alone been the theatre of heroic achievement. Old ocean has reverberated with the echoes of hostile cannon, pealing the triumphs of the American Navy. Stern Farragut, before the forts of Mobile, did not say, "that this day," America, "expects every" American "to do his duty," but lashing himself to the mast-head, directed the assault amid the iron tempest, and showed his men how to perform it. Brave old man! no nation on earth can drag from its history a naval hero to whom he is second.

Winslow, almost in sight of English shores, almost in English waters, accepted the combat to which he was defiantly challenged, with a British built ship, armed with British cannon, manned by English seamen, but commanded by an American traitor. The Alabama was sunk to the bottom of the ocean, leaving not a spar or plank afloat. A fitting end to her piratical career. Her commander, after striking his flag, sought ignominious safety on board the neutral yacht so conveniently at hand for his rescue. Winslow, the countryman of Decatur and Hull, has earned for himself a fame as enduring as the mountain from which his noble ship was named.

The youthful Cushing, glowing with the same chivalrous spirit which animated Somers, Wadsworth and Israel, to immolate themselves in the harbor of Tripoli, but more fortunate than they, by the destruction of the Albemarle, at such imminent peril, well deserves association with those honorable names.

Along with these, come Foote—sweet be his sleep and hallowed his memory; Porter, a name of glory in our naval annals; Worden, the hero of the first combat of iron-clads, and scores of others worthy the naval genius of our country.

The action of other nations has inaugurated a system of piracy (for it is not warfare) inviting the destruction of our commercial marine, which to some extent has been effected. If any expectation has arisen in unfriendly bosoms, that the naval power of this country was to be crippled by this procedure, they may learn at once that it is not wood, iron and cordage which constitute the essence of that power, but it is the maritime genius of our people and the determined valor of our seamen. The vast increase of our navy, and the record of its exploits the past year, demonstrate

that the United States are rapidly preparing for any conflict which may be forced upon them.

It is not, however, in the conflict of armies upon the land, or the combats of ships upon the ocean, that the record of the year that has just expired finds its most brilliant page. After nearly four years of deadly strife, attended by gigantic efforts, enormous sacrifices and heart-sickening sufferings, in the regular order of our Constitutional history, the people of the United States were called upon to elect for another term a Chief Magistrate of the nation.

The earnest and exciting discussions incident to a Presidential canvass, even when accompanied by none but its ordinary surroundings, have, from the beginning of the war, caused this point in our history to be looked forward to by all reflecting minds, as the hour of our extreme peril and the very crisis of our national life. The policy and measures of the government in the conduct of the war and during its whole progress had been assailed with severe and able criticism by a portion of the press and public speakers of the country, with a freedom unrestrained, beyond the example of any other land, unsurpassed even in this, irrefutably disposing of the charge that the liberty of either speech or press was in danger, and renewing the assurance that the long enjoyed American privilege of arraigning parties in power or candidates for office at the bar of public opinion for all short-comings, is not likely to fall into desuetude.

The renomination of the present incumbent, implying in itself, and accompanied by a distinct approval of the general principles by which he had been governed in his administration, with an expressed determination to prosecute the war to a triumphant vindication of the national authority, occurring long before the name of his competitor for Presidential honors was authoritatively announced, was but the signal for more impetuous assault.

The friends of the government were compelled more earnestly than ever to defend its measures while yet ignorant of what was to be the avowed policy of its opponents. At length the Convention assembled which nominated the rival candidate, and it did not adjourn leaving the country in doubt as to its purposes, however otherwise it might have been, judging simply from the antecedents and character of its candidate.

That Convention proclaimed "as the sense of the American peo-

ple, that, after four years of failure to restore the Union by the experiment of war, during which, under the pretence of a military necessity or war power higher than the Constitution, the Constitution itself has been disregarded in every part, and public liberty and private rights alike trodden down, and the material prosperity of the country essentially impaired; justice, humanity, liberty and the public welfare demand that immediate efforts be made for a cessation of hostilities, with a view to an ultimate Convention of all the States, or other peaceable means to the end that at the earliest practicable moment peace may be restored on the basis of the Federal Union of the States."

The issue was thus squarely submitted to the people.

The canvass, though short, was animated and bitter. The prestige of a name long honored and honorable as the designation of a party which, almost from the birth of the nation, had shaped its measures, and, as it were, claimed the traditional right to the possession of the administration of its government; whose proud boasts were the vast expansion of the borders of the republic, its unswerving fidelity to the country, its promptness to resent any outrage of its authority or insult to its flag, which ever visited its fiercest wrath upon every utterance calling in question the justice of any national quarrel with foreign powers as moral treason, and which had never been twice successively defeated, in an appeal to popular favor, allured thousands to the support of the candidate of the opposition, in spite of the pregnant implications of disunion contained in its platform. But it was of no avail. The people of the country, rallying in the spirit of the declaration that "the Federal Union must and shall be preserved," endorsed the administration of President Lincoln by overwhelming majorities, paying him the tribute of a re-election, which was last accorded to the patriot Jackson, and being the second which has occurred in forty years. This was, however, in no sense a personal or party triumph, it was the result of a national necessity. That a nation governed by an absolute despot or by a monarch of limited authority, surrounded by aristocratic orders upon whom the sacrifices and burdens of war bear lightly, should protract a bloody strife for years, is no new thing in history. But that a nation, where each man is a sovereign, and every voter an integral part of the government, in which every ballot cast, as in the late election, is a verdict upon the past, and, combining in a majority, a decree for the future; binding the whole

nation, majorities as well as minorities, individuals and masses, to meet the sacrifices and bear the burdens of continued war, is a marvellous testimony to the steadiness of popular government and the capacity of mankind to sustain it. A war waged for the life of a nation, freighted with the hopes of freedom and mankind, could alone have evoked so sublime a consecration.

Since the day which heralded the advent of our Savior, none more glorious has dawned on our race than the eighth of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

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

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. DAY of Damariscotta,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be laid on the Clerk's desk nine copies of the Revised Statutes, and also nine copies of the Acts and Resolves for the years 1858 to 1864, inclusive, for the use of the members of the House.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Readfield,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to place upon the Clerk's desk a copy of the Holy Bible for the use of members of this House.

• On motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be instructed to deliver to the Clerk, for the use of the House, one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, one copy of Worcester's—latest edition of each—and one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee on Leave of Absence, as follows:

Messrs. Hobbs of Norway,
Hill of Sullivan,
Ham of Cambridge,
Fisher of Charlotte,
Valley of Alva,
Bangs of Salem,
Geyer of Friendship.

Remonstrance of William F. Lord against the right of Ichabod G. Jordan to a seat in this House.

Remonstrance of Charles Drummond against the right of Henry Hedge to a seat in this House.

The foregoing were referred to Committee on Elections.

Resolve in relation to the Reciprocity Treaty.

Presented by leave by Mr. PORTER of Burlington, and on his motion laid on the table.

Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, presented the following order which on his motion was laid on the table:

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to fugitives from the draft be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Governor's Message be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Hampden,

Ordered, That there be paid from the Treasury to H. B. Trafton, Second Assistant Messenger of the last House, the amount due to him for eight days services and travel.

On motion of Mr. BEAN of Denmark,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted to Rev. Cyril Pearl on Friday evening, January 13th, instant, for the purpose of holding a meeting for addresses in behalf of the Freed-men.

On motion of Mr. KILBY of Eastport,

Ordered, That on Wednesday, the 11th day of January instant, at quarter past twelve o'clock P. M., both branches of the Legislature will proceed to ballot for a Senator to fill the vacancy existing in the United States Senate from this State occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Wm. Pitt Fessenden, 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 person, such person shall be considered as elected by the Legislature to be Senator 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 such House until the adjournment thereof on that day and afterwards from day to day from twelve 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 hereinbefore provided and until the same person shall be elected in both, or until otherwise provided.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall this day at 11½ o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, Land Agent, and seven Executive Councillors, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message signifying the concurrence of the House in the Senate proposition.

The hour for the Convention having arrived the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BANKS of York,

Messrs. Banks of York, Burleigh of Aroostook, Bradford of Houlton, Hammond of Paris, Haines of Livermore, Harriman of Orland, and Chase of Dover, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	147
Necessary for a choice,	74
Ephraim Flint, Jr., has	125
Silas S. Drew,	21
John A. Peters,	1

The report was accepted, and Hon. EPHRAIM FLINT, Jr., was declared to be duly elected Secretary of State for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Cumberland,

Messrs. Woodman of Cumberland, Manson of Penobscot, Fairbanks of Farmington, Abbot of China, Montgomery of Boothbay, Bartlett of Elliot, and Holden of Casco, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	153
Necessary to a choice,	77
John A. Peters has	126
A. P. Gould,	25
John L. Hodsdon,	1
Samuel J. Anderson,	1

The report was accepted, and Hon. JOHN A. PETERS was declared to be duly elected Attorney General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

Messrs. Sanborn of Kennebec, Chase of Oxford, Weston of Gorham, Bridgham of Amherst, Chase of Sidney, Beale of Hudson, and Bacheller of Solon, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Adjutant General.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	149
Necessary to a choice,	75
John L. Hodsdon has	124
Samuel J. Anderson,	25

The report was accepted and General JOHN L. HODSDON was declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Androscoggin,

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin, Hale of Piscataquis, Philbrick of Thorndike, Eaton of Plymouth, Parkes of Phippsburg, Prescott of Canaan, and Lord of Shapleigh, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	152
Necessary for a choice,	77
Isaac R. Clark has	126
George C. Getchell,	24
Samuel J. Anderson,	1
J. L. Hodsdon,	1

The report was accepted, and HON. ISAAC R. CLARK was declared duly elected Land Agent for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Franklin,

Messrs. Stone of Franklin, Talbot of Washington, Dummer of Hallowell, Bowman of Buckfield, Day of Damariscotta, Norton of Palermo, Reed of Springfield, and Bangs of Salem, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Executive Councillors.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	148
Necessary to a choice,	75
Marshall Pierce has	124
Charles Holden,	124
Rufus Prince,	125
Alanson Starks,	124
Joseph Farwell,	124
Hiram Ruggles,	124
James W. Lyman,	124
Sewall Lord,	24
Washington Bray,	24
Calvin Record,	23
Artemas Libbey,	24
Ebenezer Otis,	24
Gorham L. Boynton,	24
James Nichols,	24

The report was accepted, and Messrs. Marshall Pierce, Charles Holden, Rufus Prince, Alanson Starks, Joseph Farwell, Hiram Ruggles, and James W. Lyman were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The Convention was dissolved and the House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee on Finance as follows :

Messrs. Williams of Augusta,
Cram of Portland,
Hersey of Bangor,
Kilby of Eastport,
Roberts of Stockton,
Fairbanks of Farmington,
Wilson of Thomaston.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. STONE of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to time of presenting petitions for private legislation came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Order appointing a Joint Select Committee to contract with some persons to do the State Printing and Binding for the current year.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and Messrs. Manson of Penobscot, Virgin of Oxford, and Stetson of Lincoln, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

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

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

Ordered, That there be paid to William P. Gay the amount due him for travel and eight days attendance, for services while Page of this House.

On motion of Mr. BACHELLER of Solon,

Ordered, That the Adjutant General cause to be distributed to each new member of the House one copy of his report for the year 1863.

On motion of Mr. McLAIN of New Sharon,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee be appointed, consisting of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, to take into consideration the subject of legalizing the action of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties to be paid to volunteers, drafted men or their substitutes since February 21, 1864; and that said Committee be instructed to report by bill or otherwise at as early a day as practicable.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Perley of Bridgton, Norton of Palermo, Gower of Mercer, Stetson of Newcastle, French of Cornville, Hamilton of Waterborough, and McIntire of Peru, were appointed said Committee on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Ordered, That the House of Representatives hold one session per day, commencing on Saturdays at 9 o'clock A. M., on Mondays at 11 o'clock A. M., and on other days at 10 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

The SPEAKER announced the following Standing Committees of the House :

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Payson of Westbrook,
Haskell of Waldoborough,
Fogg of Monmouth,
Bowman of Buckfield,
Hamilton of Waterborough,
Bacheller of Solon,
Reed of Springfield.

On Bills in the Third Reading.

Messrs. Oak of Garland,
Eaton of Readfield,
Howe of Fryeburg,
Monroe of Belfast,
Shaw of Biddeford,
Little of Bremen,
Ellis of Canton.

On Change of Names.

Messrs. Montgomery of Boothbay,
Valley of Alva,
McLain of New Sharon,
Ham of Cambridge,
Carleton of Brooklin,
Geyer of Friendship,
Parkes of Phippsburg.

On Pay Roll.

Messrs. Larrabee of Portland,
Dummer of Hallowell,
Gould of Lyman,
Day of Damariscotta,
Phillips of Weld,
Bradford of Houlton,
Lawler of Baileyville.

A communication was received from General John L. Hodsdon, signifying his acceptance of the office of Adjutant General for the current political year.

Communications were also received from Messrs. Chas. Holden, Hiram Ruggles, A. Starks, Joseph Farwell, and James W. Lyman, Executive Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall this day at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 12 o'clock for the purpose of administering the oaths necessary to qualify such Councillors elect as have signified their acceptance, to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Mr. ELLIS of Canton,

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate signifying the concurrence of the House in the above proposition.

The hour for the Convention having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BANKS of York,

The Secretary was charged with a message to the Councillors elect informing them that the two Houses were assembled in Convention for the purpose of administering to them the oaths of office, and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Councillors elect were pleased to say they would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purposes indicated.

Thereupon, Charles Holden, Hiram Ruggles, A. Starks, Joseph Farwell, and James W. Lyman, Executive Councillors elect, came in, and in presence of the Convention and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by law to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councillors then withdrew and the Convention was dissolved.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kittery,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to paying bounties to volunteers be referred to a Special Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HUTCHINSON of the House.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee be appointed on the Governor's Message who shall report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate Committees.

This order came from the Senate passed, and Messrs. Sanborn of York, Hale of Piscataquis and Stone of Franklin, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs Williams of Augusta, Porter of Burlington, Crosby of Dexter, Oak of Garland, Bacheller of Solon, Hunt of Bath, and Larrabee of Portland, joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

A communication was received from Hon. Nathan Dane, Treasurer of State, transmitting his annual report for the fiscal year 1864.

Petition of George H. Knowlton, Register of Probate for York county, for increase of salary.

Referred to the York County Delegation.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. QUINBY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Ordered, That the report of the Treasurer this day laid before the Legislature be referred to a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

This order came from the Senate passed, and Messrs. Banks of York, Talbot of Washington, and McGilvery of Waldo, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Williams of Augusta, Cram of Portland, Hersey of Bangor, Kilby of Eastport, Roberts of Stockton, Fairbanks of Farmington, and Wilson of Thomaston, joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

Order allowing the chaplains of the Legislature the privileges of the State Library.

Read and passed in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Rufus Prince, Executive Councillor elect, signifying his acceptance.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston,

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall this day at 10½ o'clock A. M., for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to Hon. Rufus Prince, Executive Councillor elect.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate, through its Secretary, signifying its concurrence in the foregoing proposition.

The hour assigned for the Convention having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT of Washington, the Secretary was charged with and conveyed a message to the Hon. Rufus Prince, Executive Councillor elect, informing him that the two Houses were assembled in Joint Convention for the purpose of administering to him the oaths of office, and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Councillor elect was pleased to say that he would attend upon the Convention forthwith for the purpose indicated.

Thereupon the Hon. Rufus Prince, Executive Councillor elect, came in, and in presence of the Convention and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by law to enable him to enter upon his official duties.

The Councillor then withdrew and the Convention was dissolved.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

The SPEAKER announced the following Committee on Printing and Binding on the part of the House: Messrs. Dingley of Lewiston, Granger of Calais, Hall of Rockland, Hill of Sullivan, Sayward of Alfred, Roberts of Stockton, and Prescott of Canaan.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Jr., Secretary of State elect, signifying his acceptance.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee on County Estimates, as follows:

Messrs. Dummer of Hallowell,
Haines of East Livermore,
Bradford of Houlton,
Sweetser of North Yarmouth,
Hathaway of Wilton,
Hill of Bucksport,
Bickford of Warren,
Stetson of Newcastle,
Howe of Fryeburg,
Beale of Hudson,
Lyford of Atkinson,
Foster of Bowdoin,
Churchill of Anson,
Philbrick of Thorndike,
Fisher of Charlotte,
Boynton of Cornish.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Dover,

Ordered, That the delegation from Piscataquis county be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the fees of the Register of Probate for that county.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BACHELLER of Solon,

Ordered, That the Adjutant General cause to be distributed to each of the old members of the House one copy of his report for 1863.

Mr. HOBBS of Norway, presented the following order, which, on motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland, was laid on the table :

Ordered, That the Adjutant General be requested to distribute two additional copies of his report for 1863 to the new members of this House.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to report Joint Rules for the government of both Houses of the Legislature.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Dingley of Lewiston, Bacheller of Solon, Garnsey of Bangor, Webb of Portland, and Stevens of Augusta, appointed said Committee on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

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

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Tenney of Somerset,
Barker of Penobscot,
Virgin of Oxford, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Granger of Calais,
Webb of Portland,
Crosby of Dexter,
Dingley of Lewiston,
Tapley of Saco,
Webb of Winthrop,
Cram of Brunswick, *of the House*.

On Federal Relations.

Messrs. Barker of Penobscot,
Walker of Knox,
Woodman of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Dingley of Lewiston,
Abbott of China,
Hunt of Bath,
Phillips of Weld,
Tapley of Saco,
Bacheller of Solon,
Lyford of Atkinson, *of the House.*

On Military Affairs.

Messrs. Milliken of Waldo,
Stetson of Lincoln,
Virgin of Oxford, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Miller of Portland,
Garnsey of Bangor,
Chase of Sidney,
Jones of Lewiston,
Stetson of Newcastle,
Norton of Palermo,
Gould of Lyman, *of the House.*

On Coast and Frontier Defences.

Messrs. McGilvery of Waldo,
Wadsworth of Washington,
Southard of Sagadahoc, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Mayo of Orono,
Day of Damariscotta,
Robinson of Sherman,
Davis of Lubec,
Valley of Alva,
Wasgatt of Mt. Desert,
Shaw of Biddeford, *of the House.*

On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Messrs. Manson of Penobscot,
Woodman of Cumberland,
Chase of Oxford, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Patten of Bath,
Little of Auburn,
Williams of Augusta,
Wilson of Rockland,
Cram of Portland,
Ellis of Canton,
Holyoke of Brewer, *of the House*.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Messrs. Talbot of Washington,
Stetson of Lincoln.
Dingley of Androscoggin, *of the Senate*.
Messrs. Roberts of Stockton,
Foster of Bangor,
Follansbee of Camden,
Dunlap of Lisbon,
Chase of Dover,
Fairbanks of Farmington,
Sanborn of Kittery, *of the House*.

On Education.

Messrs. Bradbury of Penobscot,
Stone of Franklin,
Richardson of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Weston of Gorham,
Eaton of Readfield,
Oak of Garland,
Hathaway of Wilton,
Hobbs of Norway,
McLain of New Charon,
Bickford of Warren, *of the House*.

On Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Sanborn of Kennebec,
McGilvery of Waldo,
Banks of York, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Little of Auburn,
Patten of Bath,
Larrabee of Portland,
Hersey of Bangor,
Hill of Bucksport,
Haskell of Waldoborough,
Hall of Rockland, *of the House*.

On Agriculture.

Messrs. Sanborn of York,
Chase of Oxford,
Southard of Sagadahoc, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Lang of Vassalborough,
Bryant of Montville,
Bartlett of Elliot,
Pool of Whitefield,
Kilbreth of Livermore,
Fogg of Monmouth,
Baker of Windham, *of the House*.

On Manufactures.

Messrs. Wadsworth of Washington,
Hale of Piscataquis,
Hamor of Hancock, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Denison of Poland,
Lang of Vassalborough,
Eaton of Plymouth,
Church of Bradford,
Weld of Buxton,
Gushee of Appleton,
Holden of Casco, *of the House*.

On Interior Waters.

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,
Sanborn of York,
Burleigh of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Porter of Burlington,
Atwood of Monroe,
Prescott of Canaan,
Curtis of Pownal,
Pullen of Monson,
Patten of Topsham,
Hedge of Winslow, *of the House*.

On State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. Burleigh of Aroostook,
Wadsworth of Washington,
Peirce of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Hopkins of Ellsworth,
Johnson of Carmel,
Bean of Denmark,
Bliss of Freeport,
Nickerson of Linneus,
Lawler of Baileyville,
Wilson of Thomaston, *of the House*.

On Division of Towns.

Messrs. True of Kennebec,
Warren of Hancock,
Holbrook of Cumberland, *of the Senate*.
Messrs. Barker of Bethel,
Gower of Mercer,
Haley of Frankfort,
Burbank of Cooper,
Boynton of Cornish,
Carver of Vinalhaven,
Richards of Belmont, *of the House*.

On Division of Counties.

Messrs. Holbrook of Cumberland,
Ludwig of Knox,
Hamor of Hancock, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Ham of Cambridge,
Nelson of New Gloucester,
Brigham of Amherst,
Ferguson of Deer Isle,
Cleaves of Steuben,
Lord of Shapleigh,
Geyer of Friendship, *of the House*.

On Incorporation of Towns.

Messrs. Hinds of Kennebec,
Stone of Franklin,
Burleigh of Aroostook, *of the Senate*.
Messrs. Philbrick of Thorndike,
Chesley of Lincoln,
Montgomery of Boothbay,
French of Lincolnville,
Sirois of Dionne plantation,
Smith of Northfield,
Doyle of Eaton Grant, *of the House*.

On Fisheries.

Messrs. Warren of Penobscot,
Ludwig of Knox,
Southard of Sagadahoc, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Davis of Lubec,
Harriman of Orland,
Parks of Phippsburg,
Bragdon of York,
Merry of Edgecomb,
Higgins of Cape Elizabeth,
Whitney of Jonesborough, *of the House*.

On Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Manson of Penobscot,
Walker of Knox,
Richardson of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Estabrook of Oldtown,
Robinson of Sherman,
Rogers of Holden,
Whitney of Jonesborough,
Atwood of Monroe,
Stover of Bluehill,
Hobart of Edmunds, *of the House*.

On Claims.

Messrs. Woodman of Cumberland,
Milliken of Waldo,
Talbot of Washington, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Abbott of China,
Sweetzer of North Yarmouth,
Brigham of Amherst,
Simpson of Dixmont,
Foster of Bowdoin,
French of Cornville,
Carney of Moscow, *of the House*.

On Pensions.

Messrs. Stetson of Lincoln,
Hinds of Kennebec,
Holbrook of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Moore of Gardiner,
McIntire of Peru,
Fisher of Charlotte,
Heath of Detroit,
French of Lincolnville,
Witham of Raymond,
Hamilton of Waterborough *of the House*.

On Insane Hospital.

Messrs. Walker of Knox,
Bradbury of Penobscot,
Ludwig of Knox, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Monroe of Belfast,
Perley of Bridgton,
Carlton of Sedgwick,
Stevens of Augusta,
Prescott of Canaan,
Haines of East Livermore,
Bradbury of Limington, *of the House*.

On Reform School.

Messrs. Banks of York,
Talbot of Washington,
Manson of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Kilby of Eastport,
Hopkins of Ellsworth,
Hammond of Paris,
Moore of Minot,
Hutchinson of West Gardiner,
Sayward of Alfred,
Beale of Hudson, *of the House*.

On State Prison.

Messrs. Hale of Piscataquis,
Sanborn of York,
True of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Walker of Hampden,
Bradford of Houlton,
Bowman of Buckfield,
Payson of Westbrook,
Gould of Lyman,
Reed of Springfield,
Prescott of Canaan, *of the House*.

On Public Buildings.

Messrs. Jewett of York,
McGilvery of Waldo,
Peirce of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Hill of Sullivan,
Churchill of Anson,
Richards of Belmont,
Young of Sebago,
Monroe of Waterford,
Burbank of Cooper,
Bangs of Salem, *of the House*.

On Library.

Messrs. Virgin of Oxford,
Tenney of Somerset,
Stone of Franklin, *of the Senate*.
Messrs. Webb of Portland,
Perkins of Hallowell,
Little of Bremen,
Hill of Biddeford,
Howe of Fryeburg,
Milliken of Baldwin,
Jordan of Berwick, *of the House*.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

Ordered, That all papers and documents referred by the last Legislature to the present, be taken from the files and placed in the hands of the appropriate Committees.

On motion of Mr. LANG of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges inquire into the expediency of prohibiting under suitable penalties the exaction of tolls from travellers for crossing any bridge, ferry or turnpike, after the time for which, under the charter, the right to collect such tolls has expired.

Petition of Silas Danforth of Madison for additional act respecting division fences.

Bill an act establishing the name and legalizing the action of the First Universalist Society in Portland.

Presented by leave by Mr. WEBB of Portland.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of E. Clark and others for amendment of charter of the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, with bill accompanying.

Petition of the European and North American Railway Company for right to build line of telegraph, with bill accompanying.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of James Allen and others, for increase of fees for surveying lumber.

Petition of John C. Proctor and others, for act of incorporation.

Petition of N. T. Palmer and others, for repeal of act incorporating the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of B. P. Gilman of Orono, for right to build dams.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Samuel Staples and 38 others, in favor of James W. Congdon and E. N. Myers.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing orders and petitions were sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James W. Leavitt for change of name.

Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PRINCE of Warren.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to legalizing the action of towns in raising bounties to be paid volunteers, came back from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the passage of the order, and referring the same to the Committee on Judiciary.

The House receded and concurred.

Order relating to papers referred from the last Legislature.

Order directing Committee on Judiciary to inquire into expediency of making valid the doings of towns in raising bounties for volunteers.

The foregoing orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the surrender of bank tax.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Bill an act to amend the acts establishing Westbrook Seminary.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Petition of Samuel Oliver and others to be set off from Nobleborough and annexed to the town of Damariscotta.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Isaiah Cook and others for increase of compensation for board of prisoners.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Mr. CHASE of Dover, announced the attendance of Josiah Miliken, Representative elect from Baldwin.

Mr. Chase was appointed to conduct the Representative elect to the Council Chamber for the purpose of enabling him to take the oaths required by law, and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

Communications were received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual reports of the Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, State Reform School, Warden of the State Prison, and Bank Commissioners, also the Forty-eighth Annual Report of the Directors of the American Asylum at Hartford.

Resolve in relation to the Reciprocity Treaty.

Presented by leave by Mr. PORTER of Burlington, and under rule lies over.

Mr. EATON of Readfield, presented the following order which, on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, was laid on the table :

Ordered, That the Adjutant General be requested to deliver to the Messenger of this House as many copies of his report for 1863 as he may judge proper, and that the same be distributed equally among the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. HAMMOND of Paris,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Board of Agriculture and all offices connected therewith, and report at an early day.

On motion of Mr. MAYO of Orono,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 152 of the public laws of 1860, entitled an act to promote safety of travel on railroads.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That the delegations from the several counties inquire what changes in the salaries and fees of the Registers of Deeds and Judges and Registers of Probate in their respective counties, are required.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance inquire into the expediency of providing by law that telegraph companies shall be liable for any damage that may be occasioned to parties by incorrect transmission of messages, or neglect to deliver the same.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider what

further legislation may be necessary to secure a more prompt publication of the reports of the Supreme Judicial Court.

On motion of Mr. HOLDEN of Casco,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all agreements in writing, containing a conditional sale of personal property, and held as collateral security on the same, shall be recorded in the same manner as is required for mortgages of personal property, or otherwise provide for the better security of subsequent purchases of such property.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of making any modification in the law relating to auctions and auctioneers.

On motion of Mr. BACHELLER of Solon,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Superintendent of Common Schools and of establishing a Board of Education similar to the law of 1846.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the taxation of shares in National Banks in the cities and towns when such banks are respectively located within the State.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Sullivan,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of changing the law in relation to the fees of Trial Justices.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, That all petitions, orders, bills or resolves contemplating private legislation, submitted after February 1st, and all petitions, orders, bills or resolves intended to initiate legislation of a public nature, submitted after February 10th, be referred without debate to the next Legislature, and that the several Committees, except the Committee on Finance, report finally on or before February 17th.

Petition of Oliver Moses, President Little River Manufacturing Company, for change of name of said Company.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Judge of Probate and Register of Probate of Kennebec county for increase of salary.

Referred to Kennebec County Delegation.

Petition of David Dame and others, jurors of York county, for additional compensation.

Petition of Francis Hall for State bounty.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of James Dunning and others, for act of incorporation.

Petition of Timothy Chapman and others, for change of tolls at Barker's Ferry in Bethel.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Wm. Grindle, Jr., and others, for act legalizing payment of bounties.

Bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864, in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of Union Mills Bridge Company for increase of tolls.

Petition of Oliver Moses, President of Androscoggin Railroad Company, for authority to lay a branch track from said road to the Lisbon Mills.

Petition of Richard D. Rice, President Portland and Kennebec Railroad, for authority to change location of track.

Petition of B. Young and 7 others, in aid of petition Union Mills Bridge Company.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing orders and petitions were sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Patrick A. Campbell, for change of name.

Petition of Augustus W. Bump, for same.

Petition of Dulcine M. McDuffie, for same.

Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Resolve in favor of Albert H. Sawyer.

Presented by leave by Mr. GRANGER of Calais, and under rule lies over.

On motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Adjutant General be requested to inform this House whether there are surplus copies of his reports of 1861, 1862, or 1863, which can be distributed to members, consistently

with the probable, proper and legitimate demand upon his office for the same within the current year.

On motion of Mr. KILBY of Eastport,

Ordered, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to receive, sort and count votes for a United States Senator for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next; that the Committee be directed to take their stand in front of the Clerk's desk, that the Clerk call the names of the members of the House in order, and that each member as his name is called proceed to cast his ballot, and that all the ballots be sorted and counted upon the Clerk's desk, in the presence of the House.

Messrs. Kilby of Eastport, Holyoke of Brewer, Holden of Casco, Richards of Belmont, and Crosby of Dexter, were appointed said Committee.

Having discharged the duty assigned them the Chairman reported:

Whole number of votes,	139
Necessary to a choice,	70
William Pitt Fessenden has	116
William P. Haines,	23

The report was accepted, and the Hon. WILLIAM PITT FESSENDEN was declared duly elected on the part of the House as United States Senator for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate informing that branch that the House on its part had duly elected the Hon. William Pitt Fessenden as United States Senator for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

That gentleman was charged with a like message to the Governor and Council, and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate through its Secretary, informing the House of the election on its part of Hon. William Pitt Fessenden as United States Senator for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick,

Ordered, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to receive, sort and count the votes for United States Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. William Pitt Fessenden; that the Committee be directed to take their stand in front of the Clerk's desk, that the Clerk call the names of the members of the House in order, and that each member as his name is called proceed to cast his ballot, and that all the ballots be sorted and counted upon the Clerk's desk in the presence of the House.

Messrs. Cram of Brunswick, Foster of Bangor, Wilson of Thomaston, Gould of Lyman, and Hobbs of Norway, were appointed said Committee.

Having attended to the duty assigned the Chairman reported:

Whole number of votes,	139
Necessary for a choice,	70
Nathan A. Farwell has	118
William P. Haines,	21

The report was accepted, and Hon. NATHAN A. FARWELL was declared duly elected United States Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. William Pitt Fessenden.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate on its part had elected Hon. Nathan A. Farwell as United States Senator to fill the unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. William Pitt Fessenden.

On motion of Mr. HALEY of Frankfort,

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate signifying the concurrent action of the House in the election of Hon. Nathan A. Farwell.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

That gentleman was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council, and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. EATON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relative to abolishing office of Superintendent of Common Schools.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Bill an act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862 concerning the suspension of specie payments.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Josiah W. Smith for alteration of town line of Norridgewock.

Petition of Herod Robbins and others, for alteration in town line of Mercer and Starks.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Jonathan Johnson for protection of coast fisheries.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Selectmen of East Machias for authority to lay out a road over tide waters in said town.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Joseph Doane and others, for aid to East Maine Seminary.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Petition of inhabitants of Durham for act making valid the doings of said town.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac I. York and others, for aid in building and repairing road in town of Grafton.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of William Percival as a Justice of the Peace.

Petition of L. W. Howes and others, for change of term of Supreme Judicial Court of Knox county.

Petition of L. Leighton 2d and others, for act to make valid the doings of the town of Columbia.

Petition of Calvin Hall and others, to authorize the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Knox county to complete papers not completed by his predecessor.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of Moses Giddings and others, for act of incorporation.

Petition of Henry E. Prentiss and others, for same.

Petition of Isaac M. Bragg for right to improve the navigation of the East Branch of the Wattawamkeag river.

Petition of Palmer and Johnson and others, in aid of same.

Petition of Henry E. Prentiss, President of the Baskahegan Dam Company, for increase of tolls.

Petition of A. C. Denison and others for authority to erect dams upon the outlet of Range Pond in Poland.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Asa Burnham and others, for a law for the destruction of the Canada thistle.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Alden Morse and 25 others, for law for preservation of certain fish.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of John Relihan for compensation for grass cut by the Indian Agent.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of Joseph Edgerly and 41 others, for annexation of certain mill property to the town of Princeton.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of James Walker for deed of a lot of land.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion of Mr. MAYO of Orono,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of abolishing the offices of fish wardens.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kittery,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of altering or amending section five chapter eleven of the revised statutes so as to require towns to raise a larger sum of money for the maintenance of schools therein.

On motion of Mr. BICKFORD of Warren,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, That the final adjournment of the present session of the Legislature be on Tuesday, the 21st day of February next, at twelve o'clock noon ; provided, however, that if the dispatch of business justify, the final adjournment be at an earlier date.

The foregoing petitions and orders were sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from Charles Dummer, Esq., Representative from Hallowell, resigning his seat in this House to take effect on and after this date.

Paper from the Senate :

Report of the Joint Select Committee to refer the Governor's Address, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Messrs. Bradbury of Penobscot, Ludwig of Knox, and Walker of Knox, were appointed on the part of the Senate a Committee on General Hospitals; Messrs. Sanborn of Kittery, Holden of Casco, Hunt of Bath, Jones of Lewiston, Chesley of Lincoln, Moore of Gardiner, and Howe of Fryeburg, were joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to the right of voting.

Order relating to the expediency of taxing the stock of corporations.

These orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of town of Plymouth for repeal of law prohibiting towns from paying bounties to soldiers.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Portland Dry Dock Company for amendment of charter.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge for increase of tolls.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Remonstrance of Halsey H. Monroe and others, against division of the town of Thomaston.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Isaac R. Clark, Land Agent elect, signifying his acceptance.

Petition of William Frost for change of name.

Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Charles Dummer of Hallowell, for attendance and travel while a member of this House.

A communication was received from Gen. John L. Hodsdon in response to the order of the House of the 11th inst.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick,

The same was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Josiah H. Drummond, City Solicitor of Portland, for authority for said city to exercise jurisdiction over any cemetery owned by it and outside of its territorial limits, with bill accompanying.

Bill an act relating to the publication of intentions of marriage.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of Solomon Parsons and 37 others, in aid of petition of James Dunning and others.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Vassalborough Mills Company, approved January 7, 1863.

Presented by Mr. ABBOTT of China, and referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Joel Valley for aid in rebuilding a bridge across Presque Isle stream.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on Judiciary, on petition of William Grindle, Jr., and others, reported bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, and for other purposes.

Report accepted, bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill an act to establish the name and legalize the doings of the First Universalist Society in Portland, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Report accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Nelson Herrin, referred from last Legislature, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEBB, from the Joint Select Committee to report joint rules for the government of the two Houses, reported in detail.

Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on bill an act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862 concerning the suspension of specie payments, reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass, came from the Senate accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read three times under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the proprietors of the St. Croix Hall of Calais.

Presented by leave by Mr. GRANGER of Calais, and under rule lies over.

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of repealing section 61 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. BACHELLER of Solon,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 251 of the public laws of 1864, so as to increase the amount to be assessed on polls in this State.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further laws are necessary to cause the burden of supporting the police court in Bangor to be borne by the city of Bangor and not by the county of Penobscot.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Library inquire into the condition of the surplus copies of the Adjutant General's Report for the years 1861, 1862 and 1863, and report what disposition shall be made of the same.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of Sherman,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to sell all lots remaining unsold in township number 4, range 4, as originally surveyed.

On motion of Mr. HALEY of Frankfort,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is needed in sections 143, 144, 152 and 154 of the revised statutes, also chapter 144 of the acts and resolves of 1862.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of West Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 135 of the public laws of 1862 as to authorize cities, towns and plantations to impose such a tax on dogs as they may vote at their annual meeting.

On motion of Mr. BACHELLER of Solon,

Ordered, That a Joint Special Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of taxation, and see if some way or means cannot be devised to compel those who have invested money in United States Government bonds and who hold stock in National Banks to pay their just proportion of local tax with the poor man.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Bacheller of Solon, Chase of Dover, Roberts of Stockton, Foster of Bangor, Payson of Westbrook, Hill of Biddeford, and Lord of Shapleigh, appointed said Committee on the part of the House.

The foregoing orders were sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

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HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BROWN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Ordered, That the report of the State Liquor Commissioner be referred to a Joint Special Committee.

This order came from the Senate passed, and Messrs. Milliken of Waldo, Holbrook of Cumberland, and Stone of Franklin, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Larrabee of Portland, French of Cornville; Moore of Minot, Robinson of Sherman, Bowman of Buckfield, Bradley of Linington, and Bean of Denmark, joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

Bill an act to incorporate the Eastern Packet Company of Portland.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of James L. Cheeseman and others, for an act to incorporate the Kennebec Ice Company.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of Directors of Winslow Bridge for extension of charter.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Louisa S. F. Mower for deed of a lot of land.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Thomas Spear and others, from last Legislature, reporting leave to withdraw, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. John A. Peters, Attorney General elect, signifying his acceptance.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee to Report Rules for the Government of the House of Representatives, reported in detail.

The report was accepted.

Petition of Augusta Hotel Association for amendment of charter.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill an act to enable the banks of this State to become Banking Associations under the laws of the United States.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

On motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire what further legislation is needed to prevent cattle and horses from running at large.

On motion of Mr. HOWE of Fryeburg,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire what changes are required in the school laws to secure a more accurate enumeration of scholars, and more equitable distribution of school moneys among the several districts in towns and plantations.

On motion of Mr. KILBY of Eastport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Reform School be authorized to visit that institution and make report thereon at any time during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Prison be authorized to visit that institution during the session of the Legislature and make report thereon.

The foregoing petition, bill and orders were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

Ordered, That the Clerk cause to be printed and bound with the House Register already ordered, the House Rules this day adopted, together with the House and Joint Standing Committees.

Bill "an act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862, concerning the suspension of specie payments."

This bill having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, 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.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of Committee on Judiciary on petition of Isaiah Cook and others, reporting bill "an act to amend chapter 160 of the public laws of 1863 entitled an act to fix the compensation of jailers for the board of prisoners."

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking on bill "an act to amend an act to authorize the surrender of bank charters and to remit a portion of the bank tax," reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of Committee on Education on bill "an act to amend the act establishing Westbrook Seminary," reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill, "an act to establish the name and confirm the doings of the First Universalist Society in Portland."

This bill having been read three times and passed to be engrossed, 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.

Petition of William Flowers and others, for act incorporating the Maine Express Company.

Petition of Rufus Small and 213 others, in aid of same.

Petition of M. Sumner and 147 others, in aid of same.

Petition of Nelson Herrin and 20 others, in aid of same.

Petition of William Denning and 75 others, in aid of same.

Petition of C. R. Pike and 30 others, in aid of same.

Petition of George C. Pickering and 217 others, in aid of same.

Petition of S. A. Howes and 101 others, in aid of same.

Petition of George H. Knight and 87 others, in aid of same.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of E. S. Case and 21 others, for act legalizing the doings of towns in raising money for volunteers.

Remonstrance of Michael Heal and others, against legalizing the action of towns in raising money to procure volunteers.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

Ordered, That a Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to report resolutions relating to the sad intelligence of the sudden decease of the Hon. Edward Everett.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Granger of Calais, Cram of Brunswick, Hersey of Bangor, Wilson of Rockland, and Hopkins of Ellsworth, appointed said Committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all persons entering the State or United States service, either by enlistment as substitute or by draft, shall be credited to the city, town or plantation in which said soldier is enrolled.

On motion of Mr. HAMILTON of Waterborough,

Ordered, That to the proposed amendment to the statute increasing the minimum sum to be raised by the several cities, towns and plantations for the support of public schools, the Committee on Education consider the utility of subjoining some penalty that will be effectual in securing compliance with this provision.

Petition of J. A. Miliken and others, for increase of compensation to County Commissioners.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of E. A. Barnard and 105 others, for an appropriation to aid in the construction of a road from Milford to Princeton.

Petition of Partmore Houghton and others, in aid of same.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edwin Smith for change of name.
Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKENZIE of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Harrison G. Priest for change of criminal law.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting report of the Board of Commissioners appointed under the provisions of a resolve relating to the establishment of a College for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec, the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Petition of Titus P. Fenlason for change of name.

Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, and for other purposes.

Taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the Reciprocity Treaty.

Taken from the table, read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. KILBY of Eastport,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to Rev. Mr.

Marks of Washington, Agent of the Sanitary Commission, for a lecture immediately after adjournment this day.

Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, presented resolves calling on the Governor for certain information, which on motion of Mr. HEATH of Detroit, were laid on the table.

Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, presented the following order and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture :

Ordered, That the Commission who have in charge the matter of an Agricultural College, be requested to memorialize Congress forthwith, praying an extension of the term during which the State may establish said College.

On motion of Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 1, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, as to make it in conformity with the law to record in "plantations for election purposes" all documents proper to be entered on the records of incorporated towns.

On motion of Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to enable those persons claiming bounty moneys under the act approved February 20, 1864, to receive said moneys.

On motion of Mr. BACHELLER of Solon,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire what legislation is needed to perfect the system of schools in Madawaska townships.

Petition of Isaac W. Eaton and others, County Commissioners of York county, for additional compensation.

Referred to the York County Delegation.

Remonstrance of the town of Hope, against making valid certain doings of said town.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Samuel H. Talbot and 13 others, for appropriation to aid in construction of the road from Milford to Princeton.

Petition of Putnam Rolfe and 99 others, for same.

Petition of John Kilby and 28 others, for same.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the surrender of the charters of existing banks in this State, and to remit a portion of the bank tax, approved March 26, 1863.

Bill an act to amend chapter 160 of the public laws of 1863, entitled an act to fix the compensation of jailers for the board of prisoners.

Bill an act to amend the acts establishing Westbrook Seminary.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to the recording of last wills and testaments.

Order relating to recording deeds of real estate by grantees.

The foregoing orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate Crescent Lodge.

Bill an act to incorporate the Spurwink Marsh Company.

Bill an act relating to Portland Bridge.

Petition of Reuben Higgins and others, for act of incorporation.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Atwood Lead Company.

Petition of L. L. Wadsworth and others, for act of incorporation.

Petition of Joseph H. Cotton and others, for an increase of the capital stock of the Pembroke Iron Company.

Petition of Wm. Atwood and others, for an act of incorporation.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Report of Treasurer of State, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Fowler and 28 others, for appropriation in aid of road from Milford to Princeton.

Petition of John F. Brown and 15 others, for same.

Petition of inhabitants of Letter L, Range 2, for grant of land. Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Henry Meservey and another, that the doings of the town of Appleton may be made valid.

Petition of Jane H. Child for relief for loss of coupon.

Petition of Xavier Violet and 27 others of Van Buren plantation, for act making valid the doings of said plantation.

Referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of R. D. Rice and others, for act of incorporation.

Petition of Charles D. Brown and others, for an act incorporating the Yarmouth Paper Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of J. Wheeler and 77 others, in aid of the petition of Wm. Flowers and others.

Petition of B. A. Neal and 87 others, in aid of same.

Remonstrance of W. T. Pearsons and others, against the petition of James Allen and others.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law approved March 21, 1864, in relation to the registration of births, marriages and deaths, so that the provisions of law regulating such registration may be of such a nature as will be likely to secure the end desired.

On motion of Mr. MAYO of Orono,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of amending the law in regard to pound keepers.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 152 of the public laws of 1862, so as to enlarge the amount of capital stock therein provided for and for the carrying on the business of mining out of the State.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Adjutant General be requested to inform this House what number of men were allowed this State by the general government for men in the navy or marine corps which were unassigned to any town; also to what towns said men were afterward assigned, how many to each town, and by whose authority in each instance.

On motion of Mr. DOYLE of Eaton Grant,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of making some provision to supply the deficiency in the records of births and marriages in Grant Isle, Madawaska, Dionne and Van Buren plantations in the county of Aroostook.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Dover,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the propriety of repealing the third section of chapter 470, approved March 20, 1860.

Resolve in regard to the enlistment of soldiers in the United States service.

Referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nancy J. Huey for change of name.

Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Resolve in relation to the Reciprocity Treaty.

This resolve having been twice read and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to authorize the surrender of the charters of existing banks in this State and to remit a portion of the bank tax, approved March 26, 1863.

Bill an act to amend the act establishing Westbrook Seminary.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill an act to make valid the doings of William Percival as a justice of the peace, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. WEBB, from same Committee, on petition of Calvin Hall

and others, reported bill an act authorizing the Clerk of Courts for the county of Knox to complete the records of the courts in said county.

Mr. WELD, from the York Delegation, on petition of George H. Knowlton, reported bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of York.

Reports accepted, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill an act relating to the publication of intentions of marriage, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. DINGLEY, from same Committee, on petition of James L. Chapman and others, also on order relating to changing law relating to auctioneers, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. WEBB, from same Committee, on petition of Isaac I. York, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on that part of the Governor's Message relating to enlistments and the system of paying bounties to soldiers, reported reference of the same to Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing reports were accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland,

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall this day at half past eleven o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate through its Secretary, signifying the concurrence of that branch in the House proposition.

The hour assigned for the Convention having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

 IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Androscoggin,

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin, Richardson of Cumberland, Foster of Bangor, French of Cornville, McIntire of Peru, Carney of Moscow, and Atwood of Monroe, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Treasurer of State.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	137
Necessary to a choice,	69
Nathan G. Hichborn has	113
Charles A. Shaw,	22
Marshall Cram,	1
J. F. Miller,	1

The report was accepted, and Hon. NATHAN G. HICHBORN was declared duly elected Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

The Convention was then dissolved and the House was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on that part of the Governor's Message that relates to the creation of a sinking fund, reported bill an act to create and establish a sinking fund.

The report was accepted.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Special Committee to report resolutions on the death of Hon. Edward Everett, reported resolves relating to the decease of Hon. Edward Everett :

Resolved, That the intelligence of the sudden and unexpected decease of Hon. Edward Everett is received by the members of this Legislature with sentiments of profound sorrow.

Resolved, That for the brilliant talents he displayed, the high culture he attained and exhibited, the beneficent aims of his pure life and the great and acknowledged services he rendered in the education and moral and religious elevation and improvement of the people, his memory will be long gratefully cherished by his countrymen, and revered by the people of all lands, where virtue and goodness are held in high esteem.

Resolved, That in addition to the admiration and gratitude awarded to him by a thankful nation for his unwearied and successful labors in its behalf at the time when his wisdom and influence were especially needed, we recognize his generous efforts

for the benefit of the loyal sufferers in Tennessee; and also his latest public service given in aid of the needy citizens of Savannah, a fitting finale of his broad and deep sympathy with all the sufferers of this time of war, to adorn the patriotism which has so greatly blessed the land he has so ably and faithfully served through so long a life.

Resolved, That as he devoted his time and his talents to honor the memory of the illustrious dead, who departed before him, so shall all unite to do honor to the memory of the surpassing ability and exalted virtues which distinguished the patriot, orator, statesman and philanthropist, who is now no more.

The report was accepted and the resolves unanimously passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HUTCHINSON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Order relating to the taxation of government bonds came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

Order relating to the repair of State roads and State bridges in Aroostook county.

Order relating to printing State Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Order relating to the employment of school teachers.

These orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Petition of Alden Chase, Register of Deeds of Oxford county, for increase of fees.

Referred to the Oxford Delegation.

Bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of Somerset Royal Arch Chapter.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on petition of Harrison G. Priest, reporting that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report of same Committee on order relating to right of voting, reporting legislation inexpedient.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Marshall Pierce, Executive Councillor elect, signifying his acceptance.

Petition of John Hanrahan and others, to be set off from the town of Thomaston to the city of Rockland.

Petition of Francis Cobb and others, in aid of petition of John Hanrahan and others.

Petition of J. T. McKellar and others, to be set off from the town of St. George to South Thomaston.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of County Commissioners and others of Knox county, for increase of salary of County Attorney.

Referred to Knox County Delegation.

Petition of David N. Ross and 17 others, for aid to Francis Bolier.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of Charles Beale and 4 others, for act of incorporation.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Directors of Stillwater Bridge Company for renewal of charter.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. KILBY of Eastport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire if further legislation is needed to protect the scenery of the State and the property of its citizens from defacement by the advertisers of patent nostrums and other wares.

On motion of Mr. MAYO of Orono,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges inquire whether it is expedient to grant additional powers to railroad corporations to take lands for depot purposes.

On motion of Mr. CHASE of Dover,

Ordered, That the delegation from the county of Piscataquis inquire into the expediency of raising the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for said county.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. EATON of Readfield, offered the following order, which on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, was laid on the table:

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the resolves relating to the decease of the Hon. Edward Everett, together with the eulogies pronounced by Hon. Joseph Granger and Hon. Edward P. Weston, be printed for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. KILBY of Eastport, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature, in the Representatives' Hall this day at ten minutes past eleven o'clock, for the purpose of administering the oaths required by law to Hon. Marshall Pierce, Executive Councillor elect.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate, through its Secretary, signifying its concurrence in the House proposition.

The hour for the Convention having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Knox, the Secretary was charged with and conveyed a message to the Councillor elect, informing him that both branches of the Legislature were assembled in Convention and ready to administer to him the oaths required to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Whereupon, Hon. Marshall Pierce, Executive Councillor elect, came in, and in presence of the Convention 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 Councillor then withdrew and the Convention was dissolved.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order concerning taxation of polls, reported bill an act to amend chapter 251, section 1 of the public laws of the year 1864, relating to poll taxes.

Mr. CROSBY, from same Committee, on bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864 in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr. DINGLEY, from same Committee, on petition of L. W. Howes and others, with bill accompanying, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. F. E. WEBB, from same Committee, on order relating to the taxation of shares in National Banks, reported bill an act providing for the taxation of shares in National Banking Associations.

Mr. GRANGER, from same Committee, on petition of J. A. Miliken and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. CROSBY, from same Committee, on order relative to change of law respecting assessment of taxes, reported legislation inexpedient.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Mr. DENISON, from Committee on Manufactures, on bill an act to incorporate the Atwood Lead Company, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of N. T. Palmer and others, reported bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company, approved, March 31, 1856, and to continue its corporate existence for certain purposes.

Also on bill an act to incorporate the Eastern Packet Company of Portland, reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of York.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of William Percival as a Justice of the Peace.

Bill an act authorizing the Clerk of Courts for the county of Knox to complete the records of the courts in said county.

These bills having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter 160 of the public laws of 1863, entitled an act to fix the compensation of jailers for the board of prisoners.

This bill having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, 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.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. QUINBY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of I. H. Coffin, Agent Wiscasset Bridge Company, for increase of rates of toll.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of citizens of Franklin county, for increase of salary of Register of Probate for said county.

Petition of Philip M. Stubbs, Judge of Probate for Franklin county, for increase of salary.

Referred to Franklin County Delegation.

Petition of B. B. Farnsworth and others, for act of incorporation, with bill accompanying.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lisbon Manufacturing Company.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relating to last wills and testaments, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on order relating to making telegraph companies responsible for the safe transmission and delivery of messages, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Ai Staples and others, reporting leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Bath, for amendment of the act incorporating the proprietors of the Merry-meeting Bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Eli Hume and 11 others, for lot of land for Mrs. R. Mitchell.

Petition of H. C. Currier that the Land Agent may be authorized to make a discount on his note.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Selectmen of Cherryfield, that acts of said town may be made valid.

Bill an act giving further remedies against executors and administrators.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire what legislation is necessary to give to inhabitants of plantations organized under chapter 113 of the laws of 1862, the right to vote in State and Presidential elections.

The foregoing petitions and order were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed to carpet the rear of this hall with some different material, so that the noise occasioned by the passage of persons in and through the hall may be obviated.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to examine into and report what additional legislation is required to facilitate the sale of timber and lumber granted in aid of West-

brook Seminary, Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, and for educational purposes, under resolves approved the 22d and 23d of March, A. D. 1864.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to amending the law respecting pound-keepers, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. DINGLEY, from same Committee, on petition of Jane H. Child, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Francis Hall, reported leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LANG, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Charles D. Brown and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Yarmouth Paper Company.

Report accepted, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

A communication was received from Hon. Nathan G. Hichborn, Treasurer of State elect, signifying his acceptance and transmitting his official bond.

This communication and bond came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Treasurer's accounts, and were referred in concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston, by leave, presented resolves relating to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, Mr. LARABEE of Portland moved, and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the rules were suspended by yeas 98, nays 14, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Bacheller, Barker, Beale, Bean, Bickford, Bliss, Boynton, Bradford, Bridgham, Burbank, Carleton, Carney, M. V. B. Chase, Church, Churchill, Cleaves, M. Cram, Crosby, Davis, Denison, Dillingham, Dingley, Doyle, H. M. Eaton,

M. M. Eaton, Ellis, Estabrook, Fairbanks, Fogg, C. Foster, J. B. Foster, A. C. French, Garnsey, Geyer, Gower, Granger, Haines, Haley, Ham, Harriman, Hathaway, Heath, Hersey, J. U. Hill, N. T. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilbreth, Kilby, Lang, Larrabee, Lawler, E. T. Little, T. Little, Lyford, Mayo, McIntire, Merry, Miller, M. Monroe, Montgomery, J. S. Moore, Nickerson, Norton, Oak, Parkes, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Perley, Philbrick, Phillips, Pool, Porter, Prescott, Reed, Robinson, Rogers, Sayward, Simpson, Sirois, Smith, Stetson, Stevens, Stover, Sweetser, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, F. E. Webb, Weld, Williams, W. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, J. Chase, Ferguson, Hamilton, Higgins, Holden, Howe, Milliken, Payson, Shaw, Weston, Whitney, E. Wilson.

The resolves were then read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of James Walker, reported resolve in favor of James Walker.

Mr. JOHNSON, from same Committee, on petition of Joseph Cariveau and others, reported resolve in favor of Joseph Cariveau.

The reports were accepted, resolves read once, and Wednesday next assigned for their second reading.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of B. P. Gilman and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Lord Brook Dam Company.

Also on petition of Isaac M. Bragg, reported bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the East Branch Mattawamkeag Dam Company.

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

Also on petition of Selectmen of East Machias, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Eastern Packet Company of Portland.

Bill an act to incorporate the Atwood Lead Company.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GARNSEY, from the Committee on Elections, on remonstrance of William F. Lord, reported resolves declaring William F. Lord entitled to a seat in this House as Representative from the towns of Berwick and North Berwick.

Mr. CHASE of Dover, presented by leave the views of a minority of said Committee, and on his motion the reports were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to the taking of certain fish by seining.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Edward P. Weston in behalf of Gorham Seminary.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Petition of O. P. Rumball and others of Harrington, that the acts of said town may be made valid.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of A. Webb and others, reporting leave to withdraw.

Also same report by Committee on Claims on petition of David Dame and others.

Also same report by Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Josiah W. Smith.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Manufactures on petition of Oliver Moses, reporting bill an act to change the name of the Little River Manufacturing Company and to increase its capital stock.

Report of same Committee on petition of Joseph H. Colton and others, reporting bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pembroke Iron Company, approved August 20, 1850.

Report of same Committee on petition of L. L. Wadsworth and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Pembroke Axe and Scythe Company.

Report of same Committee on bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Vassalborough Mills Company, approved February 7, 1863, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Also same report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Hotel Association.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company, reporting bill an act additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and Monday assigned for their third reading.

A communication was received from the Governor, transmitting the report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners for the year 1864.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Attorney General for the year 1864.

Petition of Joseph Neal and 18 others, for an appropriation in aid of construction of road from Milford to Princeton.

Petition of O. F. Lothrop and 64 others, in aid of same.

Petition of Benjamin F. Patten and 18 others, in aid of same.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of inhabitants of Waterborough and Limington, for establishment of town lines.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of the town of Hollis, against petition of inhabitants of Waterborough and Limington.

Petition of Wm. McLoon and others, in aid of petition of John Hanrahan and others.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Henry Stevens and others, for act providing for education of idiots.

Petition of Josiah Pierce and others, in aid of petition of Edward P. Weston.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Bill an act giving further security to purchasers of personal property in possession of a third party.

Petition of Selectmen of Newburg, for act legalizing doings of said town.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Bill an act to incorporate the Eastport Hotel Company.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of C. F. A. Johnson and others, for increase of salary of Judge of Probate of Aroostook county.

Petition of Llewellyn Powers and 19 others, in aid of same.

Referred to Aroostook County Delegation.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be authorized to visit the State Normal School at Farmington before making their report on the subject of Normal Schools as required under a previous order.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to establish the salaries of the Judge of Probate and Register of Probate for the county of Penobscot for two years.

Presented by leave by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, and under rule lies over.

Petition of Selectmen of Eastport, for reduction in the valuation of said town.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and

Insurance, on order relating to taxation of stocks in corporations, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act providing for the taxation of shares in National Banking Associations.

Read twice and recommitted to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of Samuel Staples and others, reported bill an act authorizing James W. Congdon and Edward N. Myers to construct and maintain a fish weir in Boot Cove, Lubec.

Bill an act to amend chapter 251, section 1 of the public laws of 1864, relating to poll taxes.

The foregoing report was accepted, the bills read twice, and Monday assigned for their third reading.

Bill an act to create and establish a sinking fund.

Resolve in favor of Albert H. Sawyer.

The foregoing bill was twice read, resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned.

Bill an act to abolish the February term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Knox, and to change the time of holding the April term of said court for said county.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lord Brook Dam Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Yarmouth Paper Company.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the East Branch Mattawamkeag Dam Company.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the Reciprocity Treaty.

This resolve having been twice read and passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed finally, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Petition of citizens of Piscataquis county, for increase of salary of Register of Probate for said county.

Referred to Piscataquis Delegation in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Fisheries on petition of Jotham Johnson, reporting leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Manufactures on bill an act to incorporate the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Red Beach Plaster Company, referred from last Legislature, reporting bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, announced the attendance of Geo. W. Perkins, Esq., Representative elect from Hallowell.

Mr. Stevens was appointed to accompany the Representative elect to the Council Chamber for the purpose of enabling him to take and subscribe the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon his official duties, and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Petition of Aaron Hobart and others, to prevent the destruction of alewives in Denny's river.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Wm. McLelland and others, in aid of construction of road from Milford to Princeton.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Richard Welt and others, for increase of compensation to jurors.

Petition of Joseph Miller and others of Lincolnville, that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Resolve in relation to furnishing blanks to plantations.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Resolve directing the printing of certain documents.

Referred to Committee on Library.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of making any modification in the law relating to the appointment, powers and duties of executors and administrators.

On motion of Mr. GOULD of Lyman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending section 26, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the authority of graded schools to raise money, so as to repeal the provision limiting the power of the districts to raising not exceeding three-fifths in addition to that received from the town.

The foregoing petitions and orders were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CURTIS of Pownal asked and obtained permission of the House, to have his name entered in the affirmative on the vote of Friday last whereby the House voted to suspend the rules and passed to be engrossed resolves relating to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery.

Paper from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts on his official bond accompanying acceptance of the Treasurer of State elect, reporting that the bond is in due form of law and the securities are responsible and sufficient.

This report came from the Senate accepted and the bond approved.

Report accepted and bond approved in concurrence.

Mr. PORTER of Burlington moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House assigned Wednesday next for the third reading of the bill an act to create and establish a sinking fund.

The House reconsidered its vote.

The bill was read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company.

Read three times and recommitted to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, on order relating to amendment of chapter 470 of the special laws of 1860, reported bill an act to amend chapter 470 of the special laws of 1860, relating to the destruction of fish in Chandler's river.

Mr. LANG, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of R. D. Rice and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Maine Beater Press Company.

Mr. WESTON, from the Committee on Education, on order relating to school systems in Madawaska townships, reported bill an act to amend an act to secure the proper expenditure of school moneys in the Madawaska townships, also resolve directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys due to the Madawaska townships for school purposes.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolve.

Bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864, in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

Taken from the table, read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill an act to incorporate the Pembroke Axe and Scythe Company.

Bill an act to change the name of the Little River Manufacturing Company and to increase its capital stock.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pembroke Iron Company, approved August 20, 1850.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Vassalborough Mills Company, approved February 7, 1863.

Bill an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Hotel Association.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter 251, section 1 of the public laws of the year 1864, relating to poll taxes.

Bill an act authorizing James W. Congdon and Edward N. Myers to construct and maintain a fish weir in Boot Cove, Lubec.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of York.

This bill having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and the question being on its passage to be enacted, Mr. WALKER of Hampden moved its indefinite postponement; and this motion was pending when the House

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HUTCHINSON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to enlarging the powers of County Commissioners touching criminal bills of cost.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Loring and others, for act of incorporation.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Samuel Small and 73 others, in aid of petition of President and Directors of Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Sylvanus G. Haskell and 106 others of Deer Isle, that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of I. H. Coffin, reporting bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset Bridge.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Portland Dry Dock Company, reporting bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads on resolve for the relief of Nathan Weston, referred from last Legislature, reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice, resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of the bills and second reading of the resolve.

Petition of D. W. Fessenden and others, for increase of salary of Clerk of Courts for Cumberland county.

Referred to Cumberland County Delegation.

Petition of Nahum W. Bennett and others, that money paid to substitutes may be refunded.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of Hazen Keech for grant of land.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Remonstrance of D. A. Abbott and 169 others, against repeal of act providing for fish wardens.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of P. D. Andrews for compensation for oxen slaughtered under act of 1862.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of A. D. Lockwood and others, for an act incorporating the Lewiston Fire Insurance Company, with bill accompanying.

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Tenement House Company.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill an act incorporating the Continental Mills at Lewiston.

Bill an act incorporating the Lewiston Machine Company.

Bill an act incorporating the Lincoln Mills at Lewiston.

Petition of the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company for increase of capital stock.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Charles McCarthy, Jr., and others, for act incorporating the Irish American Relief Association, with bill accompanying.

Petition of Selectmen of Hebron that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Petition of Franklin Closson and 30 others of Deer Isle, for act legalizing doings of said town.

Petition of Fen. G. Barker for bounty for band of 3d Maine regiment.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of Amos Nourse, Judge of Probate for the county of Sagadahoc, for increase of salary.

Referred to Delegation from Sagadahoc county.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire if any amendments to the law giving aid to soldiers' families are necessary.

The foregoing petitions and order were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMMOND of Paris,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be tendered to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, for the purpose of hearing such parties as desire to give their views on the question of an Agricultural College, this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Hampden,

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish to the Clerk of this House a pair of scales, suitable for weighing mail matter sent from this House.

Bill an act to amend an act to secure the proper expenditure of school moneys in the Madawaska townships.

Read three times, reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, laid on the table.

Bill an act to amend chapter 470 of the special laws of 1860, relating to the destruction of fish in Chandler's river.

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Beater Press Company.

These bills having been read three times and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company.

This bill having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of William Percival as a Justice of the Peace.

This bill having been read three times and passed to be engrossed, 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 to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864 in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

Read three times, and on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of York, being the subject under consideration at the time of the last adjournment, was taken up.

The question being on the indefinite postponement of the bill, Mr. WALKER of Hampden moved and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the motion prevailed, by yeas 63, nays 51, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Baker, Barker, Beale, Bean, Boynton, Brigham, Bryant, Burbank, Carleton, Cleaves, Churchill, M. Cram, Curtis, Davis, H. M. Eaton, Ellis, Fairbanks, Ferguson, Fisher, Follansbee, C. Foster, A. C. French, J. French, Geyer, Gower, Haines, Hammond, Hathaway, Heath, J. U. Hill, Holyoke, Hutchinson, Johnson, Kilbreth, T. Little, McIntire, Merry, M. Monroe, N. P. Monroe, J. S. Moore, W. Moore, Nickerson, Norton, Parkes, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Perley, Philbrick, Phillips, Richards, Roberts, Rogers, Simpson, Smith, Stover, Sweetser, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, Whitney, Young.

Those who voted in the negative were—

NAYS—Messrs. Bacheller, Bartlett, Bickford, Bliss, Bradford, Carney, Chesley, Church, Crosby, Day, Dingley, Doyle, Fogg, J. B. Foster, Garnsey, Gould, Granger, Hamilton, Hedge, N. T. Hill, W. Hill, Holden, Howe, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Kilby, Lang, Larabee, E. T. Little, Lyford, Miller, Milliken, Montgomery, Nelson, Oak, Payson, Perkins, Pool, Porter, Prescott, Pullen, Robinson, Shaw, Stetson, Stevens, N. Webb, Weld, Weston, Williams, E. Wilson.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. EATON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to the expediency of amending section 122 of the revised statutes.

Order relating to assessing damages for discontinuance of town roads.

Order relating to amendment of the law so that the plaintiff may summon in the executor or administrator.

Order relating to amendment of chapter 118 of the revised statutes.

Order relating to claims of Elisha W. Shaw and others.

The foregoing orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Resolve directing the printing of certain documents came back from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the reference of the House, and referring the same to the Committee on Printing and Binding.

The House recessed and concurred.

Petition of John E. Donnell and others, for act of incorporation.
Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Bill an act to increase the fees of the Register of Deeds for Lincoln county.

Referred to Lincoln County Delegation.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Bill an act to create and establish a sinking fund.

This bill came back from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House recede, adopt Senate amendment, and pass the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Winslow Morse and others, referred from last Legislature, reporting leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted.

The House non-concur, and on motion of Mr. HUNT of Bath, recommit the same to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on petition of Silas Danforth, reporting leave to withdraw.

Also same report by Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Timothy Chapman and others.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of W. W. Edwards and others, reporting bill an act to change the limits of Ticonic Village Corporation.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to incorporate Crescent Lodge, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Reports accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Petition of Dexter Merrill and 21 others, for extension of State aid to destitute minor children of deceased soldiers.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Bill an act to incorporate the Mesalonskee Manufacturing Company.

Petition of Buxton Manufacturing Company for increase of capital stock.

Petition of Nahum M. Dow and others for act of incorporation.
Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of citizens of Yarmouth, that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Petition of inhabitants of Prentiss that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Weld,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of passing an act repealing chapter 164 of the public laws of 1860, authorizing the appointment of Trial Justices.

On motion of Mr. VALLEY of Alva,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be authorized to examine into the situation of lots numbered 2, 13 and 25, in township B, range 1, and determine whether any part of the requirements contained in the act for the sale and settlement of the public lands shall be remitted to the purchasers of said lots.

The foregoing petitions and orders were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Education, on petition of East Maine Conference Seminary, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. KILBRETH, from the Committee on Agriculture, made same report on petition of Asa Burnham and others.

Reports accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MONTGOMERY, from the Committee on Change of Names, on petition of Nancy J. Huey, reported bill an act to change the name of Nancy J. Huey.

Report accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and settle the claim of Edward Sands.

Presented by leave by Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston. Rules suspended, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to establish the salaries of the Judge of Probate and Register of Probate for the county of Penobscot for two years.

Taken from the table, read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Communication from the Secretary of State transmitting the report of the Board of Commissioners under the resolve providing for an Agricultural College, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Elections on remonstrance of William F. Lord, was taken from the table, and on motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor, to-morrow at eleven o'clock was assigned for the consideration of the same.

Bill an act to amend an act to secure the proper expenditures of school moneys in Madawaska townships.

Read three times and on motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham, recommitted to Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.

Bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset Bridge.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company.

Resolve for the relief of Nathan Weston.

The foregoing bills having been read three times, the resolve read twice, each reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Eastern Packet Company of Portland.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pembroke Iron Company, approved August 20, 1850.

Bill an act to incorporate the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Atwood Lead Company.

Bill an act to abolish the February term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Knox, and to change the time of holding the April term of said court for said county.

Bill an act to change the name of the Little River Manufacturing Company and to increase its capital stock.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lord Brook Dam Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Yarmouth Paper Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Pembroke Axe and Scythe Company. •

Bill an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Hotel Company.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Vassalborough Mills Company.

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company, approved March 31, 1856, and to continue its corporate existence for certain purposes.

Bill an act authorizing the Clerk of the Courts for the county of Knox to complete the records of the courts in said county.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves relating to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, prohibiting slavery.

The foregoing resolves having been twice read and passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and the question being on the final passage of the same, Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, moved and the House ordered that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the resolves were passed finally, by yeas 103, nays 20, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Bangs, Barker, Beale, Bean, Bickford, Bliss, Bragdon, Bridgham, Bryant, Carleton, M. V. B. Chase, Chesley, Church, Churchill, Cleaves, M. Cram, Crosby, Curtis, Davis, Denison, Dillingham, Dingley, H. M. Eaton, M. M. Eaton, Ellis, Fairbanks, Fisher, Fogg, Follansbee, C. Foster, J. B. Foster, A. C. French, J. French, Garnsey, Gould, Gower, Granger, Haines, Haley, Ham, Hammond, Hathaway, Heath, Hersey, J. U. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Hunt, Hutchinson, Johnson, Jones, Kilbreth, Kilby, Lang, Larrabee, E. T. Little, T. Little, Lyford, Mayo, McIntire, Merry, Miller, M. Monroe, N. P. Monroe, Montgomery, J. S. Moore, W. Moore, Nickerson, Norton, Oak, Parkes, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Perley, Perkins, Philbrick, Phillips, Pool, Porter,

Prescott, Pullen, Reed, Richards, Roberts, Robinson, Rogers, Sanborn, Sayward, Simpson, Smith, Stevens, Stover, Sweetser, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, F. E. Webb, Weld, Weston, Williams, Young.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Bacheller, Baker, Boynton, Carney, Doyle, Ferguson, Geyer, Hamilton, W. Hill, Hobart, Holden, Jordan, Lord, Milliken, Nelson, Payson, Shaw, Sirois, Whitney, E. Wilson.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BAILEY of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to taxation of Foreign Insurance Companies.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Barrett and others, for increase of fees of sheriff.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of E. H. Starbird for act explanatory of chapter 106, laws of 1861.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Jr., Secretary of State, transmitting reports of Superintending School Committees of Princeton and Perry.

Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Mr. MILLER of Portland announced to the House the attendance of Rufus P. Tapley, Esq., Representative elect from Saco.

Mr. Miller was appointed to conduct the Representative elect to the Council Chamber, for the purpose of taking and subscribing

the oaths of office necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties; and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Petition of L. O. Putnam for increase of salary of Register of Probate for Aroostook county.

Referred to Aroostook County Delegation.

Petition of Elijah Upton, Register of Probate for Sagadahoc county, for increase of salary.

Referred to Sagadahoc County Delegation.

Petition of J. S. Hobbs and others, for increase of salary of Register of Probate of Oxford county.

Referred to Oxford County Delegation.

Credentials of Joseph Nicolar as Representative from the Penobscot Indians.

Petition of Joseph Attean and 21 others, for an appropriation for the Penobscot Indians.

Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Resolve donating certain books and documents to the Library of Bates College.

Presented by leave by Mr. JONES of Lewiston, and referred to Committee on the Library.

Petition of Elizabeth A. Jenkins for compensation for certain injuries.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of John A. Poor for extension of a line of railway on the broad gauge between Portland and Boston.

Petition of Simon Hersey and others, against change of location of the Portland and Kennebec Railroad.

Petition of J. Dinsmore and others, for charter of Horse Railroad Company.

Petition of W. Hunton and others of Livermore Falls Bridge Corporation, that the doings of said corporation may be made valid.

Petition of Joseph Treat and others, in aid of petition of Directors of the Stillwater Bridge Corporation.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Mayor and Aldermen of Rockland, that the doings of Knott C. Perry as a Justice of the Peace may be made valid.

Petition of Charles Foss and others of Abbot, that the assessment of district number 1 in said town may be made valid.

Petition of County Commissioners of Kennebec county for change of session of said board.

Petition of Nathan Parsons and others of Glenburn, that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of J. M. Bragg and others, for State aid to build a bridge in Aroostook county.

Petition of Lewis Wyman and others, for aid to construct a bridge across Dead river.

Petition of Thomas Brewer and 32 others, for aid in construction of a road from Milford to Princeten.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Wm. W. Rowe and others, in aid of petition of Wm. Flowers and others.

Petition of Nathaniel Jordan and others, in aid of same.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Remonstrance of Silas Wood and 20 others, against division of town of Starks.

Remonstrance of James G. Waugh and 82 others, against same.

Remonstrance of Oliver Waugh and 64 others, against same.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Bill an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company at Biddeford.

Presented by Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston, and referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Gov. John Attean and 21 others, for appropriation in aid of schools for Penobscot Indians.

Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of revising the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers.

Mr. MONROE of Belfast, presented the following resolve:

Resolved, That in view of the large amount of taxes already pressing heavily upon the citizens of this State, and the certain prospect of having them largely increased in filling the quota of the coming draft, it is inopportune and inexpedient at this time to add to the burden of the people by raising salaries.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. BEALE of Hudson presented the following order which, on motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston, was laid on the table:

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, 9 o'clock A. M. of each day, be the hour for the session of this House, except on Mondays, when it shall be at 11 o'clock A. M.

Petition of John Samuel Libby for change of name.
Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relating to amending section 1, chapter 91, revised statutes, reported bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property.

Mr. WEBB, from same Committee, on order relating to change of law in relation to fees of Trial Justices, reported bill an act to amend chapter 32 of the public laws of 1861, entitled an act to restrict the jurisdiction of Justices of Peace to Trial Justices.

Also on order relating to repeal of section 61 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, reported legislation inexpedient.

The reports were accepted.

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill an act to incorporate the Lewiston Machine Company, reported that the same ought to pass.

Also same report on bill an act incorporating the Lincoln Mills at Lewiston.

Also on petition of Charles Beale and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Hudson Manufacturing Company.

Also on petition of Farnsworth Manufacturing Company, reported bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Education, on order relative to additional legislation for Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Westbrook Seminary, reported resolve to facilitate the sale of timber and lumber granted in aid of Westbrook Seminary, Maine Wesleyan Seminary, and for educational purposes.

Bill an act to incorporate the proprietors of the St. Croix Hall of Calais.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills and second reading of the resolve.

Bill an act to change the name of Nancy J. Huey.

This bill having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate Crescent Lodge.

Bill an act to change the limits of Ticonic Village Corporation.

These bills having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset Bridge.

Bill an act to create and establish a sinking fund.

Bill an act authorizing James W. Congdon and Edward N. Myers to construct and maintain a fish weir in Boot Cove, Lubec.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the East Branch Mattawamkeag Dam Company.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Elections on remonstrance of William F. Lord, being the special assignment of the hour, was taken up and considered.

Mr. CROSBY of Dexter moved to amend by substituting the views of a minority of said Committee for the report of the majority.

Pending the consideration of the same the House

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CRANE of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to printing Adjutant General's Report came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of town of Union that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Fisheries on petition of Benjamin Capen and others, referred from last Legislature, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Selectmen of East Machias, reporting reference to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report of same Committee on petition of Isaac I. York, reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Report of same Committee on Annual Report of Railroad Commissioners for 1864, recommending that 350 copies of the same be printed.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Attean and others, for change of law relating to choice of Governor of Penobscot Indians.

Petition of same for the establishment of a new school district.

Petition of same for an appropriation for salary for Governor of said tribe.

Petition of same for reduction of fares on railroads and steamboats.

Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of William T. Pearson and others, for increase of fees of surveyors of lumber.

Petition of Thomas J. Southard and others, for charter for Steam-boat Company.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Anna D. Alexander for indemnity for money lost.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of Rebecca L. Donham for grant of land.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Edmund L. Young and others, for authority to build a dyke across tide waters of Marsh Bay.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Enos T. Luce and others, for increase of salary of Register of Probate for Androscoggin county.

Referred to Delegation from Androscoggin county.

Bill an act to change the terms of the court in Kennebec county.

Petition of Selectmen of Woolwich that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Petition of John W. Dana and others, for authority to lay out highway over tide waters at Martin's Point.

Petition of Selectmen of Warren that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Petition of George P. Sewall and others of Oldtown, that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864 in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. Ruphina Gardiner for change of name.

Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. BACHELLER, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on resolve in regard to the credit on the quota of towns, cities, &c., reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill an act authorizing the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company to sell and dispose of their corporate property, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relating to damages for discontinuance of town ways, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. DINGLEY, from same Committee, on petition of Fen. G. Barker and others, reported reference of the same to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relating to defacement of private property and natural objects, reported bill an act to prevent the defacing of private property and natural objects by advertisements.

Report accepted, rules suspended, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. WELD, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Buxton Manufacturing Company, reported bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Buxton Manufacturing Company.

Mr. EATON, from same Committee, on bill an act to incorporate the Continental Mills at Lewiston, reported that the same ought to pass.

Also same report on bill an act to incorporate the Mesalonskee Manufacturing Company.

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of John C. Proctor and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Portland Tenement House Company.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill an act relating to Portland Bridge, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Also same report on bill an act giving additional powers to the city of Portland.

Also on petition of Charles McCarthy, Jr., and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Irish American Relief Association of Portland.

Bill an act to amend chapter 32 of the public laws of 1861, entitled an act to restrict the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace to Trial Justices.

Bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes relating to mortgages of personal property.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Henry E. Prentiss, reported bill an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company.

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

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Hazen Keech, reported resolve in favor of Hazen Keech.

Report accepted, resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, and for other purposes, recommitted to said Committee, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Report accepted.

Resolve to facilitate the sale of timber and lumber granted in aid of Westbrook Seminary, Maine Wesleyan Seminary, and for educational purposes.

Read twice, reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and on motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, laid on the table.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Hudson Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the proprietors of the St. Croix Hall of Calais.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lewiston Machine Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lincoln Mills.

Resolve in favor of Albert H. Sawyer.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolve twice read, each reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it be to meet this afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Paper from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill an act additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company, recommitted to said Committee, reporting the same in a new draft and that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, rules being suspended, Senate amendment A adopted, and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Ordered, That at 5½ o'clock P. M., unless sooner reached, all debate upon the report of the Committee on Elections on remonstrance of Wm. F. Lord cease, and the House will proceed immediately to vote upon the pending motions on the same.

Report of the Committee on Elections on remonstrance of Wm. F. Lord, was taken up and considered.

And the question being on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, Mr. FOSTER of Bangor moved and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the amendment was rejected, by yeas 33, nays 85, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bacheller, Baker, Boynton, Bradbury, Burbank, Carney, Cleaves, Crosby, Doyle, H. M. Eaton, Ferguson, Fogg, Geyer, Haines, Hamilton, Haskell, Hedge, W. Hill, Hobbs, Howe, Lawler, Lord, McIntire, Milliken, Montgomery, Nelson, Payson, Shaw, Sirois, Sweetser, Weston, Whitney, Williams, E. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Barker, Bartlett, Beale, Bickford, Bliss, Bowman, Bragdon, Bryant, Carleton, Chesley, Church, Churchill, M. Cram, Curtis, Davis, Day, Denison, Dillingham, Dingley, M. M. Eaton, Ellis, Estabrook, Fisher, Follansbee, J. B. Foster, Garnsey, Gould, Gower, Granger, Gushee, Haley, Hall, Ham, Hammond, Hathaway, Heath, Hersey, J. U. Hill, N. T. Hill, Holyoke, Hopkins, Hunt, Hutchinson, Jones, Kilbreth, Kilby, Larrabee, E. T. Little, T. Little, Lyford, McLaine, Miller, M. Monroe, N. P. Mon-

roe, J. S. Moore, W. Moore, Nickerson, Norton, Oak, Parkes, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Perley, Phillips, Pool, Porter, Prescott, Pullen, Reed, Richards, Roberts, Robinson, Sanborn, Sayward, Smith, Stevens, Stover, Tapley, Walker, Wasgatt, N. Webb, Weld, W. Wilson, Young.

The report was then accepted and the resolves passed.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to amending section 44 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes, relating to actions against collectors and constables.

Order relating to amendment of laws respecting boundary lines.

The foregoing orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company.

Petition of George Warren and others, for act incorporating the Warren Manufacturing Company.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Military Affairs on order relating to credits of enlistments, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of John A. Poor, reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Samuel Oliver and others, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on order relating to amending chapter 152 of the public laws of 1862, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of same Committee on resolve in relation to furnishing blanks to plantations, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Mayor and Aldermen of Bath, reporting bill an act to increase the rates of toll on the Merrymeeting Bridge.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of A. D. Lockwood and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Lewiston Fire Insurance Company.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of E. Clark and others, reporting bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March 19, 1860.

Report of Committee on Manufactures on petition of B. B. Farnsworth and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Lisbon Manufacturing Company.

Reports accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and Monday assigned for their third reading.

Petition of J. J. Kennedy and others, for increase of salary of Judge and Register of Probate for Lincoln county.

Referred to Lincoln County Delegation.

Petition of J. W. North and others, for act incorporating a horticultural society.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Remonstrance of A. Levensaler and others, against petition of John Hanrahan and others.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Bill an act to incorporate the Silver Spring Company.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of S. M. Smith and 7 others, for charter for Baring Woollen Manufactory.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of David Fuller and others, for act of incorporation.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Selectmen of Springfield, for reimbursement of expenses for transporting enlisted men.

Petition of E. E. Shead for relief for loss of State bond.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of J. D. Teague and 41 others, for an appropriation for building road in Aroostook county.

Petition of J. T. Pike for deed of lot of land.

Petition of Otis Holden and others, for an appropriation for repair of road from Bingham's Purchase to the Canada line.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of proprietors of First Parish Meeting-House of Perry, for power to sell same.

Petition of Arno Wiswell and others of Ellsworth, for a Municipal Court in said town.

Bill an act to prevent substitute brokerage.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, That the number of copies printed of bills reported by Committees of the Legislature, not more than fifty be reserved for the uses of the departments and for binding.

The foregoing petitions, bills and orders were sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles Beale and others, for reduction of State valuation of town of Hudson.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Patrick Martin for change of name.

Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay for travel and attendance of I. G. Jordan, Esq., of Berwick, up to and including the 27th inst.

On motion of Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Adjutant General be requested to inform this House at how early a day he can communicate the information asked for by an order of this House on the 18th inst., relating to unassigned naval and marine credits.

Mr. NICKERSON, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order relative to sale of land in township 4, range 4, reported legislation inexpedient.

Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes.

Read twice and Monday assigned for its third reading.

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Tenement House Company.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read three times, and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid on the table.

Bill an act to prevent the defacing of private property and natural objects by advertisements.

Bill an act to incorporate the Continental Mills.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Buxton Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to amend chapter 32 of the public laws of 1861, entitled an act to restrict the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace to Trial Justices.

Bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property.

Bill an act relating to Portland Bridge.

Bill an act to incorporate the Mesalonskee Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company.

Bill an act giving additional powers to the city of Portland in relation to cemeteries.

Bill an act to incorporate the Irish American Relief Association of Portland.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to establish the salaries of the Judge of Probate and Register of Probate for the county of Penobscot for two years.

Taken from the table and recommitted to the Delegation from Penobscot county.

Bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.

Bill an act to change the limits of Ticonic Village Corporation.

Bill an act to amend chapter 470 of the special laws of 1860, relating to destruction of fish in Chandler's river.

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Beater Press Company.

Bill an act to incorporate Crescent Lodge.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company.

Bill an act additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company.

Resolve for the relief of Nathan Weston.

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and settle the claims of Edward Sands.

The foregoing bills and resolves having passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALBEE of Hallowell.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Order relative to amending law concerning poor debtors.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Jewett and others of town of Sangerville, that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Fisheries on petition of Alden Morse and others, reporting bill an act for the protection and preservation of bass and alewives in the waters of Winnegance Creek.

Report accepted, bill read twice, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Manufactures on petition of John E. Donnell and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the State of Maine Oil Company.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill an act to incorporate the Eastport Hotel Company, reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of A. C. Denison and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Range Pond Dam Company.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Norridgewock Bridge Company, reporting bill an act to extend the charter of the Norridgewock Bridge Proprietors and amend the rate of tolls granted therein.

Reports accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill an act to amend chapter 251, section 1 of the public laws of 1864, relating to poll taxes.

This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet B, and on motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, the amendment was ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate in the absence of its President, had chosen Hon. A. D. Manson, President *pro tempore*.

Bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of Eastern Frontier Lodge.

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act regulating the storage, safe-keeping and transportation of gunpowder in the city of Bangor.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bangor.

Petition of Joseph B. Robbins and others, for an act of incorporation.

Remonstrance of Cyrus Balkham and 48 others of Robbinston, against legalizing the doings of said town.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of S. S. Collier and others, for act to incorporate Star in the West Lodge, No. 85.

Petition of I. H. Thomas and 75 others, in aid of petition of Wm. Flowers.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of A. J. Stimpson and others, for act authorizing construction of a wharf in the town of Kittery, with bill accompanying.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Charles H. Mulliken and others, for act of incorporation.

Referred to Committee on Library.

Petition of inhabitants of Meddybemps, for act preventing the destruction of alewives in Denny's river.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Centreville, for abatement of taxes.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to change the name of Solomon Williams.

Petition of Wm. H. Stevens for change of name.

Referred to Committee on ~~Change~~ of Names.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the report of the Attorney General be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, to report such legislation, if any, upon its recommendations as may be deemed expedient.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Limington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the present law of this State as to hold married women liable for all contracts made by them after coverture.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance inquire whether any further legislation is needed to secure the prompt payment of taxes for State and county purposes in the unincorporated townships of Aroostook and other counties.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on that part of the Governor's Message relating to the assessment of a State tax, reported in detail, recommending the assessment of a tax of one million six hundred and fifty-one thousand six hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

The report was accepted.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relating to right of suffrage in plantations organized under chapter 113, laws of 1862, reported legislation inexpedient.

Also on petition of Richard Welt and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Reports accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March 19, 1860.

Read three times, reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid on the table.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lisbon Manufacturing Company.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to change the name of Nancy J. Huey.

Resolve in favor of Albert H. Sawyer.

The foregoing bill and resolve having passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bill was passed to be enacted, the resolve passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order relating to the hour of session was taken from the table on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, and passed.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes.

This bill having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read three times. On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais, the bill was amended as per sheets A and B. Mr. PORTER of Burlington, proposed to amend further as per sheet C; Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, as per sheet D; Mr. WESTON of Gorham, as per sheet E; Mr. CHASE of Dover, as per sheet F; and Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, as per sheet G.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland, the proposed amendments were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. EATON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to amendment of law for the suppression of drinking houses.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Hancock.

Referred to Hancock County Delegation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Moses Giddings and others, reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Library on order relating to publication of Adjutant General's Report, reporting resolves relating to printing and distributing the Adjutant General's Report for the year 1864.

Report accepted, resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Samuel Tripp for increase of fees as Register of Deeds for York county.

Referred to York County Delegation.

Petition of G. D. McCrillis and others, for amendment of law relating to fisheries.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of F. P. Billings and others, to be set off from Brooksville to the town of Sedgwick.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Bill an act to establish the Dexter High School.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Petition of L. D. Jordan and others, for renewal of charter.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Bill an act to incorporate the City Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Jonas Green and 16 others, for increase of pay of jurors.

Petition of Richard S. Waterhouse and others, for authority to convey certain land belonging to the Second Parish in Scarborough.

Petition of Samuel Huston and others, for relief from furnishing State aid to inhabitants of number 6, range 5.

Petition of Robert Goodenow and others, for additional act incorporating Farmington Village Corporation, with bill accompanying.

Remonstrance of Wm. Swett and others of Knox, against legalizing doings of said town.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance inquire into the expediency of altering the legal rate of interest so that any rate up to nine per cent. may be legal upon the parties agreeing to the same.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to report a bill amending chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, section 1, so as to include the Clerks of the United States Court in this State.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be printed 350 additional copies of the Railroad Commissioners' Report for 1864.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to prepare a Legislative Manual for 1865, containing the rules and usual statistical matter and diagram of the House, and that seven hundred copies of the same be published.

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Tenement House Company.

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GOULD of Lyman, announced the attendance of William F. Lord, Representative elect from Berwick and North Berwick.

Mr. Gould was appointed to conduct Mr. Lord to the Council Chamber for the purpose of enabling him to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Bill an act to incorporate the State of Maine Oil Company.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Norridgewock Bridge proprietors, and amend the rate of toll granted therein.

Bill an act to incorporate the Eastport Hotel Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Range Pond Dam Company.

The foregoing bills having been read three times and reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company.

This bill having been passed to be engrossed, 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. WESTON, from the Committee on Education, on bill an act to amend an act to secure the proper expenditure of school moneys in the Madawaska townships, recommitted to said Committee, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Bill an act to amend chapter 251, section 1 of the public laws of the year 1864, relating to poll taxes, was taken from the table and considered.

The House non-concurred in the Senate amendment.

And the question being on insisting on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. ROBERTS of Stockton moved, and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the House insisted, by yeas 75, nays 36, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Bacheller, Beale, Bickford, Boynton, Bradford, Brigham, Bryant, Carleton, Carney, Carver, J. Chase, Chesley, M.

Cram, Crosby, Davis, Doyle, H. M. Eaton, M. M. Eaton, Estabrook, Fairbanks, Ferguson, Fisher, Follansbee, J. B. Foster, Frost, Garnsey, Granger, Gushee, Haines, Haley, Hall, Ham, Hedge, Hersey, Higgins, J. U. Hill, N. T. Hill, Hobart, Hobbs, Holyoke, Hopkins, Hunt, Hutchinson, Kilby, Lang, Lawler, E. T. Little, T. Little, W. F. Lord, Mayo, Miller, N. P. Monroe, Montgomery, J. S. Moore, Nickerson, Parkes, G. F. Patten, Perley, Porter, Pullen, Reed, Robinson, Sanborn, Shaw, Sirois, Smith, Stetson, Valley, Walker, F. E. Webb, N. Webb, Weld, Weston, Williams, W. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Bangs, Barker, Bowman, Bradbury, Burbank, M. V. B. Chase, Cleaves, Curtis, C. Foster, A. C. French, Hammond, Hamilton, Howe, Larrabee, S. Lord, Lyford, McIntire, McLain, Merry, M. Monroe, W. Moore, Nelson, Oak, Payson, Perkins, Prescott, Richards, Roberts, Simpson, Stevens, Stover, Wasgatt, Whitney, E. Wilson, Young.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HUTCHINSON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to change of law respecting adoption of minor children.

Order relating to increasing the fees of Registers of Deeds.

Order relating to increasing salary of the State Librarian.

Order relating to law providing for State aid to soldiers' families.

These orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the fees of the Register of Deeds for Sagadahoc county.

Referred to Sagadahoc Delegation.

Bill an act to incorporate Rumford Bridge Company.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Resolve in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of this State.

Referred to Committee on Library.

Petition of Martha J. Fields for deed of certain lot of land.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill an act authorizing the town of Presque Isle to exempt certain property from taxation.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of S. L. Goodale and others, for an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Manufacturing Company.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of John Dennis for aid in publishing a work on martial music.

Petition of S. E. Judkins and others, in aid of same.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education on order relating to contracts made by school agents with school teachers, reporting legislation thereon inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Corporation, reporting bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Company.

Reports accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Petition of Alexander Black and others of Stockton, for an act of incorporation for Stockton Steamboat Company.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of B. Cummings for deed of lot of land for Mrs. Abbie M. Day.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of James Merrill and 72 others, for amendment of chapter 11 revised statutes, so as to allow school houses to be used for religious meetings.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Petition of A. C. Cotton for compensation for damages done by 22d and 23d regiments Maine volunteers.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of Isaiah Stetson and 81 others, for aid to Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Resolve relating to examination of candidates for West Point Military Academy.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of John Kelley and 8 others of Fremont plantation, for act of incorporation.

Referred to Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Petition of S. S. Lewis and 130 others, for an act to protect porgy fishery.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Bill an act to incorporate the Hargraves Woollen Company.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of John Matthews and others, that the act incorporating the city of Hallowell may be repealed.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Lyman O. Putnam and 42 others, for act of incorporation, with bill accompanying.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Osborn Charles for toll on timber passing through his dam.

Remonstrance of Eben Webster and 82 others, against the taking of water from Pushaw pond.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of B. C. Sewall and others, in aid of petition of Wm. Flowers.

Petition of Wm. McGilvery and others, for act of incorporation for Maine Insurance Company.

Bill an act to authorize the building and maintaining a sluice for the passage of timber in Perry.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Directors of Traders' Bank, Bangor, for increase of capital.

Petition of Eusebius Weston for charter of Savings Bank at Skowhegan.

Petition of R. M. Chapman and others, to be incorporated as the Biddeford Savings Bank.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of C. A. Abbott and others, for repeal of act restricting the powers of the County Commissioners in regard to the city of Bangor.

Petition of Edmund Wilder and others, in aid of same.

Petition of C. B. Lord to change the compensation of Clerk of Courts of York county from fees to salary.

Memorial of Joseph B. Hall in relation to a compendium of amendments to the revised statutes.

Bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of citizens of Franklin county for increase of fees of Register of Deeds for said county.

Referred to Franklin County Delegation.

Bill an act authorizing the city of Lewiston and the town of Auburn to purchase the toll bridge connecting the two places.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. DOYLE of Eaton Grant,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of passing some law relieving the towns and plantations in Aroostook county in the matter of State aid.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation, if any, is needed to secure to towns their equal rights under the first limitation of the first section of chapter 227 of the public laws of 1864, relating to the payment of State bounty after the filling of the October quota of 1863.

The foregoing petitions and orders were sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Rendell and others, for change of name of Sarah E. Fogg.

Petition of Josiah Merrill for change of name.

Petition of Mary E. Merry for change of name.

Referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act regulating the storage, safe-keeping and transportation of gunpowder in the city of Bangor, passed March 23, 1835, reported that the same ought to pass.

Also same report on bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bangor.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the rules suspended, the bills read three times and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CARNEY, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Selectmen of Springfield, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. FRENCH, from same Committee, made same report on petition of Fen. G. Barker.

Mr. N. WEBB, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relating to amendment of section 8, chapter 33 of the laws of 1858, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. CRAM, from same Committee, on petition of Reuben Higgins and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Reports accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864, in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices, recommitted to said Committee, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Resolve relating to printing and distributing the Adjutant General's Report for the year 1864.

Read twice and on motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, referred to Committee on State Printing and Binding.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland, the House reconsidered its vote of yesterday, whereby it passed to be engrossed bill an act to amend chapter 251, section 1 of the public laws of 1864, relating to poll taxes.

And the question then recurring on its former vote, the House passed the bill to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais, the rules were suspended and the House reconsidered its vote whereby it indefinitely postponed in concurrence bill an act for the protection and preservation of bass and alewives in the waters of Winnegance Creek, and the same was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations, in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, and for other purposes, was taken from the table and considered.

Amendment C was amended as per sheet H and adopted ; amendment D also adopted ; amendment E by leave withdrawn ; amendment F amended as per sheet I and adopted.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to bounty of Scott Sally.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Julius C. Chandler for deed of a lot of land.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of David Spratt to be set off from the town of Etna.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Bill an act to amend chapter 82, section 12, revised statutes.

Petition of Solomon Parsons to further extend the operation of chapter 253 special laws of 1863, with bill accompanying.

Memorial of Joseph B. Hall relative to amendment of revised statutes.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of Delegation from Sagadahoc county on petition of Elijah Upton, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of inhabitants of town of Centreville, reporting leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of John Hanrahan and others, reporting that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

This report came from the Senate accepted.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDS of Belmont, the report was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of Somerset Royal Arch Chapter, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill an act relating to the duties of the Assistant Clerk of the Courts in the county of Penobscot.

This bill came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

Read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, transmitting copies of resolutions of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, upon the subject of fisheries.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Copy of circular of Acting Assistant Provost Marshal General.

Presented by leave by Mr. SHAW of Biddeford, and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill an act to change the shire town of Somerset county.

Presented by leave by Mr. BACHELLER of Solon, and referred to Delegation from Somerset county.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LANG of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges inquire into the practical operation of the law authorizing the foreclosure of mortgages given by railroad companies to secure their bonds, and report such recommendations as they may see fit.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Sullivan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire what further legislation is necessary in relation to neat cattle running at large and the fencing of highways.

On motion of Mr. WELD of Buxton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending the last clause of section 26, chapter 11, revised statutes, so as to authorize any school district in which a graded school is established, to raise a larger amount of money for the support of its schools in addition to what it receives from the town.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Ordered, That a Joint Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be raised to investigate the facts in relation to credits of men already in the naval or marine service of the United States, unassigned to any town (which credits are now being sold to fill the quotas of cities, towns and plantations in this State) and to ascertain and report by what authority any person claims to have direction and control of the disposition and credits of such men, together with measures for the prevention of further proceedings of like nature.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Webb of Portland, Chesley of Lincoln, Roberts of Stockton, Lang of Vassalborough, and Hopkins of Ellsworth, appointed said Committee on the part of the House.

The foregoing orders were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on that part of the Governor's Message relating to the militia, reported bill an act concerning the militia.

Mr. N. WEBB, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill an act giving further remedies against executors and administrators, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Also on order relating to amending chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, reported bill an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of the year 1864, entitled an act requiring the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerks of Courts in the several counties a list of certain officers.

Mr. HAMMOND, from the Oxford Delegation, on petition of Alden Chase, reported leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of

Elizabeth A. Jenkins and others, reported resolve in favor of Elizabeth A. Jenkins and others.

Report accepted, resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WELD, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Nahum M. Dow and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Bath Iron Mining and Manufacturing Company.

Report accepted, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys due to the Madawaska townships for school purposes.

Read twice, reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Carriveau.

Resolve in favor of James Walker.

Resolve in favor of Hazen Keech.

The foregoing resolves having been twice read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Company.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, the House reconsidered its vote whereby it passed to be engrossed bill an act relating to the duties of the Assistant Clerk of the Courts in the county of Penobscot, and on his motion the same was laid on the table.

Bill an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Continental Mills.

Bill an act to incorporate the Eastport Hotel Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lewiston Fire Insurance Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Irish American Relief Association.

Bill an act to incorporate the Hudson Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to prevent the defacing of private property and natural objects by advertisements.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lewiston Machine Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Mesalonskee Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Range Pond Dam Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the State of Maine Oil Company.

Bill an act to increase the rates of tolls on the Merrymeeting Bridge.

Bill an act giving additional powers to the city of Portland in relation to cemeteries.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lisbon Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the proprietors of the St. Croix Hall.

Bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes relating to mortgages of personal property.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lincoln Mills.

Bill an act to amend chapter 32 of the public laws of 1861, entitled an act to restrict the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace to Trial Justices.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Buxton Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act relating to Portland Bridge.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Norridgewock Bridge proprietors and amend the rates of toll granted therein.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes, was taken up and considered.

The question being on the adoption of amendment G, Mr. TAPLEY of Saco, moved and the House ordered that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the amendment was rejected by yeas 34, nays 81, as follows: 1

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bacheller, Bangs, Bliss, Boynton, Bridgham, Burbank,

Carney, J. Chase, M. V. B. Chase, Doyle, Ferguson, Granger, Haines, Hamilton, Haskell, Hedge, Higgins, W. Hill, Hobart, Howe, Lawler, S. Lord, N. P. Monroe, Nelson, Payson, Porter, Roberts, Shaw, Sirois, Wasgatt, N. Webb, Whitney, Williams, E. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Barker, Bowman, Bradford, Bragdon, Bryant, Carleton, Carver, Chesley, Cleaves, Churchill, M. Cram, Crosby, Curtis, Davis, Day, Denison, Dingley, M. M. Eaton, Ellis, Estabrook, Fairbanks, Fisher, Follansbee, C. Foster, J. B. Foster, A. C. French, Garnsey, Gower, Gushee, Haley, Hall, Ham, Hathaway, Heath, Hersey, J. U. Hill, N. T. Hill, Holyoke, Hunt, Johnson, Lang, Larrabee, E. T. Little, T. Little, W. F. Lord, Lyford, McIntire, Merry, Miller, M. Monroe, J. S. Moore, Nickerson, Oak, Parkes, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Perley, Perkins, Philbrick, Phillips, Pool, Prescott, Pullen, Reed, Richards, Robinson, Rogers, Sanborn, Simpson, Smith, Stetson, Stevens, Stover, Sweetser, Tapley, Valley, Walker, F. E. Webb, Weston, W. Wilson, Young.

The bill was then further amended as per sheets J, K and L.

Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, moved to further amend as per sheet M.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland, the bill was laid on the table, and with the proposed amendment ordered to be printed, for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. BURGESS of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill an act to simplify indictments in capital cases.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relative to enlarging powers of County Commissioners in criminal bills of cost, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of Delegation from Sagadahoc County on bill an act to increase the fees of Register of Deeds for Sagadahoc county, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Thomas J. Southard and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Steamship Company.

Reports accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Credentials of Newell Neptune as Representative from the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Selectmen of Amherst for reduction of State valuation.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency and practicability of having the engrossing done with types.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 112 of the laws of 1862, relating to the use of office copies of deeds.

Remonstrance of George W. Coombs and others, against petition of James Dunning and others.

Remonstrance of A. B. Sutton against same.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of James A. Thurrell and others, in aid of petition of J. Dinsmore for a charter for a horse railroad.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing petitions and orders were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. SWEETSER, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of John Relihan, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature.

Mr. FOSTER, from same Committee, on petition of Dexter Merrill and others, reported reference of the same to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. FRENCH, from same Committee, on petition of Jeannet S. Worth, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. NICKERSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, made same report on petition of H. C. Currier and others.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, made same report on petition of E. H. Starbird.

Mr. N. WEBB, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to amendment of law respecting contracts made by married women, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. DINGLEY, from same Committee, on order relating to giving State aid to children of soldiers who die in the service, reported reference of the same to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing reports were accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on order relating to auctions and auctioneers, reported bill an act additional to chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctions and auctioneers.

Mr. N. WEBB, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill an act providing for the taxation of shares in national banks, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Also an order relating to amending law concerning hawkers and pedlers, reported bill an act to amend chapter 44 of the revised statutes relative to hawkers and pedlers.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Directors of Traders' Bank of Bangor, reported bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Traders' Bank in Bangor.

The report was accepted, the bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of S. S. Collier and others, reported bill an act to incorporate Star in the West Lodge, No. 85.

Mr. PULLEN, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Winslow Morse and others, referred from last Legislature, reported bill an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill Dam Company.

Mr. WELD, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Charles Loring and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Guilford Manufacturing Company.

Mr. DENISON, from same Committee, on petition of S. L. Goodale and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company.

Also on petition of Edward Hargrave and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Hargraves Woollen Company.

Mr. GUSHEE, from same Committee, on bill an act to incorporate the Warren Manufacturing Company, reported that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Resolve in favor of Josiah H. Drummond.

Presented by leave by Mr. LARRABEE of Portland. Rules suspended, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act for the protection and preservation of bass and alewives in the waters of Winnegance Creek above the mill dam.

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. PARKES of Phippsburg. Read three times, Senate amendment adopted, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Bath Iron Mining and Manufacturing Company.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of Somerset Royal Arch Chapter.

Read three times, reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve to facilitate the sale of timber and lumber granted in aid of Westbrook Seminary, Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, and for educational purposes.

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, and recommitted to Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes, was taken from the table and considered. Amendment M was withdrawn by leave. Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, moved to further amend as per sheets N, O and P, and Mr. WESTON of Gorham as per sheet Q, and these amendments were pending when the House

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to amendment of eleventh joint rule.

Order relating to payment of State taxes by plantations.

These orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Petition of Lewis Cormier and others, for change of law respecting the recording of marriages, births and deaths.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on petition of Jonas Green and others, reporting leave to withdraw.

Also same report on petition of Joseph Barrett and others.

Also same report on petition of Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Rockland.

Report of same Committee on order relating to amendment of law providing for the recording of marriages, births and deaths, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Also same report on order relative to increasing the fees of Registers of Deeds.

Also same report on order relative to further legislation establishing lines between towns and unincorporated plantations.

Also same report on order relating to change of law providing for support of police court in Bangor.

Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of David N. Ross and others, reporting reference of the same to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Also report of same Committee on petition of Anna D. Alexander, reporting leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of James

Dunning and others, reporting bill an act to supply the inhabitants of the city of Bangor with pure water.

This report came from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters, and was recommitted in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting an abstract of the semi-annual returns of the several banks for January, 1865.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Also a communication laying before the Legislature the annual county estimates and schedules.

Referred to Committee on County Estimates.

Petition of David Howe and others, for protection of the fishing interests on the coast of Maine.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance inquire into the expediency of taxing foreign insurance companies in aid of the common school fund.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Biddeford,

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to inform this House as soon as may be what action, if any, has been taken to accomplish a reduction of the quota of Maine under the last call of the President for recruits

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Lewis Wyman and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. NICKERSON, from same Committee, on order relating to remitting settling duties, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, on order relating to abolishing office of Fish Wardens, reporting legislation inexpedient.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on the Library, on resolve donating certain books and documents to Bates College, reported that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MONTGOMERY, from the Committee on Change of Names, on petition of William Frost and other persons, reported bill an act to change the names of certain persons.

Also on petition of James W. Leavitt reported bill an act to change the name of James W. Leavitt and to confer upon him the rights of inheritance.

Mr. EATON, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of Aaron Hobart and others, reported bill an act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Denny's river.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice and Monday next assigned for their third reading.

Bill an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company.

Read three times, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act to incorporate the Guilford Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate Star in the West Lodge, No. 85.

Bill an act to incorporate the Warren Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Hargraves Woollen Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill Dam Company.

The foregoing bills, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were read three times and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Steamship Company.

Read three times, reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of the year 1864, entitled an act requiring the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerks of Courts a list of certain officers.

Rules suspended, bill read three times and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864, in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

Bill an act giving further remedies against executors and administrators.

Resolve in relation to unassigned naval and marine credits.

The foregoing bills were read twice, resolve read once, and Monday assigned for the third reading of the bills and second reading of the resolve.

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Tenement House Company.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Company.

The foregoing bills having passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act relating to the duties of Assistant Clerk of the Courts in the county of Penobscot.

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor, and postponed indefinitely.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men and for other purposes, was taken from the table and considered.

Amendments N, O, P and Q, were by leave withdrawn. The bill was further amended as per sheets R and S, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act to secure the proper expenditure of school moneys in the Madawaska townships, was on motion of

Mr. WESTON of Gorham, taken from the table and assigned for Tuesday next at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of John T. Pike, reporting leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Manufactures on petition of S. M. Smith and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Baring Woollen Manufactory.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on petition of Joseph B. Robbins and another, reporting bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of Eastern Frontier Lodge.

Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Jane H. Child, reporting resolve in favor of Jane H. Child.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week for second reading of the resolve.

Report of Committee on Printing and Binding on order relating to State printing for the ensuing year, reporting a contract with Messrs. Stevens and Sayward for the printing of the State for the ensuing year.

Report of same Committee on same order, reporting a contract with Messrs. Hartford and Smith for the State binding for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Portland, the foregoing reports were laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Governor laying before the Legislature an official copy of a resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States.

Ordered, That the message of the Governor transmitting a copy of the resolves of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, approved on the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, two-thirds of both Houses having concurred therein, proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States aforesaid, which resolves are to become a part of the same when ratified by three-fourths of the Legislatures of the several States, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of five on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, with authority and direction to report a bill ratifying the resolves on the part of the Legislature of the State of Maine.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and Messrs. Tenney of Somerset, McGilvery of Waldo, Barker of Penobscot, Virgin of Oxford, and Banks of York, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Williams of Augusta, Tapley of Saco, Crosby of Dexter, Miller of Portland, Smith of Northfield, Shaw of Biddeford, and Parkes of Phippsburg, were joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the annual returns of cashiers of banks.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Also a communication transmitting the annual returns of clerks of corporations and returns of insurance companies.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Adjutant General in answer to the House orders of the 18th and 28th ultimo.

Read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act relating to the Kennebec and Portland Railroad.

Referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Thomas Goss for deed of a lot of land.

Referred to next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GARNSEY, from the Committee on Elections, on remonstrance of Charles Drummond, reported resolves declaring Henry Hedge not entitled to a seat in this House, and that a vacancy exists in the Representative District composed of the towns of Benton, Clinton and Winslow.

Mr. HEATH, from same Committee, by leave submitted the views of a minority of said Committee, which on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, was laid on the table.

The report was accepted and the resolves passed.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary relative to the weight or measurement of potatoes, so that the purchaser shall not get five pecks for a bushel.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, sitting as a Court of Law, may grant a new trial upon some specific point, when in their judgment it would better subserve justice than to open a new hearing upon all the points in the case.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to the liability of towns, &c., or damages incurred by reason of defective highways.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having the public documents of the State indexed.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 45 of the revised statutes of 1857, by inserting after the word "payment" in the fifth line in said section, the words, "provided such payment shall have

been made by the party paying such interest under a written protest."

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary respecting the unauthorized use of partnership names by either partner after the expiration of said partnership.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Biddeford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 9 of the laws of 1861, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting in place thereof the words "one hundred."

On motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any further legislation be necessary to the collection of taxes.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to secure to soldiers who joined the invalid corps of this State, and were allowed on the quota of this State, the same State bounties as other soldiers receive.

On motion of Mr. SWEETSER of North Yarmouth,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a fixed and uniform day throughout the State for election of town and plantation officers; and also fixing the hours for opening and closing the polls; and requiring the use of check lists in the election of all officers; and providing that all the officers excepting the Moderator be elected on one ballot.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of providing a penalty for the non-performance of the requirements of chapter 279 of the public acts of 1864 by town officers.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire what, if any, legislation is necessary relative to the weight of coal and the measurement of wood.

Mr. CROSBY of Dexter presented the following order, which under rule lies over one day:

Ordered, That the following question be submitted for the opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court—

Question. Does the fourth section of article four, part first of the Constitution of Maine, require as one of the qualifications of a Representative, that he shall have been a resident in this State one year next preceding the commencement of the period for which he is elected?

And ordered, That a copy hereof signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk of this House, be communicated forthwith by mail to each of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and an answer to the foregoing question be requested at the earliest moment.

The foregoing orders were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. TAPLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Richard S. Waterhouse and others, reported bill an act to authorize the Second Parish in Scarborough to convey their property to the Methodist Society of Scarborough.

Mr. CHASE, from the Piscataquis Delegation, on order relative to increasing fees of Judge and Register of Probate, reported bill an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Piscataquis.

Mr. BARTLETT, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Theodore Cary and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Aroostook County Agricultural Society.

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on the Library, on resolve in relation to the binding of the Acts and Resolves of this State, reported that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of the resolve.

Resolve in relation to unassigned naval and marine credits.

Read twice and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill an act to change the names of certain persons.

Bill an act giving further remedies against executors and administrators.

Bill an act to change the name of James W. Leavitt and to confer upon him the rights of inheritance.

Bill an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company.

Bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864, in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Steamship Company.

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act regulating the storage, safe-keeping and transportation of gunpowder in the city of Bangor.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Traders' Bank in Bangor.

Bill an act to amend chapter 251, section 1 of the public laws of 1864, relating to poll taxes.

Bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of the Somerset Royal Arch Chapter.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bangor.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Carriveau.

Resolve in favor of James Walker.

Resolve in favor of Hazen Keech.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. EATON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to billiard saloons and bowling alleys.

Order relating to expediency of repealing chapter 280 of public laws of 1864, relating to evidence.

These orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Directors of Winslow Bridge, reporting that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Also report of same Committee on order relative to prohibiting the exaction of tolls on bridges whose charter has expired, reporting legislation thereon inexpedient.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Library on petition of Charles H. Muliken and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Williams Fraternity.

Report of Committee on Manufactures on bill an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company, reporting that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 2, chapter 130 of the public laws, entitled an act to regulate the agencies for and to prevent imposition in the sale of intoxicating liquors, approved March 19, 1862.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Prison consider the expediency of some additional legislation for the punishment of persons

aiding prisoners to escape from the State Prison, also the propriety of having salaries of the officers of the prison fixed by the Inspectors, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD of Houlton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of relieving towns from the expense of advancing and disbursing State aid to the families of soldiers and others entitled to the same, and placing the aid thus advanced at the expense of the State.

The foregoing orders were sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, in answer to the House order of the 4th inst.

Order requesting the opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court was taken up, and on motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. LARRABEE of Portland, gave the notice required by the rules, that he would on Friday next present a bill to modify the law providing for the registration of births, marriages and deaths.

Bill an act to amend chapter 44 of the revised statutes, relative to hawkers and pedlers.

Bill an act providing for the taxation of the property and stock of national banks and banking associations in the State of Maine.

Bill an act additional to chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctions and autioneers.

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

Bill an act to establish the salaries of the Judge of Probate and Register of Probate for the county of Piscataquis.

This bill having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and the question being on indefinitely postponing the bill, Mr. WALKER of Hampden, moved, and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the motion was lost by yeas 54, nays 56, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Baker, Barker, Beale, Bean, Bowman, Brigham, Bryant, Burbank, Carleton, Carver, M. V. B. Chase,

Cleaves, Curtis, H. M. Eaton, M. M. Eaton, Ellis, Ferguson, Fisher, Follansbee, C. Foster, A. C. French, J. French, Gower, Granger, Gushee, Haley, Ham, Hammond, Hathaway, Heath, Higgins, Hobart, Hutchinson, Johnson, Kilbreth, McIntire, McLaine, Merry, Miller, M. Monroe, N. P. Monroe, Nickerson, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Philbrick, Phillips, Rogers, Smith, Stover, Sweetser, Walker, Whitney.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Bangs, Bickford, Bradford, Bragdon, J. Chase, Church, Churchill, N. O. Cram, Crosby, Dingley, Doyle, Fairbanks, Fogg, J. B. Foster, Frost, Garnsey, Hall, Hamilton, Hersey, W. Hill, Howe, Hunt, Jones, Kilby, Lang, Larrabee, Lawler, T. Little, S. Lord, W. F. Lord, Lyford, Mayo, W. Moore, Nelson, Oak, Payson, Perkins, Pool, Prescott, Pullen, Reed, Robinson, Sanborn, Sayward, Shaw, Simpson, Sirois, Stetson, Stevens, Tapley, Valley, Wasgatt, N. Webb, Williams, W. Wilson, Young.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act to incorporate the Aroostook County Agricultural Society.

Bill an act to authorize the Second Parish in Scarborough to convey their property to the Methodist Society of Scarborough.

Resolve in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of this State.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolve twice read, each reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Baring Woollen Manufactory.

Bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of Eastern Frontier Lodge.

These bills having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Denney's river.

Read three times, and on motion of Mr. OAK of Garland, laid on the table.

Bill an act to amend an act to secure the proper expenditure of school moneys in the Madawaska townships being the special assignment of the hour, was taken up and considered.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, moved to amend as per sheet A. Pending the adoption of the same, the bill, on motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham, was laid on the table.

Paper from the Senate :

Report of the Joint Select Committee of the two branches of the Legislature, consisting of Messrs. Tenney of Somerset, McGilvery of Waldo, Barker of Penobscot, Virgin of Oxford, and Banks of York, of the Senate, Messrs. Williams of Augusta, Tapley of Saco, Crosby of Dexter, Miller of Portland, Smith of Northfield, Shaw of Biddeford, and Parkes of Phipsburg, of the House, on the message of the Governor transmitting an official copy of the resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, approved on the first day of February, A. D. 1865, two thirds of both Houses concurring, submitting to the Legislatures of the several States, a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, with an order giving the Committee authority and direction to report a bill, ratifying on the part of the State of Maine, the resolution referred to, reporting bill an act to ratify an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, by a resolution of Congress, approved on the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

This report came from the Senate accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, the rules suspended, and the bill read three times.

The question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed in concurrence, Mr. HERSEY of Bangor moved, and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the bill was passed by yeas 103, nays 15, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Barker, Bartlett, Beale, Bean, Bickford, Bliss, Bowman, Bradford, Bragdon, Brigham, Bryant, Carleton, Carver, M. V. B. Chase, Chesley, Church, Churchill, Cleves, N. O. Cram, Crosby, Curtis, Dillingham, Dingley, H. M. Eaton, M. M. Eaton, Ellis, Fairbanks, Fisher, Fogg, Follansbee, C. Fos-

ter, J. B. Foster, A. C. French, J. French, Frost, Garnsey, Gould, Gower, Granger, Gushee, Haley, Hall, Ham, Hammond, Hathaway, Heath, Hersey, J. U. Hill, N. T. Hill, Hopkins, Hunt, Hutchinson, Johnson, Jones, Kilbreth, Kilby, Lang, Larrabee, T. Little, W. F. Lord, Lyford, Mayo, McIntire, McLain, Merry, Miller, M. Monroe, N. P. Monroe, Montgomery, J. S. Moore, W. Moore, Nickerson, Oak, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Perkins, Philbrick, Phillips, Pool, Prescott, Pullen, Reed, Roberts, Robinson, Rogers, Sanborn, Sayward, Simpson, Smith, Stevens, Stover, Sweetser, Tapley, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, N. Webb, Weston, Williams, W. Wilson, Young.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Burbank, J. Chase, Hamilton, Higgins, W. Hill, Hobart, Howe, Lawler, S. Lord, Payson, Shaw, Sirois, Whitney.

Bill an act to ratify an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, by a resolution of Congress, approved on the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

This bill having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, 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.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relative to amendment of chapter 239 public laws of 1864, restraining illegal appropriation of public money.

This order came from the Senate passed, and was passed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864, in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House non-concurred in the adoption of the amendment and insisted on its vote passing bill to be engrossed.

Bill an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company.

The House receded from its vote passing bill to be engrossed and recommitted to Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of William Flowers and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Maine Express Company.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Petition of Webster Treat and 39 others, for protection of porgy fisheries of Penobscot.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Bill an act amendatory of and additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Otisfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the

expediency of amending chapter 101, section 3d, and chapter 135, section 10 of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. ATWOOD of Monroe,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of enacting a law whereby corn shall be bought and sold by standard weight.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the travel and attendance of Henry Hedge and Charles Drummond of Winslow, up to and including Monday, February 6th.

The following gentleman asked and obtained the permission of the House to have their names recorded in the affirmative on the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill an act to ratify an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, by a resolution of Congress, approved February 1, 1865 :

Messrs. Cram of Brunswick, Day of Damariscotta, Haines of Livermore, Webb of Winthrop, Norton of Palermo, Stetson of Newcastle, and Parkes of Phipsburg.

Mr. KILBRETH, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of J. W. North and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Horticultural Society.

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

Mr. LANG, from the Committee on Agriculture, on order relative to the expediency of taxing dogs, reported bill an act to tax dogs.

The report was accepted.

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Dennys river.

Taken from the table, and on motion of Mr. OAK of Garland, recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. EATON, from the Committee on Education, on that part of the Governor's Message relating to the State Normal School, reported in detail.

Report accepted, and on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, ordered to be printed.

Bill an act to incorporate the Williams Fraternity.

Bill an act to incorporate the Shaw & Clark Sewing Machine Company.

These bills having been read three times and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional to chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctions and auctioneers.

Bill an act to amend chapter forty-four of the revised statutes, relating to hawkers and pedlers.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act to secure the proper expenditure of school moneys in the Madawaska townships, was taken from the table, read three times and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys to the Madawaska Agent for Common Schools.

Taken from the table, read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Warren Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of Eastern Frontier Lodge.

Bill an act to incorporate the Baring Woollen Manufactory.

Bill an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill Dam Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Star in the West Lodge.

Bill an act to incorporate the Bath Iron Mining and Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Guilford Manufacturing Company.

Resolve in favor of Josiah H. Drummond.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolve twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were

passed to be enacted, the resolve passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BROWN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relating to the adoption of children, reporting bill an act to amend section 27 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, in relation to the adoption of children.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill an act to enable banks of this State to become banking associations under the laws of the United States, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Andrew J. Stinson and others, reporting bill an act to authorize the construction of a wharf in the town of Kittery.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes.

This bill came back from the Senate with House amendments adopted, further amended as per sheets T and V, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House receded from its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, non-concurred in amendment T, and concurred in adopting amendment V.

Bill an act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes, in relation to mills.

Referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of town of Etna against petition of David Spratt.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the first section of chapter 75 of the revised statutes, relative to title by descent.

On motion of Mr. SIMPSON of Dixmont,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 59, section 28 of the revised statutes, relative to adopted children.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 82, section 19 of revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. CLEVES of Steuben,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 5 of the act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops.

The foregoing petitions and orders were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to consider the expediency of authorizing the Treasurer of State to procure a temporary loan of five hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. CARVER of Vinalhaven,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be hereby directed to furnish to members of this House and those officially connected therewith, the same amount of stationery as has usually been distributed in former sessions.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Joseph Attean and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relating to new trials in certain cases, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. TAPLEY, from the same Committee, made same report on order concerning executors and administrators.

Mr. N. WEBB, from same Committee, made same report on order relating to billiard saloons and bowling alleys.

Also on bill an act to amend chapter 82, section 12 revised statutes, reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. CRAM, from same Committee, on petition of Robert Goodenow and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Selectmen of East Machias, reported bill an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington county to lay out and establish in East Machias a county road over tide waters.

Report accepted, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on report of the agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, reported resolve in favor of the agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of David N. Ross, reported resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Francis Bolier.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the resolves read once and Wednesday next assigned for their second reading.

Bill an act providing for the taxation of shares in National Banking Associations.

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Express Company.

The foregoing bills having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were read three times and laid on the table.

Bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Horticultural Society.

Resolve donating certain books and documents to the library of Bates College.

Resolve in favor of Elizabeth A. Jenkins and others.

The foregoing bill having been read three times, the resolves read twice, each reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Jane H. Child.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on order relating to a temporary loan, reported resolves authorizing a temporary loan.

Report accepted, resolves read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The following gentlemen asked and obtained leave of the House to have their names entered in the affirmative on the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill an act to ratify an amendment of the Constitution of the United States:

Messrs. Porter of Burlington, Holyoke of Brewer, Harriman of Orland, Hobbs of Norway, Estabrook of Oldtown, Richards of Belmont, Little of Auburn, Davis of Lubec, Perley of Bridgton, Denison of Poland, and Weld of Buxton.

Mr. TAPLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on that portion of the Governor's Message relating to enlistments and the system of paying bounties to soldiers, reported bill an act relating to bounties.

Mr. BICKFORD, from the Committee on Education, on petition of Henry Stevens and others, reported resolve in aid of idiotic persons.

The reports were accepted.

Mr. TAPLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary on that part of the Governor's Message relating to fugitives from draft, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. GRANGER, from the same Committee, by leave, presented the views of a minority of said Committee.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston, the same were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March 19, 1860.

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Bill an act to protect parties against perjured testimony.

Bill an act explanatory of chapter 94 of the public laws of 1859, relating to petitions for review.

Bill an act to recover damages sustained by perjury.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Bill an act to authorize certain banks to increase their capital.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education on petition of James Merrill and others, reporting that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Claims on petition of Fen. G. Barker, came from the Senate recommitted.

The House recessed and concurred.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Edmund L. Young and others, reporting bill an act to authorize the building of a dyke or dam across Marsh Bay in Gouldsborough, in the county of Hancock.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Petition of J. R. Taber and 26 others, for annexation of Unity plantation to the town of Unity.

Referred to Committee on Division of Towns.

Bill an act relating to County Treasurers.

Petition of Selectmen of Avon that the doings of said town may be made valid.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of George S. Sweetser and 21 others, for protection of porgy fisheries.

Petition of Sullivan Green and 50 others, for same.

Referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act requiring conditional sales to be recorded.

Presented, by leave, by Mr. CROSBY of Dexter.

Resolve in favor of colored soldiers.

Presented, by leave, by Mr. ABBOTT of China.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Alva plantation with certain documents.

Presented, by leave, by Mr. ABBOTT of China.

The foregoing under rule lie over.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Nahum W. Bennett and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. SIMPSON, from same Committee, made same report on petition of A. C. Cotton.

Mr. ABBOTT, from same Committee, on order relating to the claim of William Sall reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on order relating to rate of interest, reported legislation inexpedient.

Also same report on order relative to taxing foreign insurance companies.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on petition of Xavier Violet and others, reported bill an act to render valid the doings of Van Buren plantation.

Mr. DINGLEY, from same Committee, on bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill an act authorizing the town of Presque Isle to exempt certain property from taxation, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Joseph Attean and others, reported resolve establishing a new school district for the Penobscot tribe of Indian.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice, the

resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of resolve.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relative to amending chapter 101 and chapter 135 of the revised statutes, reported bill an act to amend chapter, entitled writ for replevying a person, and chapter 135, entitled sentence and its execution in criminal cases, of the revised statutes.

Also on order relative to amending section 1 of chapter 9, laws 1861, reported bill an act to amend chapter 9 of the public laws of 1861, concerning exemptions from attachment.

Also on order relative to amending chapter 279 of public laws of 1864, reported bill an act to repeal chapter 279 of the public laws of 1864, relating to town auditors of accounts.

Mr. N. WEBB, from same Committee, on order relative to sales of liquor by State Commissioner, reported bill an act in addition to an act approved March 19, 1862, entitled an act to regulate agencies for and to prevent imposition in the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Reports accepted.

Bill an act to authorize the construction of a wharf in the town of Kittery.

Bill an act to amend section 27 of chapter 59 of revised statutes in relation to the adoption of children.

The foregoing bills, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington county to lay out and establish in East Machias a county road over tide waters.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read three times and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Williams Fraternity.

Bill an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of the year 1864, entitled an act requiring the Secretary of State to furnish Clerks of Courts in the several counties a list of all persons commissioned and qualified as Justices of the Peace and Quorum, Trial Justices, and Notaries Public.

Bill an act to authorize the Second Parish in Scarborough to convey their property to the Methodist Society of Scarborough.

Bill an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company.

Bill an act for the protection and preservation of bass and alewives in the waters of Winnegance Creek.

Bill an act to incorporate the Shaw & Clark Sewing Machine Company.

Bill an act to change the names of certain persons.

Bill an act giving further remedies against executors and administrators.

Bill an act to incorporate the Aroostook Agricultural Society.

Bill an act to change the name of James W. Leavitt and confer upon him the rights of inheritance.

Bill an act to establish the salaries of the Judge of Probate and Register of Probate for the county of Piscataquis.

Bill an act to incorporate the Hargraves Woollen Company.

Resolves authorizing a temporary loan.

Resolve in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of this State.

Resolve in favor of Jane H. Child.

The foregoing bills having been read three times, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. McLAIN of New Sharon,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Normal School act as to place the general supervision of the school in the hands of a commission, of which the Superintendent of Common Schools shall be chairman, instead of in the hands of the Superintendent alone as now provided.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Biddeford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law rules regulating the measurement of round timber.

On motion of Mr. HOLYOKE of Brewer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 210 of the public laws of 1863, relative to location of Normal Schools, by striking out the last clause of said section, as follows, viz: and provided that such location shall not be within the limits of any incorporated city.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring Coroners and Notaries Public to pay the same duty on their commissions that is now required of Justices of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any further legislation be necessary in relation to writs of prohibition and proceedings by injunction.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any further legislation be necessary relative to actions against towns to recover back taxes paid and alleged to be irregularly assessed.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any further legislation be necessary in order to secure a more perfect trial by jury in civil actions.

On motion of Mr. ELLIS of Canton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 3 chapter 23 of the revised statutes so as to make the penalty or penalties therein named more effectual.

Bill an act to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of 1864, relating to registration of births, marriages and deaths.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of Joint Select Committee on Printing and Binding, reporting contract with Messrs. Stevens & Sayward.

Report of same Committee, reporting contract with Messrs. Hartford & Smith.

These reports were taken from the table and accepted and the contracts approved in concurrence.

Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, and Mr. MILLIKEN of Baldwin, asked and obtained leave of the House to have their names entered in the negative on the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed bill an act ratifying the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes.

Taken from the table, amended further as per sheets W and X, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

The House was called to order by the Clerk, who announced the absence of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Lewiston,

Ordered, That during the absence of the Speaker, JOSIAH CROSBY, Esq., of Dexter, be Speaker *pro tempore*.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PARK of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relative to change of law concerning Overseers of the Poor.

Order relative to authorizing Trustees of Literary Institutions to mortgage real estate.

These orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

Petition of Joel Colby and 43 others, for appropriation on the Canada road.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill an act to indemnify persons against damage by taking their property wrongfully.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act entitled an act giving further security against fraud in the sale of personal property, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

This report came from the Senate accepted, and on motion of Mr. HOLDEN of Casco, was laid on the table.

Report of same Committee on petition of Dexter Merrill and 21 others, reporting reference of same to Committee on Military Affairs.

Report of same Committee on order relative to amending chapter 45 of the revised statutes, reporting legislation thereon inexpedient.

Also same report on order relative to the unauthorized use of partnership names by either partner.

Report of Delegation from Sagadahoc county on petition of Amos Nourse, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Military Affairs on resolve relating to examination of candidates for West Point Military Academy, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of same Committee on petition of S. E. Judkins and others, and John Dennis and others, reporting reference of same to Committee on Education.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Lincoln County Delegation on bill an act to increase the fees of the Register of Deeds for Lincoln county, reporting that it ought to pass.

Also same report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and Monday assigned for their third reading.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Joseph Attean and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. WESTON, from Committee on Education, on resolve to facilitate the sale of timber and lumber granted in aid of certain institutions, recommitted to said Committee, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Reports accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on cre-

credentials of Newell Neptune, reported resolve in favor of Newell Neptune.

Also on credentials of Joseph Nicolar, reported resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar.

Reports accepted, resolves read once and Wednesday next assigned for their second reading.

Bill an act relating to bounties.

Bill an act to amend chapters 101 and 135 of the revised statutes.

Bill an act to amend chapter 9 of the public laws 1861, concerning exemptions from attachment.

Bill an act in addition to an act approved March 19, 1862, entitled an act to regulate agencies for and to prevent imposition in the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Bill an act requiring conditional sales to be recorded.

Bill an act to establish the Dexter High School.

Bill an act to tax dogs.

Resolve in aid of idiotic persons.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Alva plantation with certain documents.

The foregoing bills were each read twice, the resolves read once, and Monday assigned for the third reading of the bills and second reading of the resolves.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of various persons, reported resolve making appropriation in aid of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.

The report was accepted.

Bill an act to authorize the building of a dyke or dam across Marsh Bay in Gouldsbough.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read three times, Senate amendments adopted, and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill an act authorizing the town of Presque Isle to exempt certain property from taxation.

Bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of Van Buren plantation.

Resolve establishing a new school district for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

The foregoing bills were read three times, the resolve read twice, each reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to enable the banks of this State to become banking associations under the laws of the United States.

Read three times, having been reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading.

Mr. LARRABEE of Portland moved to amend as per sheets A and B. Amendment A was adopted. Pending the consideration of amendment B, the bill, on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, was laid on the table.

Mr. PORTER of Burlington was charged with and conveyed a message to the Governor, informing him that the House in the absence of the Speaker, had chosen JOSIAH CROSBY, Esq., as Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. LARRABEE of Portland was charged with and conveyed a similar message to the Senate.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Rowe of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of John Matthews and others, reporting reference to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Report accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Claims on petition of A. C. Cotton, came back from the Senate recommitted to Committee on Claims.

The House recessed and concurred in recommitment.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Alexander Black and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Stockton Steamboat Wharf Company.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of William McGilvery and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Neptune Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of the Union Mills Bridge Company, reporting bill an act to amend chapter 170 of the private laws of 1862, to incorporate the Proprietors of Union Mills.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

On motion of Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, That the Clerk of this House and the Secretary of the Senate cause to be prepared a suitable copy of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States abolishing slavery, and secure to such copy the signatures of the members of both branches of the Legislature who voted for the same ; and that they then have such copy and signa-

tures suitably framed, for the purpose of preserving the same in some suitable place in this House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act concerning the militia.

Read three times, rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid on the table.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Kennebec County Delegation, on petition of Judge and Register of Probate, reported bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec.

The report was accepted.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill an act to supply the inhabitants of Bangor with pure water, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature.

Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the fees of the Register of Deeds for the county of Lincoln.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, Senate amendments A and B rejected, amended as per sheet C, and postponed indefinitely.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter 9 of the public laws of 1861, concerning the exemption of sewing machines from attachment and execution.

Bill an act in addition to an act approved March 19, 1862, entitled an act to regulate agencies for and to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Bill an act to amend chapter 101 and chapter 135 of the revised statutes.

Bill an act to establish the Dexter High School.

Bill an act requiring conditional sales to be recorded.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Alva plantation, in the county of Aroostook, with certain documents.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolve

twice read, each reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act relating to bounties.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read three times, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to tax dogs.

Read three times, and on motion of Mr. HATHAWAY of Wilton, recommitted to Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Express Company was taken from the table and considered.

Mr. MILLER of Portland, moved to amend as per sheet A. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. HERSEY of Bangor, moved to amend further as per sheet B. Pending the consideration of the same, the bill, on motion of Mr. LARRABEE, was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HUTCHINSON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill an act relating to the Kennebec and Portland Railroad, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

This report came from the Senate accepted, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS of Hallowell, was laid on the table.

Report of same Committee on order relating to foreclosure of mortgages given by railroad companies, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill an act to authorize the building and maintaining a sluice for the passage of lumber in Perry, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Martha J. Field and others, reporting resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows of deceased soldiers.

Report accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Ezekiel Holmes and another, for compensation for services while in the employ of the State.

Rule suspended and referred to Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Memorial of Selectmen of Frankfort respecting valuation of said town.

Bill an act authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Resolve in relation to taxing public stocks.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HALEY of Frankfort presented the following order, which, on motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, was laid on the table:

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause to be printed for the use of the Legislature, twelve hundred copies of the act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to soldiers.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Sullivan,

Ordered, That Rowland Carleton of Sedgwick be excused from attendance on this House after the 16th instant, and that the Committee on Pay Roll make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance inquire and report in what mode it is expedient to raise means to pay the bounties required by law to be paid from the State Treasury.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Education, on orders relating to the raising of money for the support of schools, reported bill an act amendatory of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to education.

The report was accepted.

Resolve in favor of colored soldiers.

Bill an act to repeal chapter 279 of the public laws of 1864, relating to town auditors of accounts.

The foregoing resolve was once read, bill twice read, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill an act to incorporate the Stockton Steamboat Wharf Company.

Bill an act to amend chapter 170 of the special laws of 1862 to incorporate the proprietors of Union Mills.

The foregoing bills were read three times, having been reported

by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend section 27 of chapter 59 of revised statutes in relation to the adoption of children.

Bill an act to authorize the construction of a wharf in the town of Kittery.

Bill an act to amend chapter 44 of the revised statutes, relative to hawkers and pedlers.

Bill an act additional to chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctions and auctioneers.

Resolve directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys due to the Madawaska townships for school purposes.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolve twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolve passed finally, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act requiring conditional sales to be recorded.

Read three times, amended as per sheets A and B and postponed indefinitely.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to enable the banks of this State to become banking associations under the laws of the United States, was taken from the table and considered. Amendment B was adopted. The bill was then amended further as per sheets C and D, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HEATH of Detroit, presented the following resolves relating to the decease of Dr. Ezekiel Holmes :

Resolved, That in the recent decease of the Hon. Ezekiel Holmes the State of Maine has lost one of her most useful citizens.

Resolved, That in testimony of our respect for the memory of the deceased, these resolves be entered on the Journal and the Clerk of the House be requested to forward a copy of the same to the family of the deceased.

The resolves were passed unanimously.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. EATON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order directing preparation of a copy of the vote on the constitutional amendment, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet A.

House receded, adopted the amendment, and passed the order as amended.

Report of Committee on Military Affairs on order relative to paying bounty to soldiers of invalid corps, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relative to amending chapter 239 public laws 1864, reporting bill an act to amend chapter 239 public laws of 1864.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Herod Robbins and others, reporting bill an act to set off part of the town of Starks and annex the same to the town of Mercer.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

On motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted on Friday evening of this week for a lecture on Life Assurance by John Neal, Esq.

Mr. CRAM from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relative to the measurement of round timber, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. LANG, from the Committee on Agriculture, made same report on order relating to the sale of corn.

Also same report on order relating to weight of potatoes.

Mr. FOGG, from same Committee, made same report on order relating to pound keepers.

Reports accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. KILBRETH, from the same Committee, on order relating to Board of Agriculture, reported bill an act to repeal chapter 239 of public laws of 1856.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, the report was laid on the table.

Also on report of Commissioners on Agricultural College, reported reference to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. LANG of Vassalborough, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relating to Coroners and Notaries Public, reported bill an act requiring Coroners and Notaries Public to pay a duty to the State.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, on bill an act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Dennys river, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. LANG, from the Committee on Agriculture, on bill an act to tax dogs, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr. BARTLETT, from same Committee, on order relating to Agricultural College, reported resolve relating to the Agricultural College.

Mr. KILBRETH, from same Committee, on petition of Philo D. Andrews, reported resolve in favor of Philo D. Andrews.

Mr. ESTABROOK, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, reported that the same ought to pass.

Also same report on resolve in favor of the agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the same Committee, on report of Indian Agent, reported resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Also on petition of Joseph Attean and others, reported resolve in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading. The resolves were

read once, rules suspended, and Friday next assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on bill an act authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes, reported that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Also on order relative to raising means to pay bounties, reported in part recommending a further assessment of a state tax to the amount of five mills on the dollar of the present valuation.

The report was accepted.

Resolve in favor of idiotic persons.

Read twice and recommitted to Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to repeal chapter 279 of public acts of 1864.

Read three times, and on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, laid on the table.

Bill an act to authorize the building and maintaining a sluice for the passage of lumber in Perry.

Read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of colored soldiers.

Read twice, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Horticultural Society.

Bill an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company.

Bill an act authorizing the building of a dyke across Marsh Bay in Gouldsbrough.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March 19, 1860.

Resolve in favor of Elizabeth A. Jenkins, Lyman C. Hurd and Joseph H. Myrick.

Resolve donating certain books and documents to the Library of Bates College.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves

twice read, each passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Express Company, was taken from the table, amended further as per sheets B and C, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company, by leave submitted the views of a minority of said Committee, and on his motion the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HUTCHINSON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Bill an act relating to bounties came back from the Senate recommended to Committee on Judiciary.

The House receded from its vote passing the bill to be engrossed and concurred in recommitment.

Bill an act to amend chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864, in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices, came back from the Senate recommitted to Committee on Judiciary.

The House non-concurred and indefinitely postponed the bill.

Remonstrance of certain citizens of Somerset county against removal of shire town of same.

Referred to Somerset Delegation in concurrence.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order relating to repairs of State Roads in the county of Aroostook, reporting resolve authorizing repairs on roads and rebuilding bridges in the county of Aroostook, also resolve authorizing repairs upon the Houlton and Baring and road across Indian township, in the county of Washington.

Report accepted in concurrence, resolves read once, rule suspended, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of Committee on Manufactures on bill an act to incorporate the City Manufacturing Company, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Division of Counties on petition of Nathaniel G. Gould and others, reporting leave to withdraw.

Also same report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Joseph Edgerly and others.

Report of same Committee on petition of L. D. Billings, reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Also same report on petition of David Spratt.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to County Treasurers, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of same Committee on order relating to reports of the Supreme Judicial Court, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Also same report on order relating to fencing of highways.

Also same report on order relating to the election of town officers.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BICKFORD of Warren,

Ordered, That the Superintendent of the Normal School, under the direction of the Secretary of State, be authorized to select and deposit with the Normal School duplicate geological specimens, now on deposit in this State House, so far as can be done without injury to the arrangement of the Cabinet.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAY of Damariscotta,

Ordered, That from this date, Dependent Merry of Edgecomb be excused from further attendance on this House, and the Committee on Pay Roll make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,
Ordered, That no member of this House be allowed to speak upon any one subject more than ten minutes, nor more than twice.

Mr. DAVIS, from Committee on Fisheries, on petition of G. D. McCrillis and others, reported bill an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine.

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill an act amendatory of and additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Otisfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill an act to extend further the operation of chapter 253 of the special laws of 1863, and chapter 358 of the special laws of 1864, relating to the claims of Miles Wilson, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Joseph Attean and others, reported resolve in favor of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

The foregoing reports were accepted, bills read twice, resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on petition of James Brown and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. WEBB, from same Committee, made same report on memorial of Joseph B. Hall.

Mr. KILBRETH, from Committee on Agriculture, on order relating to cattle and horses running at large, reported legislation inexpedient.

Also on order relative to amending section 3, chapter 23 of the revised statutes, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature.

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, made same report on bill an act to incorporate the Silver Spring Company.

Also on order relative to regulating the weight of coal, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. NORTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made same report on order relating to bounties.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LANG, from the Committee on Agriculture, on report of Commissioners on Agricultural College, by leave submitted the views of a minority of said Committee, and the same, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill an act to incorporate the Neptune Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Newell Neptune.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Francis Bolier.

Resolve in favor of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Bill an act authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes.

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Dennys river.

The foregoing resolves and bills having been reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, the bills were read three times, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to tax dogs.

Read three times, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act to repeal chapter 279 of laws of 1864, relating to town auditors of accounts.

Taken from the table, amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act providing for the taxation of the property and stock of national banks and banking associations in the State of Maine.

Taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act concerning the militia.

Taken from the table, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing bills were sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington county to lay out and establish in East Machias a county road over tide waters.

Bill an act to amend an act to secure the proper expediture of school moneys in the Madawaska townships.

Bill an act to amend chapter 173 of the special laws of 1862, to incorporate the proprietors of Union Mills Bridge.

Bill an act to render valid the doings of Van Buren plantation.

Bill an act to incorporate the Stockton Steamboat Wharf Company.

Bill an act authorizing the town of Presque Isle to exempt certain property from taxation.

Bill an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes.

Resolve establishing a new school district for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolve passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on that part of the Governor's Message relating to fugitives from draft, reporting legislation inexpedient, was taken from the table and considered.

On motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, the report was amended by substituting therefor the views of a minority of said Committee, and resolves for an amendment to the Constitution to provide for the disfranchisement of deserters and absentees from military draft were read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Resolve making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.

Read once, rules being suspended, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill an act amendatory of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to education.

Read three times, rules being suspended, amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on order relating to State aid for soldiers' families, reported bill an act to provide support for the families of soldiers.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on State Prison, on order relative to additional legislation respecting escapes from prison, reported bill an act additional to chapter 140 of revised statutes relating to the State Prison.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

Ordered, That after this day the House hold two sessions each day until further order, the afternoon sessions commencing at half-past two o'clock.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec.

Read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relative to liabilities of towns, reporting bill an act to regulate the liability of towns for damages caused by defective ways.

Report accepted, and bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston came from the Senate amended as per sheet A.

The House receded from its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted Senate amendment, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Fisheries on resolves of Legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Also same report of Committee on Education on order relating to Normal schools.

Also same report of Committee on Military Affairs on order relating to State aid.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on petition of Edward Wilder and others, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of same Committee on order relating to trials by jury, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Also same report on order relating to proceedings in civil actions.

Reports of Committees on Fisheries, Agriculture, Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting finally.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relating to compelling grantees to cause their deeds of real estate to be recorded, reporting bill an act additional to chapter 73 of the revised statutes concerning conveyances by deed.

Report of Committee on Manufactures on bill an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company, reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Reports accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. PATTEN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of John A. Poor, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mr. LITTLE, from same Committee, by leave submitted the views of a minority of the Committee, reporting bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act to promote safety of travel on railroads, approved March 14, 1860, and on his motion the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties, and also an act to amend chapter 251, section 1 of the public laws of 1864, relating to poll taxes, and send one copy of each to the clerk of each city, town and plantation in the State.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HALEY of Frankfort,

Ordered, That no member or officer of the House engage in conversation or unnecessarily move about the Hall during the transaction of the morning business.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That the hour for adjournment of the morning session of this House be fixed at half-past twelve o'clock P. M., and that the Speaker declare this House adjourned each day at that hour without motion.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Fen. G. Barker and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. SIMPSON, from same Committee, made same report on petition of A. C. Cotton.

Mr. LARRABEE, from the Cumberland County Delegation, made same report on petition of D. W. Fessenden and others.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Lincoln County Delegation, made same report on petition of Judge and Register of Probate for said county.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, made same report on petition of Osborn Charles.

Also on bill an act to amend chapter 57 revised statutes, in relation to mills and their repairs, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. MOORE, from the Androscoggin Delegation, on petition of E. T. Luce and others, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature.

Mr. HAMMOND, from Oxford Delegation, made same report on petition of Josiah S. Hobbs and others.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on order relative to relieving towns from furnishing aid to soldiers, reported legislation inexpedient.

Also same report on order relating to relieving towns in Aroostook county from same.

Also on petition of Dexter Merrill and others, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. N. WEBB, from the Committee on Judiciary, made same report on petition of Arno Wiswell and others.

Mr. TAPLEY, from same Committee, on bill an act to protect parties against perjured witnesses, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Also same report on bill an act to recover damages sustained by perjury.

Mr. CROSBY, from same Committee, on order relative to amending section 5 of act approved March 25, 1865, for suppression of drinking houses, reported legislation inexpedient.

Also same report on order relative to amending chapter 82, section 19 of revised statutes.

Mr. DINGLEY, from same Committee, made same report on order relative to engrossing with types.

Also on resolve in relation to taxing public stocks, reported reference of same to the next Legislature.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GARNSEY, from the Committee on Elections, on creden-

tials of members of this House, reported the following persons constitutionally elected as representatives and members of this House :

COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN.

Auburn,	Edward T. Little.
East Livermore,	Francis F. Haines.
Lewiston,	Nelson Dingley, Jr.
do.	Abial M. Jones.
Lisbon,	David S. Dunlap.
Minot,	William Moore.
Poland,	Adna C. Denison.
Livermore,	Daniel H. Kilbreth.

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK.

Alva,	Joel Valley.
Houlton,	John H. Bradford.
Linneus,	E. S. F. Nickerson.
Sherman,	Spaulding Robinson.
Dion plantation,	Oliver R. Sirois.
Eaton Grant,	James Doyle.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Bridgton,	John P. Perley.
Brunswick,	Marshall Cram.
Freeport,	Gershon Bliss.
Gorham,	Edward P. Weston.
North Yarmouth,	Samuel H. Sweetser.
Portland,	Nathan Webb.
do.	Samuel W. Larrabee.
do.	J. Frank Miller.
do.	N. O. Cram.
Pownal,	Franklin Curtis.
Sebago,	Almon Young.
Baldwin,	Josiah Milliken.
Cape Elizabeth,	William B. Higgins.
Casco,	Alpheus S. Holden.
Raymond,	
New Gloucester,	Otis C. Nelson.
Westbrook,	Edward Payson.
Windham,	Benjamin M. Baker.

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Farmington,	Joseph W. Fairbanks.
New Sharon,	Thomas H. McLain.
Weld,	William J. Phillips.
Wilton,	Otis Hathaway.
Salem,	Joseph Bangs.

COUNTY OF HANCOCK.

Amherst,	Lewis Bridgham.
Bluehill,	Martin L. Stover.
Brooklin,	Rowland Carleton.
Bucksport,	Nahum T. Hill.
Deer Isle,	Benjamin F. Ferguson.
Ellsworth,	John D. Hopkins.
Mt. Desert,	David P. Wasgatt.
Orland,	Isaac H. Harriman.
Sullivan,	John U. Hill.

COUNTY OF KENNEBEC.

Augusta,	Joseph H. Williams.
do.	John L. Stevens.
China,	Ambrose H. Abbott.
Gardiner,	John S. Moore.
Hallowell,	George W. Perkins.
Monmouth,	John B. Fogg.
Readfield,	H. M. Eaton.
Sidney,	Martin V. B. Chase.
Vassalborough,	Thomas S. Lang.
Waterville,	W. A. P. Dillingham.
West Gardiner,	Asa F. Hutchinson.
Wintthrop,	Francis E. Webb.
Winslow,	Henry Hedge.

COUNTY OF KNOX.

Appleton,	Joseph A. Gushee.
Camden,	George L. Follansbee.
Friendship,	Robert Geyer.
Rockland,	William Wilson.
do.	Calvin Hall.

COUNTY OF KNOX, (CONTINUED.)

Thomaston,	Edward Wilson.
Vinalhaven,	Reuben Carver.
Warren,	Calvin Bickford.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

Bremen,	Thomas Little.
Boothbay,	John Montgomery.
Damariscotta,	Joseph Day.
Edgecomb,	Dependent Merry.
Newcastle,	Joseph Stetson.
Whitefield,	William Pool.
Waldoborough,	Bela B. Haskell.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Bethel,	John Barker.
Buckfield,	Thomas W. Bowman.
Canton,	Hiram A. Ellis.
Denmark,	William Bean.
Fryeburg,	James M. Howe.
Norway,	William W. Hobbs.
Paris,	George W. Hammond.
Peru,	Henry S. McIntire.
Waterford,	Merrick Monroe.

COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT.

Bangor,	Samuel F. Hersey.
do.	Thomas H. Garnsey.
do.	John B. Foster.
Bradford,	Cyrus P. Church.
Brewer,	John Holyoke.
Burlington,	Joseph W. Porter.
Carmel,	Israel W. Johnson.
Dexter,	Josiah Crosby.
Garland,	Lyndon Oak.
Hampden,	Amasa K. Walker.
Holden,	William Rogers.
Hudson,	Isaac Beale.
Lincoln,	William H. Chesley.

COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, (CONTINUED.)

Dixmont,	Francis A. Simpson.
Oldtown,	David N. Estabrook.
Orono,	Gideon Mayo.
Plymouth,	Moses M. Eaton.
Springfield,	Francis A. Reed.

COUNTY OF PISCATAQUIS.

Atkinson,	Byley Lyford, Jr.
Dover,	Joseph Chase.
Monson,	J. H. Pullen.

COUNTY OF SAGadahoc.

Bath,	George F. Patten.
do.	Reuben S. Hunt.
Bowdoin,	Charles Foster.
Phippsburg,	Frederick J. Parks.
Topsham,	Rufus Patten.

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

Anson,	Tobias Churchill.
Cambridge,	Timothy Ham.
Canaan,	Abel Prescott.
Cornville,	Abel C. French.
Detroit,	Asa Heath.
Mercer,	George Gower.
Moscow,	John Carney.
Solon,	Oliver R. Bacheller.

COUNTY OF WALDO.

Belfast,	Nahum P. Monroe.
Belmont,	Gideon Richards.
Frankfort,	John Haley.
Lincolnville,	John French.
Monroe,	Freeman Atwood.
Montville,	Alonzo Bryant.
Palermo,	Samuel Norton.
Stockton,	Barnabas M. Roberts.
Thorndike,	Nathan Philbrick.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

Baileyville,	John D. Lawler.
Calais,	Joseph Granger.
Charlotte,	Daniel J. Fisher.
Cooper,	Thomas J. Burbank.
Eastport,	William H. Kilby.
Edmunds,	Isaac Hobart.
Jonesborough,	Joshua Whitney.
Lubec,	E. Adams Davis.
Northfield,	George W. Smith.
Steuben,	Samuel W. Cleves.

COUNTY OF YORK.

Alfred,	John H. Sayward.
Buxton,	Charles E. Weld.
Berwick,	William F. Lord.
Biddeford,	William Hill.
do.	Charles A. Shaw.
Cornish,	Ammi Boynton.
Eliot,	George C. Bartlett.
Lyman,	Jesse Gould.
Kittery,	Joshua H. Sanborn.
Limington,	Samuel M. Bradbury.
Saco,	Rufus P. Tapley.
Sanford,	Charles H. Frost.
Shapleigh,	Sewall Lord.
Waterborough,	Oliver G. Hamilton.
York,	Josiah D. Bragdon.

The report was accepted.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on order relating to payment of bounties, reported resolves for the payment of State bounties, and fixing the amount thereof, also resolve authorizing a temporary loan.

The report was accepted, rules suspended and the resolves each read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Henry E. Prentiss and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Birch Stream Dam Company.

Mr. F. E. WEBB, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of County Commissioners of Kennebec county, reported bill an act to change the time of holding the County Commissioners' Court for Kennebec county.

Mr. TAPLEY, from same Committee, on petition of John W. Dana and others, reported bill an act extending the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners of the county of Cumberland over tide waters near Martin's Point.

Mr. GRANGER, from same Committee, on petition of proprietors of First Parish in Perry, reported bill an act authorizing the proprietors of First Parish Meeting-house in Perry to sell their parsonage.

Also on order relative to amending chapter 112 laws 1862, reported bill an act to amend chapter 112 laws 1862, relating to the use of office copies of deeds.

Also, having had a matter requiring legislation brought to their notice, reported bill an act to amend chapter 91, section 3 of the public laws of 1862, defining the time for making application for compensation.

Mr. DINGLEY, from same Committee, on order relative to defining the October quota of 1863, reported resolve defining and establishing the October quota under the act providing bounties for soldiers, approved Feb. 1864.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice, the the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of resolve.

Paper from the Senate:

Resolve for the payment of State bounties and fixing the amount thereof.

This resolve came back from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House receded from its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, adopted Senate amendment, and passed the resolve as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BICKFORD, from the Committee on Education, on resolve in favor of idiotic children, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on that part of the Governor's Message relating to the war debts of the

States, reported resolve in relation to the assumption of the war debts of the several States by the United States.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on State Library, on communication of the Adjutant General, reported resolve in relation to the reports of the Adjutant General for the years 1861, 1862 and 1863.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Hazen Hill reported resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Hazen Hill.

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on State Printing and Binding, on resolve directing the printing of certain documents, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SAYWARD, from same Committee, on resolves relating to printing and distributing the Adjutant General's Report for 1864, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr. ESTABROOK, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on report of agent of Penobscot Indians, reported resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Also on report of Superintending School Committee of Indian schools, reported resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes.

The foregoing reports were accepted, rules suspended, bills read three times, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter 289 of public laws of the year 1864.

Bill an act to set off part of the town of Starks and annex the same to the town of Mercer.

Resolve authorizing repairs upon the Houlton and Baring and road across Indian township in the county of Washington.

The foregoing bills having been read three times, the resolve twice read, each reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec.

The foregoing resolve was read twice, the bill read three times, each reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and postponed indefinitely.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Philo D. Andrews.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Bill an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine.

Bill an act requiring Coroners and Notaries Public to pay a duty to the State.

Bill an act amendatory of and additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Otisfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Bill an act to extend further the operation of chapter 253 of the special laws of 1853 and chapter 358 special laws 1864, relating to the claim of Miles Wilson.

The foregoing resolves were twice read, the bills three times read, each reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Commissioners to memorialize Congress for an extension of time in which to establish an Agricultural College.

Read twice, and on motion of Mr. LANG of Vassalborough, laid on the table.

Resolve for an amendment of the Constitution to provide for the disfranchisement of deserters and absentees from military draft.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading and read twice.

And the question being on passing the resolve to be engrossed, Mr. CROSBY of Dexter moved and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, more than two-thirds of the House voting in favor thereof, the resolve was passed by yeas 88, nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Barker, Bartlett, Beale, Bickford, Bowman, Bradford, Bragdon, Bryant, Carver, M. V. B. Chase, Chesley, Church, Cleves, N. O. Cram, Crosby, Curtis, Davis, Day, Dingley, H. M. Eaton,

M. M. Eaton, Ellis, Estabrook, Fisher, Follansbee, C. Foster, J. B. Foster, A. C. French, J. French, Gould, Gower, Granger, Gushee, Haines, Haley, Hall, Ham, Hammond, Harriman, Hathaway, Heath, J. U. Hill, N. T. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Hopkins, Hunt, Hutchinson, Johnson, Jones, Kilbreth, Kilby, Lang, Larraabee, T. Little, Lyford, McIntire, McLain, Miller, M. Monroe, N. P. Monroe, J. S. Moore, Nickerson, Norton, Oak, G. F. Patten, Perley, Perkins, Philbrick, Phillips, Pullen, Reed, Richards, Roberts, Robinson, Rogers, Sanborn, Sayward, Simpson, Smith, Stover, Sweetser, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, Weld, Weston, W. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Atwood, Bacheller, Baker, Bean, Bliss, Boynton, Bradbury, Brigham, Burbank, Carney, Churchill, M. Cram, Denison, Fairbanks, Ferguson, Fogg, Higgins, W. Hill, Holden, Howe, Milliken, W. Moore, Nelson, R. Patten, Payson, Pool, Prescott, Shaw, Stevens, F. E. Webb, N. Webb, Whitney, E. Wilson, Young.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read twice and laid on the table.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on report of the Commissioner of Maine for the Soldiers' National Cemetery, reported resolve in favor of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg.

Mr. TAPLEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relating to collection of taxes, reported bill an act in relation to the collection of taxes.

Also on order relative to the recovery of taxes irregularly assessed, reported bill an act in relation to the assessment of taxes.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from same Committee, on order relative to granting additional powers to railroad corporations, reported bill an act additional concerning railroads.

Mr. MONROE, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, on re-

port of Superintendent of Insane Hospital, reported resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

The foregoing reports were accepted.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill an act to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of 1864, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. CRAM, from same Committee, by leave submitted the views of a minority of said Committee, and on his motion the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be authorized to employ such additional Clerks in the Engrossing Department as the exigencies of the case may require.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Readfield,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to Rev. D. S. King of Boston, for a lecture in behalf of the National Freedmen's Association on Monday evening, 20th inst.

Adjourned.

ATERNNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on order of Feb. 14th, relating to bounties to soldiers, reported bill an act to fix the sum to be paid hereafter by the State to persons enlisted or drafted into the service of the United States.

Report accepted, rules suspended, bill read three times and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on County Estimates, on estimates of the different counties, reported resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State.

Report accepted, rules suspended, resolve read twice, and on motion of Mr. HERSEY of Bangor, laid on the table.

A message was received from the Governor through the Secretary of State, transmitting a copy of a letter from Hon. Justin S.

Morrill to the President of the United States, concerning a national hall of statuary at Washington.

Read and laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.

Presented by leave by Mr. WALKER of Hampden, rules suspended, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve relating to the Agricultural College.

Presented by leave by Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, rules suspended, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Messrs. Porter of Burlington, and Hersey of Bangor, asked and obtained leave of the House to have their names entered in the affirmative, and Mr. Tapley of Saco, in the negative, on passing to be engrossed resolve for an amendment of the Constitution, to provide for the disfranchisement of deserters and absentees from military draft.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of John A. Poor, was taken from the table and considered; Mr. TAPLEY of Saco addressing the House.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Delegation from Penobscot county on bill an act to establish the salaries of the Judge of Probate and the Register of Probate for said county, reporting same ought not to pass.

Report of Delegation from Franklin county on petition of citizens of Franklin county, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relating to writs of prohibition, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Also same report on order relating to title by descent.

Also same report on order relative to amending chapter 122 revised statutes, concerning offences against public justice.

Also same report on order relative to amending chapter 118 revised statutes, concerning offences against lives and persons.

Also same report by Committee on Education, on order relative to amending the Normal School act.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of Eusebius Weston, reporting leave to withdraw.

Also same report by Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of J. Dinsmore and others.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to prevent substitute brokerage, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of same Committee on petition of Selectmen of Avon, reporting that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Also same report by Committee on Claims on petition of Edward E. Shead.

Also same report by Committee on Division of Towns on petition of George D. Bacon and others.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of David

Fuller and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate Reeds Pond Dam Company.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of inhabitants of Waterborough, reporting bill an act to establish the easterly line of Waterborough, between said town and the towns of Limington and Hollis, in the county of York.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of Richard M. Chapman and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Biddeford Savings Bank.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of W. Hunton and others, reporting bill an act to amend the tariff of tolls of Livermore Falls Bridge Corporation.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relative to authorizing trustees of literary institutions to mortgage real estate, reporting bill an act to authorize the trustees of Farmington Academy to obtain a loan of money for the completion of a building erected by them for a Normal School.

Report of same Committee on petition of Charles Foss and others, reporting bill an act to empower the Collector of Abbott to collect school district tax in district number 1, in said town.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of James Allen and others, reporting bill an act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read three times, rules being suspended, and each passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Directors of Stillwater Bridge Corporation, reporting bill an act to extend the charter of the Stillwater Bridge.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and Monday assigned for its third reading.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on Judiciary, having had a matter requiring legislation brought to their notice, reported bill an act additional to chapter 104 of the revised statutes.

Report accepted, bill read twice and Monday assigned for its third reading.

Also on order relative to change of law respecting records of births, marriages and deaths, reported bill an act relating to the

records of births and marriages in Grant Isle, Madawaska, Dionne and Van Buren plantations.

Mr. TAPLEY, from same Committee, on order respecting legislation to protect overseers of the poor, reported bill an act additional to chapter 63 of the public laws of 1861, and chapters 66 and 127 of laws of 1862, relating to families of volunteers.

Also on bill an act explanatory of chapter 94 of the public laws of 1859, reporting that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Ice Company.

Presented by leave by Mr. ROBERTS of Stockton, read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on Judiciary, on order relative to the payment of State and county taxes, reported bill an act to amend section 3 of chapter 113 of the public laws 1862, relating to taxes.

Report accepted.

Mr. BACHELLER, from the Somerset Delegation, on bill an act to change the shire town of Somerset county, reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr. CHURCHILL by leave presented the views of a minority of said delegation, and on his motion the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill an act extending the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners of the county of Cumberland, over tide waters near Martin's Point in said county.

Read three times and postponed indefinitely.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Cumberland Fertilizing Company.

Read three times, reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Birch Stream Dam Company.

Bill an act to amend chapter 91, section 3, public laws 1862, defining the time for making application for compensation.

Bill an act to change the times of holding the County Commissioners' Court for Kennebec county.

Bill an act authorizing the proprietors of the First Parish Meeting-house in Perry to sell their parsonage.

Bill an act to amend chapter 112 laws 1862, relating to the use of office copies of deeds.

Resolve defining and establishing the October quota, under the act providing bounties for soldiers, approved Feb. 20, 1864.

The foregoing bills were three times read, the resolve twice read, each reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Neptune Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Bill an act to establish the Dexter High School.

Bill an act authorizing the building and maintaining a sluice for the passage of lumber in Perry.

Bill an act to amend chapter 101 revised statutes, entitled writ for replevying a person, and chapter 135, entitled sentence and its execution in criminal cases.

Bill an act authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes.

Bill an act to amend chapter 9 public laws 1861, concerning the exemption of sewing machines from attachment and execution.

Bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston.

Bill an act to amend chapter 239 of public laws of 1864.

Bill an act in addition to an act approved March 19, 1862, entitled an act to regulate agencies for and to prevent imposition in the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Resolve authorizing repairs upon the Houlton and Baring and road across Indian township in the county of Washington.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Alva plantation with certain documents.

Resolve in favor of colored soldiers.

Resolves for the payment of State bounties.

Resolves authorizing a temporary loan.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were

passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. WELD, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Hancock County Delegation, on bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Hancock, reported that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills read twice and Monday assigned for their third reading.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of John A. Poor, was taken up and considered, and the same was pending when the House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of John A. Poor, being under consideration at the time of adjournment, was taken up.

The question being on substituting the report of a minority for that of a majority of the Committee, Mr. HOLYOKE of Brewer moved and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the amendment was adopted, by yeas 72, nays 46, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bangs, Beale, Bean, Bickford, Bradford, Carver, J. Chase, M. V. B. Chase, Chesley, Church, Churchill, Cleves, Crosby, Davis, Day, Doyle, M. M. Eaton, Fisher, Follansbee, C. Foster, J. B. Foster, J. French, Garnsey, Geyer, Granger, Gushee, Haines, Haley, Hall, Ham, Harriman, Hersey, J. U. Hill, N. T. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lang, Lawler, E. T. Little, T. Little, Lyford, Mayo, McLain, N. P. Monroe, Nickerson, Oak, Perkins, Philbrick, Phillips, Pool, Porter, Prescott, Pullen, Reed, Richards, Roberts, Robinson, Rogers, Sanborn, Shaw, Simpson, Sirois, Stevens, Stover, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, Williams, E. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Baker, Barker, Bartlett, Bliss, Bowman, Boynton, Brad-

bury, Bragdon, Bridgham, Burbank, M. Cram, N. O. Cram, Curtis, Ellis, Fairbanks, A. C. French, Frost, Gould, Hamilton, Hammond, Hathaway, Heath, Higgins, W. Hill, Holden, Hunt, Kilbreth, Kilby, Larrabee, McIntire, Milliken, M. Monroe, W. Moore, Nelson, G. F. Patten, Payson, Perley, Smith, Sweetser, Tapley, N. Webb, Weld, Weston, Whitney, W. Wilson, Young.

The report as amended was accepted, and the bill an act to repeal an act to promote safety of travel on railroads, approved March 14, 1860, was read twice, and Monday next at 12 o'clock, noon, was assigned for its third reading, and the same day at twenty-five minutes past 12 P. M. assigned for taking the vote on the same.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Resolve directing the printing of certain documents came back from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Senate amendment adopted and resolve passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Claims on petition of E. Holmes and another, reporting resolve in favor of Ezekiel Holmes and C. H. Hitchcock.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Julius C. Chandler, reporting resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Julius C. Chandler.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education.

The foregoing reports were accepted, rules suspended, resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Library on order relative to increasing

salary of State Librarian, reporting bill an act to increase the salary and duties of the State Librarian.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Oliver Moses, reporting bill an act to amend chapter 386 of the special laws of 1860.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on petition of Penobscot Log Driving Company, reporting bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill an act authorizing the city of Lewiston and town of Auburn to purchase a toll bridge, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking on bill an act to increase the capital stock of certain banks, reporting same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill an act requiring Coroners and Notaries Public to pay a duty to the State, came back from the Senate postponed indefinitely, and on motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, was laid on the table.

Bill an act to tax dogs came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted on its vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Reports of Committees on Military Affairs, Library, State Lands and State Roads, Division of Towns, Railroads, Ways and Bridges, Division of Counties, Banks and Banking, Coast and Frontier Defences, Manufactures, Judiciary, Claims, State Prison, Public Buildings, Interior Waters, and Incorporation of Towns, each reporting finally.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick,

Ordered, That Benjamin F. Ferguson and Gershom Bliss be excused from further attendance on this House during this session of the Legislature, and that the Committee on Pay Roll make up their pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed to place ventilators in this Hall, in such places as shall properly ventilate the same.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Stillwater Bridge.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and on motion of Mr. MAYO of Orono, laid on the table.

Bill an act additional to chapter 104 of the revised statutes, relating to real actions.

Read three times and on motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor, laid on the table.

Bill an act to set off a part of the town of Starks and annex the same to the town of Mercer.

Bill an act to fix the sum to be paid hereafter by the State to persons enlisted or drafted into the service of the United States.

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Dennys river.

Bill an act amendatory of and additional to an act to incorporate the Otisfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Bill an act to extend further the operation of chapter 253 of the special laws of 1863, and chapter 358 special laws of 1864.

Bill an act to authorize the Trustees of Farmington Academy to obtain a loan of money for the completion of a building.

Bill an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company.

Bill an act further defining the duties of town officers in relation to the disbursement of moneys.

Bill an act to incorporate the Biddeford Savings Bank.

Bill an act additional to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in relation to the Reports of the Adjutant General for the years 1861, 1862 and 1863.

Resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Francis Bolier.

Resolve in favor of the agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes.

Resolve in favor Newell Neptune.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar.

Resolve in favor of idiotic children.

Resolve in favor of the agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Hazen Hill.

Bill an act to incorporate the Reeds Pond Dam Company.

Bill an act amendatory of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to education.

Bill an act to amend the tariff of tolls of Livermore Falls Bridge Corporation.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CHASE of Dover, announced the attendance of Henry Hedge, representative elect from the towns of Winslow and Benton, and on his motion, was appointed to conduct Mr. Hedge to the Council Chamber for the purpose of enabling him to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, moved a reconsideration of the vote of Saturday whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill an act to establish the easterly line of Waterborough, and on his motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table and assigned for to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Mr. CHASE of Dover moved a reconsideration of the vote of Saturday whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill an act to empower the Collector of Abbot to collect school district tax in district number 1, and the consideration of the same was assigned for to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Mr. SHAW of Biddeford moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House passed to be enacted the bill an act to fix the sum to be paid hereafter by the State to persons enlisted or drafted, and the same was assigned for to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act to promote safety of travel on railroads, approved March 14, 1860.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and read three times.

The question being stated by the Speaker to be on the adoption of the amendment to the bill proposed by Mr. MILLER of Portland, that gentleman rose to a point of order and contended that the proposed amendment was offered as an amendment to the minority report, and, being an amendment to an amendment, should have been acted upon previous to the substitution of the views of the minority of the Committee for the report of the Committee.

The Speaker ruled that the bill was not before the House for its action until the minority report had been substituted for that of the majority, also that the bill was not amendable until it had received its third reading.

Mr. MILLER appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being put to the House the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Resolves directing the Treasurer of State to notify cities, towns and plantations of the amount of State aid, when the same is ready for distribution.

Presented, by leave, by Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta. Read twice, rules being suspended, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to procure glass cases for the protection and preservation of the war-worn colors now exposed in the Rotunda of this Capitol.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Stillwater Bridge.

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. MAYO of Orono, amended as per sheets A, B and C, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of Committee on Agriculture on order relating to Board of Agriculture, reporting bill an act to repeal chapter 239 of the public laws of 1856, entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture.

This report was taken from the table and accepted, the bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill an act in relation to the collection of taxes.

Bill an act to amend section 3 of chapter 113 public laws 1862.

Bill an act additional to chapter 140 of the revised statutes, relating to the State Prison.

Bill an act additional concerning railroads.

Bill an act to provide support for the families of soldiers.

Bill an act in relation to the assessment of taxes.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

The foregoing bills were twice read, the resolve once read, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of resolve.

Bill an act additional to chapter 73 of revised statutes, concerning conveyances by deed.

Read three times and postponed indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

The House reconsidered its vote whereby it assigned to-morrow for the third reading of the bill an act in relation to the collection of taxes, also the bill an act to amend section 3 of chapter 113 laws of 1862.

The bills were then read a third time, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

The House reconsidered its vote whereby it indefinitely postponed the bill an act additional to chapter 73 revised statutes, concerning conveyances by deed.

The bill was then amended as per sheets A and B, and on motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco, laid on the table.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of Committee on Library, reporting resolve to provide for the yearly expenses of the State Library.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Abba A. Rose.

Report of Committee on Insane Hospital, reporting resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of L. D. Jordan and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Union River Plank Road Company.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on State Printing and Binding on resolves relating to printing and distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for the year 1864, reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

This report came from the Senate accepted and the resolves amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Report accepted in concurrence, amendment A rejected, amendment B adopted, and the resolves as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HUTCHINSON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of Committee on Education, reporting finally.

Report accepted in concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March 19, 1860.

This bill came back from the Senate with the vote whereby that branch concurred with the House reconsidered, the House amendment amended as per sheet B, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House receded from its vote, and on motion of Mr. LARABEE of Portland, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of York, came back from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the vote indefinitely postponing the bill. On motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco, the House insisted on its former vote, and appointed Messrs. Tapley of Saco, Hersey of Bangor, and Wilson of Rockland, conferees on the part of the House.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lisbon Centre Falls Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Burnettizing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Oxford Turpentine Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of the Lafayette Lodge.

Bill an act to cede to the United States of America the jurisdiction of a parcel of land in the city of Portland.

Resolve providing for the purchase of colors for Maine regiments and batteries.

The foregoing bills and resolve were presented by leave, and the rules being suspended, the bills were read three times, the resolve read twice and each passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That John Montgomery and A. S. Holden be excused from any further service the present session after the 22d inst., and the Committee on Pay Roll make up their pay to the end of the session.

Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, by leave, withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the bill an act to establish the easterly line of Waterborough.

The House refused to reconsider the vote whereby it passed to be engrossed the bill an act to empower the Collector of Abbot to collect school district tax in district number 1.

On motion of Mr. WESTON of Gorham,

Ordered, That a Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider the expediency of celebrating the anniversary of Washington's birthday.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Weston of Gorham, Williams of Augusta, Jones of Lewiston, Larrabee of Portland, and Fisher of Charlotte, appointed said Committee on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. GRANGER of Calais, by leave, presented resolves relative to services of Gen. Ames.

Rules suspended, resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank of Biddeford.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank.

Bill an act to amend chapter 386 of the special laws of 1860.

Bill an act to authorize the proprietors of Lewiston Bridge to sell their toll bridge.

The foregoing bills, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Hancock.

Bill an act in relation to the assessment of taxes.

Bill an act additional concerning railroads.

The foregoing bills having been reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were read three times and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to provide support for the families of soldiers.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, amended as per sheet B, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act relating to the records of births and marriages in Grant Isle, Madawaska, Dionne, and Van Buren plantations.

Bill an act to establish the easterly line of Waterborough between said town and the towns of Limington and Hollis in the county of York.

Bill an act to change the time of holding the County Commissioners Court for Kennebec county.

Bill an act to empower the Collector of Abbot to collect school district tax in district number 1.

Resolve directing the printing of certain documents.

Resolve in favor of Philo D. Andrews.

Resolve in favor of Committee on Education.

Resolve in favor of Ezekiel Holmes and C. H. Hitchcock.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Resolve relating to an agricultural college.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.

Resolve in relation to the assumption of the war debts of the several States by the United States.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Julius C. Chandler.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg.

Read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

Read twice, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading.

And the question being on passing the resolve to be engrossed, Mr. CROSBY of Dexter moved and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the resolve was refused a passage by yeas 50, nays 68, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bangs, Bean, Bickford, Bowman, Bradbury, Bradford, Church, Cleves, Crosby, Curtis, Day, Dingley, H. M. Eaton, Ellis, Fairbanks, Fogg, J. B. Foster, Frost, Granger, Haines, Haley, Heath, Hersey, W. Hill, Holden, Howe, Hunt, Jones, Lang, Larabee, Miller, Milliken, J. S. Moore, Oak, Perley, Perkins, Pool, Porter, Prescott, Pullen, Sanborn, Sayward, Shaw, Stevens, Sweetser, Wasgatt, F. E. Webb, N. Webb, Weston, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Baker, Barker, Bartlett, Beale, Boynton, Bragdon, Brigham, Bryant, Burbank, Carney, Carver, J. Chase, M. V. B. Chase, Chesley, Churchill, M. Cram, Davis, Doyle, M. M. Eaton, Estabrook, Fisher, Follansbee, A. C. French, J. French, Geyer, Gould, Gushee, Hall, Hamilton, Harriman, Haskell, Hathaway, J. U. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Johnson, Kilbreth, Lawler, T. Little, W. F. Lord, Lyford, McIntire, McLaine, M. Monroe, Nickerson, Parkes, G. F. Patten, Payson, Philbrick, Phillips, Reed, Richards, Roberts, Robinson, Rogers, Simpson, Sirois, Smith, Stover, Tap-

ley, Valley, Walker, Weld, Whitney, E. Wilson, W. Wilson, Young.

On motion of Mr. SIMPSON of Dixmont, the resolve was postponed indefinitely.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, That the order whereby this Legislature fixed upon the 21st inst. at 12 o'clock, noon, as the day of its final adjournment, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that Friday the 24th inst. is hereby fixed as the day of final adjournment.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to amend chapter 244 public laws 1864, reporting that the same ought not to pass, was taken from the table and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to repeal chapter 239 of the public laws of 1856, entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture, was taken from the table on motion of Mr. LANG of Vassalborough, and assigned for to-morrow at 10½ o'clock.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March 19, 1860, was taken from the table and considered.

The House receded from its former vote, adopted Senate amendment, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Paper from the Senate:

Report of Joint Select Committee on order relative to celebration of Washington's birthday, reporting an order of exercises for said celebration.

This report came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Report of Committee on Judiciary, on that part of the Governor's Message relating to fugitives from draft, came back from the Senate, that branch accepting the report and non-concurring with the House in its amendment.

The House insisted on its vote amending the report, asked for a Committee of Conference, and appointed Messrs. Crosby of Dexter, Dingley of Lewiston, and Oak of Garland, conferees on the part of the House.

Bill an act to enable the banks of this State to become banking associations under the laws of the United States.

This bill came back from the Senate further amended as per sheets E, F, G and H, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE of Auburn, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill an act to tax dogs came back from the Senate, that branch adhering to its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill. The House receded and concurred with the Senate.

A communication was received from the Hon. W. P. Fessenden signifying his acceptance of the office of United States Senator.

Bill an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine, came back from the Senate amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed; Senate amendments adopted, and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on State Prison on order relating to visiting that institution, reporting resolve in favor of the State Prison.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of John

Kelley and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the town of Easton.

Report of same Committee on petition of J. T. McKellar and others, reporting bill an act to set off a part of St. George and annex the same to South Thomaston.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Joel Colby and others, reporting resolve authorizing repairs to be made on the Canada road.

Report of Committee on Coast and Frontier Defences on that part of the Governor's Message relating to coast defence, reporting resolves calling on the United States government to place steam vessels of war, as a permanent ocean police, upon the coast of Maine.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relating to repealing chapter 280 of the public laws 1864, reporting bill an act to amend chapter 280 public laws of 1864.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate accepted, and the bills and resolves passed to be engrossed.

Reports accepted in concurrence, rules suspended, bills read three times, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relating to amending chapter 22 of revised statutes, reporting bill an act to simplify indictments for perjury.

Report of Delegation from Aroostook county on petition of L. O. Putnam and others, reporting bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Aroostook.

The foregoing reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Biddeford,

The House took from the table and considered the motion to reconsider the vote whereby it passed to be enacted the bill an act to fix the sum to be paid hereafter by the State to persons enlisted, or drafted men.

The House refused to reconsider, and the bill was sent to the Senate.

Mr. STEVENS of Augusta moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday postponed indefinitely the resolve in

favor of the Insane Hospital, and on his motion the same was laid on the table and assigned for to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows of deceased soldiers.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company.

Read three times, reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State.

Taken from the table, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The hour assigned by the Joint Special Committee for the celebration of Washington's birthday, having arrived, the Senate came in.

The Governor, Council and Heads of Departments, by invitation, participated in the celebration.

Mr. WESTON, from the Joint Special Committee aforesaid, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the name and virtues of WASHINGTON, illustrious alike in peace and in war, are precious evermore to the American people.

Resolved, That no pressure of public duties should excuse us from giving this one hour to the honor of his memory.

Resolved, That the purity of his patriotism and the singleness of his devotion to the country's good in the trying hour when our liberties were born, are not less demanded in our public men, in this equally trying hour of the Nation's second birth.

Resolved, That no brilliancy of recent military achievements, no successes in Cabinet or Congress, however grand, should obscure to our minds, as they cannot eclipse in our history, the glorious deeds of Washington and his compeers of the Revolution.

Resolved, That the Union which was secured by the heroic deeds and bloody sacrifice of the fathers, was an achievement too costly to be surrendered without a like sacrifice on the part of their sons;

and that its defenders, of both eras alike, have earned a Nation's gratitude and an immortal fame.

Resolved, That we recognize with profoundest satisfaction, the fact that Mount Vernon and the Tomb of WASHINGTON have been held sacred from molestation, by both parties in this war; and that we hail with delight the approaching day when descendants of the Revolutionary Fathers, from the South and North alike, shall worship together at that common shrine, the spirit of American Liberty and Union; made henceforth and forever "one and inseparable."

Addresses were made by his Excellency the Governor, Messrs. Tenney of the Senate, Holden of the Council, Crosby of Dexter, Dillingham of Waterville, Weston of Gorham, Hamilton of Waterborough, Roberts of Stockton, of the House, and others.

The purposes designated having been accomplished, the Convention was dissolved, and the House was called to order by the Speaker.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1865, amounting to two million four hundred seventy-six thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars and twenty-one cents.

Presented by leave by Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, rules suspended, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of Somerset Delegation on bill an act to change the place of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Somerset, and to change the shire town of Somerset county, reporting that the same ought to pass.

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

Resolve making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike was taken from the table and considered.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, the House assigned to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon, as the hour for taking the vote on the same.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That B. M. Baker be excused from further attendance upon this House, and the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. HALEY of Frankfort,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns it be to meet this evening at 7½ o'clock.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, the House reconsidered its vote whereby it passed the order adjourning to this evening at 7½ o'clock.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Bill an act to enable the banks of this State to become banking associations under the laws of the United States.

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. LITTLE of Auburn, Senate amendments E, F, G and H adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act requiring Coroners and Notaries Public to pay a duty to the State.

Taken from the table, amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the compensation of the engrossing clerks employed in the Secretary of State's office.

Presented by leave by Mr. WEBB of Portland.

Resolve in favor of the town of Belmont.

Presented by leave by Mr. RICHARDS of Belmont.

The foregoing resolves were read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of Selectmen of Amherst, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Also reference to the next Legislature on petition of Charles Beale and others.

Also same report on petition of Selectmen of Frankfort.

Also legislation inexpedient on order relative to payment of taxes by unincorporated townships.

The reports were accepted.

Bill an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1865, amounting to two million four hundred seventy-six thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars and twenty-one cents.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read three times and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to simplify indictments for perjury.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Aroostook.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS of Hallowell,

Ordered, That, the Senate concurring, the Librarian be directed to distribute to each member and officer of this Legislature, one copy of the Statutes at Large and Treaties of the United States, now in the Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BICKFORD of Warren,

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, this House hold three sessions daily, the first commencing at 9 o'clock, the second at 2½, and the third at 7 P. M.

On motion of Mr. LARRABEE of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll make up the usual amount of pay for Edward Stanwood, Reporter for this House.

On motion

Ordered, That Isaac H. Harriman, B. B. Haskell and Charles Foster, be excused from further attendance on this House, and the Committee on Pay Roll make up their pay to the end of the session.

Resolve making appropriation in aid of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike, being the special assignment of the hour, was taken up and considered.

The question being on passing the resolve to be engrossed, Mr. CRAM of Brunswick moved and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the resolve was refused a passage, by yeas 42, nays 80, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bacheller, Bean, Bradbury, Brigham, Burbank, Carney, M. V. B. Chase, Church, Crosby, Davis, Day, Dingley, Estabrook, Fisher, A. C. French, Frost, Garnsey, Granger, Gushee, Hersey, N. T. Hill, Hopkins, Kilby, Lang, Lawler, W. F. Lord, Miller, N. P. Monroe, J. S. Moore, Oak, Perkins, Porter, Prescott, Richards, Roberts, Sayward, Simpson, Smith, Stevens, Tapley, F. E. Webb, Williams.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Bangs, Barker, Bartlett, Beale, Bickford, Bowman, Boynton, Bradford, Bragdon, Carver, J. Chase, Chesley, Churchill, Cleves, M. Cram, Curtis, Denison, Doyle, H. M. Eaton, Ellis, Fairbanks, Fogg, Follansbee, C. Foster, J. French, Geyer, Gould, Gower, Haley, Hall, Ham, Hamilton, Hammond, Haskell, Hathaway, Heath, Hedge, Higgins, J. U. Hill, W. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Howe, Hunt, Hutchinson, Johnson, Jones, Kilbreth, Larrabee, T. Little, S. Lord, Lyford, McIntire, McLain, Milliken, M. Monroe, Nelson, Nickerson, Norton, Parkes, R. Pat-ten, Perley, Philbrick, Phillips, Pullen, Reed, Robinson, Rogers, Sirois, Stover, Sweetser, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, Weston, Whitney, E. Wilson, Young.

Bill an act to change the place of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Somerset, and to change the shire town of Somerset county.

Reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read three times, and on motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco, laid on the table.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company.

Bill an act to amend chapter 386 of the special laws of 1860.

Bill an act to incorporate the Union River Plank Road Company.

Bill an act to authorize the proprietors of Lewiston Bridge to sell their toll bridge.

Bill an act explanatory of chapter 94 of the public laws of 1859, relating to petitions for review.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank of Biddeford.

Bill an act to incorporate the Birch Stream Dam Company.

Bill an act to amend chapter 91, section 3 of the public laws of 1862, defining the time for making application for compensation.

Bill an act to set off a part of St. George and annex the same to South Thomaston.

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Express Company.

Bill an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1865, amounting to two million four hundred seventy-six thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars twenty-one cents.

Bill an act concerning the militia.

Bill an act to protect menhaden and porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine.

Bill an act to authorize the proprietors of the First Parish Meeting-house in Perry to sell their parsonage.

Bill an act to amend chapter 280 of the public laws of 1864.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland.

Bill an act additional to chapter 63 of the public laws of 1861, and chapters 66 and 127 public laws of 1862, relating to families of volunteers.

Bill an act to amend chapter 112 of the laws of 1862, relating to use of office copies of deeds.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lisbon Centre Falls Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the town of Easton.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Hancock.

Bill an act to incorporate the officers and members of Lafayette Lodge.

Bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec Ice Company.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March 19, 1860.

Resolve authorizing repairs to be made on the Canada road.

Resolve relating to printing and distributing the Adjutant General's Report for the year 1864.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Abba A. Rose.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

Resolve to provide for the yearly expenses of the State Library.

Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

Resolve defining and establishing the October quota under the act providing bounties for soldiers, approved Feb. 20, 1864.

Resolve calling on the United States government to place steam vessels of war as a permanent ocean police upon the coast of Maine.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Paper from the Senate:

Bill an act to fix the sum to be paid hereafter by the State to persons enlisted or drafted into the service of the United States.

This bill came back from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House receded from its former vote, adopted Senate amendment A, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Joint Special Committee on order relating to credits of men already in the naval and marine service of the United States, unassigned to any town, reporting in detail.

This report came from the Senate recommitted to said Committee, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Bill an act to change the place of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Somerset, and the shire town of Somerset county, was taken up and considered.

Mr. TAPLEY of Saco, moved to amend as per sheets A and B. The amendments were adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to repeal chapter 239 of the public laws of 1856, entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture, was taken from the table and considered; Mr. LANG of Vassalborough addressing the House.

Mr. LANG of Vassalborough moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on this motion, the House ordered that the same be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the motion prevailed by yeas 86, nays 22, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Bacheller, Bangs, Barker, Bean, Bickford, Bradford, Bragdon, Bridgham, Burbank, Carney, J. Chase, Chesley, Church, Churchill, M. Cram, Crosby, Curtis, Davis, Day, Denison, Dingley, Doyle, Fairbanks, Fisher, Fogg, A. C. French, Frost, Geyer, Gower, Granger, Gushee, Haines, Ham, Hamilton, Haskell, Hersey, Higgins, N. T. Hill, Holyoke, Howe, Hunt, Jones, Kilby, Lang, E. T. Little, T. Little, W. F. Lord, Lyford, Mayo, McIntire, McLain, Miller, M. Monroe, N. P. Monroe, J. S. Moore, Nickerson, Oak, Parkes, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Payson, Perkins, Perley, Philbrick, Pool, Prescott, Pullen, Reed, Richards, Roberts, Robinson, Sanborn, Sayward, Simpson, Sirois, Stevens, Tapley, F. E. Webb, N. Webb, Weld, Weston, Williams, E. Wilson, W. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Bartlett, Bowman, Bryant, Carver, Cleves, Ellis, C. Foster, J. French, Haley, Hammond, Hathaway, Hutchinson, Johnson, Kilbreth, Lawler, Milliken, W. Moore, Norton, Phillips, Stover, Walker, Whitney.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act to promote safety of travel on railroads, approved March 14, 1860.

This bill having been three times read and passed to be en-

grossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill an act additional to chapter 73 of the revised statutes, concerning conveyances by deed, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the salary and duties of the State Librarian, taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of Selectmen of Eastport, reported resolve in favor of the town of Eastport.

Report accepted, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to chapter 140 revised statutes, relating to the State Prison, was taken from the table, amended as per sheets B, C, D and E, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed the resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, was taken from the table and considered.

The House reconsidered its vote and passed the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to chapter 104 of the revised statutes, relating to real actions.

Taken from the table, and on motion of Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, postponed indefinitely.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to fix the sum to be paid hereafter by the State to persons enlisted or drafted into the service of the United States.

Bill an act in relation to the collection of taxes.

Bill an act in relation to the assessment of taxes.

Bill an act additional concerning railroads.

Bill an act to amend section 3 of chapter 113 of public laws 1862, relating to taxes upon certain towns and plantations.

Bill an act to cede to the United States of America the jurisdiction of a parcel of land in the city of Portland.

Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows of deceased soldiers.

Resolve providing for the purchase of colors for Maine regiments and batteries.

Resolve directing the Treasurer of State to notify cities, towns and plantations of the amount of State aid when the same is ready for distribution.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco,

Ordered, That Sewall Lord of Shapleigh, be excused from further service from and after this date, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Resolves extending the thanks of the State to Major General Oliver O. Howard.

Whereas, In times of national trial and war, the security and happiness of the people, the fame of the nation and the permanence and progress of the country's institutions, are committed to the charge, fidelity and ability of patriotic soldiers, it becomes the duty, as it is the pleasure of an intelligent people, publicly and gratefully to honor those who have served them well, and particularly to acknowledge splendid individual achievements, even where all have done gloriously.

Resolved, That the State of Maine has watched with the deepest satisfaction, the brilliant and successful military career of Major General O. O. Howard, and particularly his distinguished conduct on the Peninsula, at Gettysburg, and throughout the Georgia campaign, and offers him the public thanks for the honor he has conferred on his native State.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to cause a copy of these resolutions to be transmitted to General Howard.

These resolves came from the Senate passed to be engrossed. Rules suspended, resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing repairs upon roads, rebuilding and repairing bridges in the county of Aroostook.

Read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education on that part of the Governor's Message relating to Superintendent of Common Schools, reporting bill an act to establish the Department of Public Instruction.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, Senate amendments adopted, and referred to next Legislature in concurrence.

Bill an act to provide support for the families of soldiers.

This bill came back from the Senate amended as per sheet B, and was passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Consumers' Mutual Coal Company of Portland.

Resolve authorizing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to procure glass cases for the protection of the stands of colors now in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

Resolve in favor of Stevens and Sayward.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to simplify indictments in capital cases, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of same Committee on bill an act relating to bounties, reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted, the bills three times read, resolves twice read, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee of Conference on bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of York, reporting the same with an amendment, came from the Senate accepted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, Senate amendment adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses, relating to resolves for an amendment of the Constitution to provide for the disfranchisement of deserters and absentees from military draft, reported that the Committee were unable to agree, and recommending that the House adhere to its former vote passing the resolves to be engrossed.

The report was accepted.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Reform School.

Presented by leave, rules suspended, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve providing for the purchase of a sword for Major General O. O. Howard.

Presented by leave, read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER announced the following Committee on the resolve providing for the purchase of a sword for Major General O. O. Howard: Messrs. Miller of Portland, Dingley of Lewiston, and Chase of Sidney, on the part of the House.

The foregoing were sent up for concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That Byley Lyford, Jr., and J. H. Bradford be excused from further attendance this session and that the Committee on Pay Roll make up their pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to send by the Messenger a written order to the Adjutant General or his assistant, to distribute one copy of his report for the year 1863 to each member of the Legislature, in pursuance of a resolve passed Feb. 20.

On motion of Mr. KILBY of Eastport,

Ordered, That the officers of this House having equally with the members thereof contributed their efforts to expedite legislation and shorten the present session, they are entitled to such consideration in the matter of compensation, and the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up their pay for seventy-five days.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Weld,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of an act amendatory of chapter 11 revised statutes relating to education, also of an act to repeal chapter 279 public laws 1864, relating to town auditors of accounts, and send one copy of each to the clerk of each city, town and plantation in the State.

Bill an act to increase the salary and duties of the State Librarian.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Aroostook.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for York county.

Bill an act to incorporate the Oxford Turpentine Company.

Bill an act to simplify indictments for perjury.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Stillwater Bridge.

Bill an act to enable the banks of this State to become banking associations under the laws of the United States.

Resolve extending the thanks of this State to Major General O. O. Howard.

Resolve authorizing repairs upon roads, rebuilding and repairing bridges in the county of Aroostook.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion,

Ordered, That I. W. Johnson, D. J. Fisher, F. A. Simpson, Robert Geyer and Otis C. Nelson, be excused from further attendance this session, and the Committee on Pay Roll make up their pay to the end of the session.

Report of Committee on Agriculture on Report of Commissioners on Agricultural College, reporting reference of same to the next Legislature, was taken from the table and considered.

The report was amended by substituting the report of the minority of said Committee, and as amended was accepted.

Bill an act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts was read three times, rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. LANG of Vassalborough, laid on the table.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. WEBB, from the Joint Select Committee for the investigation of credits of unassigned men in the naval and marine service, reported bill an act to provide for the appointment and defining the duties of State recruiting officers, and resolve appointing a commission to investigate the doings of brokers for recruits.

The report was accepted, rules suspended, the bill read three times, the resolve read twice, and each postponed indefinitely.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to procure glass cases for the preservation of the stands of colors now exposed in the rotunda of this capitol, being on its final passage was indefinitely postponed.

Bill an act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Consumers' Mutual Coal Company of Portland.

Bill an act additional to chapter 140 of the revised statutes relating to the State Prison.

Bill an act requiring Notaries Public to pay a duty to the State.

Bill an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act to simplify indictments in capital cases.

Bill an act additional to chapter 73 of the revised statutes, concerning conveyances by deed.

Bill an act relating to bounties.

Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State.

Resolve in favor of Stevens and Sayward.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the town of Eastport.

Resolve in relation to the compensation of the engrossing clerks employed in the Secretary of State's offices during the present session of the Legislature.

Resolve relating to the services of General Ames.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion,

Ordered, That Reuben Carver, William Moore, Joseph Chase, Calvin Bickford, Franklin Curtis, Frederick J. Parks and William Bean, be excused from further attendance at this session, and the Committee on Pay Roll make up their pay to the end of the session.

Mr. PERKINS of Hallowell, moved a reconsideration of the vote indefinitely postponing resolve to authorize the Superintendent of Public Buildings to procure glass cases for the protection of colors now exposed in the rotunda of this capitol.

The House refused to reconsider.

Papers from the Senate:•

Bill an act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

This bill came back from the Senate amended as per sheets B and C, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate amendments were adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike came back from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

And the question being on receding from the vote refusing the bill a passage, Mr. CHASE of Dover moved, and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the House receded from its former vote by yeas 53, nays 51, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bean, Bradbury, Brigham, Bryant, Burbank, M. V. B. Chase, Churchill, Cleves, N. O. Cram, Crosby, Davis, Day, Dillingham, Dingley, H. M. Eaton, Estabrook, Fairbanks, Fogg, A. C. French, Garnsey, Granger, Haines, Haley, Ham, Hamilton, N. T. Hill, Hunt, Kilby, Lang, Larrabee, Lawler, W. F. Lord, Mayo, Miller, J. S. Moore, Oak, Parkes, Perkins, Porter, Prescott, Richards, Roberts, Sanborn, Sayward, Shaw, Smith, Stevens, Tapley, N. Webb, Weston, Williams, W. Wilson, Young.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Bangs, Barker, Bartlett, Beale, Bowman, Boynton, J. Chase, Chesley, M. Cram, Curtis, Denison, Doyle, M. M. Eaton, Ellis, J. French, Gould, Gower, Hammond, Hathaway, Heath, Hedge, Higgins, J. U. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Howe, Hutchinson, Johnson, Jones, M. Monroe, W. Moore, Nickerson, Norton, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Payson, Perley, Phillips, Pullen, Reed, Robinson, Rogers, Sirois, Stover, Sweetser, Valley, Wasgatt, Weld, E. Wilson.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve calling on the United States government to place steam vessels of war as a permanent ocean police upon the coast of Maine, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House receded from its vote passing the resolve to be enacted, adopted Senate amendment, and passed the resolve as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Belmont, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet A.

Senate amendment adopted, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act providing for the taxation of the property and stock of national banks and banking associations in the State of Maine, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Resolve fixing the compensation to be paid to the clerks employed in the office of the Adjutant General, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of York County Delegation on petition of Isaac W. Eaton and others, reporting bill an act to regulate the compensation of the County Commissioners of the county of York.

Report accepted, bill read three times, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on order relating to law of attachments on mesne process, reporting bill an act additional to chapter 81 revised statutes, relating to civil actions.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Reform School, reporting two resolves in favor of the State Reform School, and bill an act to amend chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School.

Report accepted in concurrence, resolves read twice, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Joint Select Committee who were appointed to visit the Cony United States General Hospital, reporting resolve relating to Cony United States General Hospital.

Report accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order concerning the printing of the report of the Inspector General of Fish.

Order concerning the printing of the report of the Committee on Education.

These orders came from the Senate passed, and were passed in concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That S. M. Bradbury, Josiah Milliken, John P. Perley, George C. Bartlett, Timothy Ham, John Haley and William Hill, be excused from further attendance this session, and the Committee on Pay Roll make up their pay to the end of the session.

A communication was received from Samuel Norton resigning his seat as a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. OAK of Garland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Edward Stanwood as Reporter of this House at two hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Sullivan,

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

On motion of Mr. HOWE of Fryeburg,

Ordered, That the State Librarian be authorized to forward to

members and officers of this House, for themselves and the towns they represent, the copies of the Adjutant General's Report when published, together with any other public documents which belong to them not yet delivered, and that he do so at the expense of the State.

On motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the usual number of copies of the Journal to be printed; each member of this House shall receive two copies of the same; one copy shall be distributed to each member of the next House of Representatives and Senate on the first day of the session, and the copies remaining shall be deposited in the State Library for the use of the State.

Adjourned.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1865.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. EATON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Resolve in favor of the Reform School.

Resolve in favor of the Reform School.

Resolve relating to Cony U. S. General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the Reform School.

Resolves calling on the United States government to place steam vessels of war as a permanent ocean police on the coast of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the town of Belmont.

Bill an act to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Bill an act to amend chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School.

Bill an act to change the place of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Somerset, and to change the shire town of Somerset county.

Bill an act to provide support for the families of soldiers.

Bill an act additional to chapter 81 of the revised statutes, relating to civil actions.

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Burnettizing Company.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bill as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. LARRABEE, from the Committee on Pay Roll, reported resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives.

Report accepted, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate :

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate.

Read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of 1864, came back from the Senate, that branch amending the report by substituting the report of a minority of said Committee, and passing the bill an act to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of 1864, relating to the registration of births, marriages and deaths, to be engrossed.

The House receded from its former vote and adopted Senate amendment.

And the question being on passing the bill to be engrossed in concurrence, on motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco, the House ordered that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, the bill was passed by yeas 75, nays 19, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Bacheller, Bangs, Barker, Bowman, Boynton, Bradbury, Brigham, Burbank, Carney, J. Chase, M. V. B. Chase, Church, Churchill, M. Cram, Crosby, Davis, Doyle, H. M. Eaton, M. M. Eaton, Ellis, Estabrook, Fairbanks, Fogg, A. C. French, J. French, Frost, Garnsey, Gould, Gower, Granger, Gushee, Haines, Haley, Ham, Hamilton, Hathaway, Heath, Hedge, Higgins, J. U. Hill, Hobbs, Hopkins, Hutchinson, Johnson, Larrabee,

Lawler, Mayo, McIntire, Miller, N. P. Monroe, Nickerson, Norton, Oak, R. Patten, Perkins, Philbrick, Phillips, Pool, Porter, Prescott, Reed, Richards, Robinson, Rogers, Sayward, Stevens, Stover, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, Weld, Weston, Whitney.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Beale, Bragdon, Day, Holyoke, Howe, Jones, Kilbreth, W. F. Lord, McIntire, M. Monroe, J. S. Moore, Pullen, Sanborn, Sirois, Smith, Sweetser, Tapley, Williams, W. Wilson.

Resolve making an appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.

This resolve having passed to be engrossed, was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The question being on the final passage of the resolve, Mr. KILBRETH of Livermore, moved its indefinite postponement, and on his motion the House ordered that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the motion was lost by yeas 54, nays 56, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bacheller, Barker, Beale, Bowman, Boynton, J. Chase, Chesley, M. Cram, Curtis, Doyle, M. M. Eaton, Ellis, C. Foster, J. French, Gould, Gower, Hammond, Hathaway, Heath, Hedge, Higgins, W. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Howe, Hutchinson, Johnson, Jones, Kilbreth, McIntire, McLain, M. Monroe, Nelson, Nickerson, Norton, G. F. Patten, R. Patten, Payson, Perley, Philbrick, Phillips, Pullen, Reed, Robinson, Rogers, Sirois, Stetson, Stover, Sweetser, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, Weld, Whitney.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Bean, Bradbury, Bragdon, Bridgman, Burbank, Carney, M. V. B. Chase, Church, Churchill, Cleves, N. O. Cram, Crosby, Davis, Day, Denison, Dillingham, Dingley, H. M. Eaton, Estabrook, Fairbanks, Fogg, A. C. French, Granger, Gushee, Haines, Haley, Ham, Hamilton, Hopkins, Hunt, Kilby, Larrabee, Lawler, W. F. Lord, Mayo, Miller, J. S. Moore, Oak, Parkes, Perkins, Pool, Porter, Prescott, Richards, Sanborn, Sayward, Shaw, Smith, Stevens, Tapley, F. E. Webb, N. Webb, Weston, Williams, W. Wilson, Young.

The resolve was then passed finally, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves for the amendment of the Constitution to provide for the disfranchisement of deserters and absentees from military draft.

The resolves having passed to be engrossed, were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and the question being on the final passage of the resolves, Mr. STEVENS of Augusta moved and the House ordered, that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken, less than two-thirds of the House voting therefor, the resolves were refused a passage by yeas 55, nays 38, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Beale, Bowman, Brigham, M. V. B. Chase, Chesley, Churchill, Cleves, Crosby, Curtis, Davis, Day, Ellis, Estabrook, J. French, Granger, Gushee, Haines, Haley, Hathaway, Heath, J. U. Hill, Hobbs, Holyoke, Hopkins, Hunt, Hutchinson, Johnson, Jones, Kilbreth, Larrabee, T. Little, Mayo, McIntire, McLain, M. Monroe, J. S. Moore, Nickerson, Oak, Parkes, Perkins, Philbrick, Phillips, Porter, Reed, Richards, Robinson, Rogers, Sanborn, Stover, Sweetser, Valley, Walker, Wasgatt, Weston, W. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Atwood, Bacheller, Bangs, Barker, Boynton, Bradbury, Bragdon, Burbank, Carney, J. Chase, Church, M. Cram, N. O. Cram, Doyle, H. M. Eaton, Fairbanks, Fogg, Frost, Garnsey, Gould, Ham, Hamilton, Hedge, Higgins, Lawler, W. F. Lord, Miller, Norton, R. Patten, Prescott, Sayward, Sirois, Stevens, Tapley, F. E. Webb, Weld, Whitney, Williams.

Bill an act to provide for the expenditures of government.

Presented by leave by Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to provide for the expenditures of government.

Bill an act to amend chapter 244 of the public laws of 1864, relating to the registration of births, marriages and deaths.

Resolve on pay roll of the Senate.

Resolve on pay roll of the House.

The foregoing bills having been three times read, the resolves twice read, each passed to be engrossed, reported by Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were

passed to be enacted, the resolves passed finally, each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State.

Presented by leave by Mr. MILLER of Portland; rules suspended, resolve read twice and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be authorized to allow and pay to the temporary clerks employed in his office during the present session of the Legislature for night work a reasonable compensation, not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per night.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate:

Order authorizing Secretary of State to allow additional compensation to temporary clerks in his office, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet A.

The House adopted Senate amendment, and passed the order as amended in concurrence.

Resolve making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.

This resolve came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

Mr. TAPLEY of Saco moved that the House non-concur with the Senate, and on his motion the House ordered that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being so taken the motion was lost by yeas 32, nays 45, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bradbury, Bragdon, Brigham, Burbank, Carney, Church, Churchill, Cleves, Crosby, Day, Estabrook, Fairbanks, Frost, Hamilton, Larrabee, Lawler, W. F. Lord, Miller, N. P. Monroe, J. S. Moore, Oak, Perkins, Poole, Prescott, Sanborn, Sayward, Smith, Stevens, Tapley, Williams, W. Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Abbott, Atwood, Bangs, Barker, Beale, Bowman, Boynton, M. V. B. Chase, M. Cram, Davis, H. M. Eaton, M. M. Eaton,

Fogg, A. C. French, J. French, Gould, Gushee, Haines, Hathaway, Heath, Hedge, Higgins, Hobbs, Holyoke, Howe, Hutchinson, Jones, Kilbreth, Mayo, McIntire, McLain, M. Monroe, Nickerson, Norton, R. Patten, Phillips, Richards, Robinson, Rogers, Stover, Sweetser, Walker, Wasgatt, Weld, Weston, Whitney.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the resolve.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,.

Ordered, the Senate concurring, That the two branches of the Legislature will adjourn finally at half past four o'clock this afternoon.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

That gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch that the House had disposed of all business before it, requiring the concurrent action of the Legislature.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate through Mr. Stone of Franklin, informing the House that the Senate had disposed of all matters before it, and was ready to adjourn.

Order from the Senate :

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have disposed of all matters before them and are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and Messrs. Banks of York, Tenney of Somerset, and Burleigh of Aroostook, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Wilson of Rockland, Tapley of Saco, Haines of Livermore, Robinson of Sherman, Wasgatt of Mt. Desert, Nickerson of Linneus, and Oak of Garland, joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. TAPLEY, from this Committee, reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned them and the governor was pleased to say he would communicate forthwith through the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the acts and resolves signed by him, numbering 175 acts and 67 resolves, and saying he had no further communication to make.

Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, introduced the following resolve, which was unanimously passed :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to the Clerk and other officers of the House for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Mr. BRADBURY of Limington, presented the following resolve :

Resolved, That the members of this House do hereby present their thanks to Hon. W. A. P. Dillingham for the able, courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over their deliberations.

Mr. HAMILTON of Waterborough, rose and said :

Mr. CLERK :—As a member of this House, and as a member of the opposition in the House, it affords me unaffected pleasure to second the resolve submitted by the gentleman from Limington. And in sincerity and truth I can announce it as my belief, that on all occasions our distinguished Speaker has uniformly and invariably extended to members of this body all the courtesy and kindly consideration which the amenities of debate and the duties of his superior position demand, and by this, as well as by the manliness and dignity with which he has presided over our deliberations, and his suavitous bearing in social and pleasant intercourse, he has elicited and richly merits the respect and high esteem of us all. And I certainly hope that the honor and confidence which we so cheerfully accord to him, at the conclusion of his delicate and laborious duties, may attend him on every hand through all subsequent life.

Mr. CROSBY of Dexter, also said :

Mr. CLERK :—I cannot in justice to my own feelings permit this occasion to pass without some expression of my hearty concurrence in the sentiments of the resolution before you. It is with the utmost pleasure that I add my own individual testimony to the

ability, the firmness, the urbanity with which the Speaker has presided over the deliberations of this body. Nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony which should always exist between a deliberative body and its presiding officer. The position of the Speaker is an arduous one, and sure I am that it has been filled during this session, now so successfully brought to a close; to the general satisfaction of every member.

I think, sir, I can also, with the same regard to truth, say to the members, that they have ever returned to him the courtesy which he has extended to them; and I am gratified to add that harmony has characterized the members in their conduct to each other. There have been differences of opinion many times, as there ever will be in a legislative assembly. There has been warmth, deep earnestness, keen encounter of wits. Gentlemen have maintained their opinions like men. They have also differed like men. They have readily acquiesced in the determinations of the majority. If blows have been given and taken, they were such blows as only honorable men could give or take. No rankle is left. A cheerful submission to the will of the majority is the true condition of successful legislation. And may we not hope that those who sent us here will greet our labors with approbation. Many matters of importance have come before us. We live in troublous times. The people have suffered, and are still suffering. They and we have recognized and confessed the cause of all our woes. We have done what was in our power to remove it.

There is one act at least of this legislature which will be ever held in grateful remembrance by them and us. We have ratified that amendment of the Constitution which makes the national flag an emblem of freedom to all of whatever race or color in this republic. Our constituents will surely never censure us for this. When an individual errs, a true friend will not desert him, but will cling more closely to him that he may put him in the right. So when a nation is in fault, and committed crimes of the deepest dye, a true man will never turn his back upon his country. The affection of a man for the land which gave him birth, and has supported, protected and cherished him from his cradle, should never flag, whatever storms may blow, whatever ills betide, and whatever may have been her aberrations from the path of duty.

The resolve was then unanimously passed.

The SPEAKER then rose and addressed the House as follows :

GENTLEMEN :—I frankly acknowledge the deep emotion which this parting occasion and these valedictory exercises have produced in my own mind ; and the generous resolutions you have passed, with the accompanying remarks, are fully appreciated and reciprocated by your presiding officer. In this public manner, I desire to bear testimony to the intelligence, industry and devotion to the welfare of our beloved Commonwealth, which every member of the popular branch of the Legislature has brought to the discharge of his official duties during the session which is now at its close.

The work of this winter, since we assembled in this Hall on the first of January, has been very important in its character ; it has been performed with marked ability in discussion, and has been carried forward with energy and singleness of purpose. Among the acts of this session, those are prominent in usefulness and in relation to the future growth and welfare of the State and country, which concern the cause of education, agriculture and the mechanic arts. Especially can we refer with pride to the ready response which Maine gave to the call from Congress for the ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States forever abolishing the evil of slavery.

We may congratulate ourselves and our constituents also, on the shortness of the present session, which has resulted from no forgetfulness of any public interest, no disposition to leave any duty undone, but rather in consequence of the undisturbed harmony of this body, the great amount of labor done seasonably by the committees, and the general conviction of the importance of economy in every public expenditure.

The thought of separation so soon, brings pain to the mind, for we may not expect to meet again ; but we have this satisfaction, we can return to our homes, we can make ourselves useful elsewhere if not here, and so answer the great purpose of human existence, which is to serve the cause of truth, justice and humanity, in all places and at all times ; and a life devoted to usefulness always closes with that serenity which betokens the entrance on a higher life and nobler activities, and more enduring rewards than this world furnishes.

And now I bid you one and all an affectionate farewell ; and may the blessings of heaven ever attend you.

On motion of Mr. TAPLEY of Saco, the House of Representatives of the forty-fourth Legislature

Adjourned without day.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*

TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1865.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter seventy-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, concerning specie payments.

to amend chapter one hundred and sixty of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled "an act to fix the compensation of jailers for the board of prisoners."

to amend an act entitled "an act to authorize the surrender of the charters of existing banks in this state and to remit a portion of the bank tax;" approved March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred sixty-three.

to abolish the February term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Knox and to change the time of holding the April term of said court for said county.

to create and establish a sinking fund.

to amend section one of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property.

to amend chapter thirty-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "an act to restrict the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to trial justices."

to prevent the defacing of private property and natural objects by advertisements.

to ratify an amendment of the constitution of the United States, proposed to the legislatures of the several states, by a resolution of Congress approved on the first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

to amend chapter two hundred and fifty-one, section one of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, relating to poll taxes.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, entitled "an act requiring the secretary of state to furnish the clerks of courts in the several counties, a list of all persons commissioned and qualified as justices of the peace and quorum, trial justices, and notaries public."

giving further remedies against executors and administrators.

to establish the salaries of the judge of probate and register of probate for the county of Piscataquis.

to amend section twenty-seven of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes, in relation to the adoption of children.

to amend chapter forty-four of the revised statutes relative to hawkers and pedlers.

additional to chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes relating to auctions and auctioneers.

to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations, in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes.

in addition to an act approved March nineteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "an act to regulate agencies for, and to prevent imposition in the sale of intoxicating liquors."

to amend chapter one hundred and one of the revised statutes, entitled "writ for replevyng a person," and chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the revised statutes, entitled "sentence and its execution in criminal cases, and the liberation of poor convicts."

to amend chapter nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, concerning the exemption of sewing machines from attachment and execution.

to amend chapter two hundred and thirty-nine of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes.

amendatory of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, relating to education.

further defining the duties of town officers in relation to the disbursement of moneys.

- An act to change the time of holding the county commissioners' court for Kennebec county.
- concerning the militia.
- to amend chapter one hundred and twelve of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, relating to the use of office copies of deeds.
- explanatory of chapter ninety-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred fifty-nine, relating to petitions of review.
- to amend chapter ninety-one, section three, of the public laws of eighteen hundred sixty-two, defining the time for making application for compensation.
- additional to chapter sixty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and chapters sixty-six and one hundred and twenty-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, relating to the families of volunteers.
- to amend chapter two hundred and eighty of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four.
- to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine.
- to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Hancock.
- to repeal an act entitled "an act to promote safety of travel on railroads," approved March fourteen, eighteen hundred sixty.
- to enable the banks of this state to become banking associations under the laws of the United States.
- to fix the sum to be paid hereafter by the state to persons enlisted or drafted into the service of the United States.
- in relation to the collection of taxes.
- in relation to the assessment of taxes.
- to amend section three of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, relating to taxes upon certain towns and plantations.
- additional concerning railroads.
- to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of York.
- to increase the salary of the judge and register of probate for the county of Aroostook.

An act to simplify indictments for perjury.

to increase the salary and duties of the state librarian.

additional to chapter one hundred and forty of the revised statutes, relating to the state prison.

requiring notaries public to pay a duty to the state.

relating to bounties.

to simplify indictments in capital cases.

additional to chapter seventy-three of the revised statutes, concerning conveyances by deed, etc.

to provide support for the families of soldiers.

to amend chapter one hundred forty-two of the revised statutes, relating to the reform school.

additional to chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes, relating to civil actions.

to change the place of holding the supreme judicial court in the county of Somerset and to change the shire town of Somerset county.

to amend chapter two hundred forty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred sixty-four, relating to the registration of births, marriages and deaths.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An act to establish the name and confirm the doings of the First Universalist Society in Portland.

to amend the acts establishing Westbrook Seminary.

to make valid the doings of William Percival as a justice of the peace.

authorizing the clerk of the courts for the county of Knox to complete the records of the courts in said county.

to incorporate the Atwood Lead Company.

to repeal an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company," approved March thirty-first, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six, and to continue its corporate existence for certain purposes.

to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Pembroke Iron Company," approved August twentieth, eighteen hundred and fifty.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Vassalborough Mills Company," approved February seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

to amend the charter of the Augusta Hotel Association.

to incorporate the Pembroke Axe and Scythe Company.

to change the name of the Little River Manufacturing Company and to increase its capital stock.

to incorporate the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Lord Brook Dam Company.

to incorporate the Yarmouth Paper Company.

authorizing James W. Congdon and Edward N. Myers to construct and maintain a fish weir in Boot Cove, Lubec.

to incorporate the Eastern Packet Company of Portland.

to amend "an act to incorporate the Proprietors of Wiscasset Bridge."

additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company.

additional to "an act to incorporate the East Branch Mat-tawamkeag Dam Company."

to incorporate Crescent Lodge.

to change the limits of Ticonic Village Corporation.

to amend chapter four hundred and seventy of the special laws of eighteen hundred and sixty, relating to the destruction of fish in Chandler's river.

to incorporate the Maine Beater Press Company.

to change the name of Nancy J. Huey.

to increase the capital stock of the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company.

to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company."

additional to "an act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company."

to incorporate the Lewiston Fire Insurance Company.

to increase the rate of tolls on the Merrymeeting Bridge.

to incorporate the Lewiston Machine Company.

to incorporate the Hudson Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Lincoln Mills.

to incorporate the proprietors of the Saint Croix Hall of Calais.

to incorporate the Lisbon Manufacturing Company.

An act giving additional powers to the city of Portland in relation to cemeteries.

to incorporate the Continental Mills.

to incorporate the Irish American Relief Association of Portland.

to incorporate the Mesalonskee Manufacturing Company, relating to Portland Bridge.

to increase the capital stock of the Buxton Manufacturing Company.

to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company.

to incorporate the Range Pond Dam Company.

to incorporate the Eastport Hotel Company.

to extend the charter of the Norridgewock Bridge Proprietors and amend the rate of tolls granted therein.

to incorporate the State of Maine Oil Company.

to incorporate the Portland Tenement House Company.

to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Company."

additional to "an act to incorporate the city of Bangor."

to repeal an act entitled "an act regulating the storage, safe-keeping and transportation of gunpowder in the city of Bangor," passed March twenty-third, eighteen hundred and thirty-five.

to increase the capital stock of the Traders' Bank in Bangor.

to incorporate the Kennebec Steamship Company.

to incorporate the officers and members of Somerset Royal Arch Chapter.

to incorporate the Bath Iron Mining and Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Guilford Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Warren Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate Star in the West Lodge, number eighty-five.

to incorporate the Winnegance Mill-dam Company.

to incorporate the Baring Woollen Manufactory.

to incorporate the officers and members of Eastern Frontier Lodge.

for the protection and preservation of bass and alewives in the waters of Winnegance creek, above the mill-dam.

to incorporate the Hargraves Woollen Company.

to change the names of certain persons.

An act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company.

to change the name of James W. Leavitt and to confer upon him the rights of inheritance.

to incorporate the Williams Fraternity.

to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company.

to incorporate the Aroostook County Agricultural Society.

to authorize the Second Parish in Scarborough to convey their property to the Methodist Society of Scarborough.

to authorize the construction of a wharf in the town of Kittery.

to incorporate the Kennebec Horticultural Society.

to authorize the building of a dyke or dam across Marsh bay, in Gouldsborough, in the county of Hancock.

to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company.

to incorporate the Stockton Steamboat Wharf Company.

to amend chapter one hundred seventy-three of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to incorporate the proprietors of Union Mills Bridge, and granting a right to demand tolls.

to amend "an act to secure the proper expenditure of school moneys in the Madawaska townships."

authorizing the town of Presque Isle to exempt certain property from taxation.

authorizing the county commissioners of Washington county to lay out and establish in East Machias, a county road over tide waters.

to render valid the doings of Van Buren plantation.

to amend "an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston."

to establish the Dexter High School.

to authorize the building and maintaining a sluice for the passage of lumber in Perry.

to incorporate the Neptune Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

to set off part of the town of Starks and annex the same to the town of Mercer.

to incorporate Reeds Pond Dam Company.

to incorporate the Biddeford Savings Bank.

to amend the tariff of tolls of Livermore Falls Bridge Corporation.

An act to authorize the trustees of Farmington Academy to obtain a loan of money for the completion of a building erected by them for a Normal School and give security therefor in a mortgage of real estate.

An additional act to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot.

An act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company.

to prevent the destruction of alewives in Denny's river.

to extend further the operation of chapter two hundred fifty-three of the special laws of eighteen hundred sixty-three, and chapter three hundred fifty-eight of the special laws of eighteen hundred sixty-four, relating to the claims of Miles Wilson against Penobscot county.

amendatory of and additional to an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Otisfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

to establish the easterly line of Waterborough between said town and the towns of Limington and Hollis, in the county of York.

to empower the collector of Abbot, to collect school district tax in district number one, in said town.

relating to the record of births and marriages in Grant Isle, Madawaska, Dionne and Van Buren plantations, in the county of Aroostook.

to increase the capital stock of the City Bank of Biddeford. additional to an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company," approved March nineteen, eighteen hundred sixty.

to incorporate the Union River Plank Road Company.

to authorize the proprietors of Lewiston Bridge to sell their toll bridge.

to amend chapter three hundred eighty-six of the special laws of eighteen hundred sixty.

additional to "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company."

to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland.

to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank.

to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank.

to incorporate the Birch Stream Dam Company.

to incorporate the Kennebec Ice Company.

An act authorizing the Proprietors of the First Parish Meeting-House in Perry, to sell their parsonage and invest the proceeds.

to incorporate the Maine Express Company.

to incorporate the town of Easton.

to set off a part of St. George and annex the same to South Thomaston.

to incorporate the officers and members of Lafayette Lodge.

to incorporate the Lisbon Centre Falls Manufacturing Company.

for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, amounting to two million four hundred seventy-six thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars twenty-one cents.

to cede to the United States of America the jurisdiction of a parcel of land in the city of Portland.

to incorporate the Oxford Turpentine Company.

to extend the charter of the Stillwater Bridge.

to incorporate the Consumers' Mutual Coal Company of Portland.

to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Portland Burnettizing Company.

to establish the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

to provide for the expenditures of government.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1865.

Resolve in relation to the reciprocity treaty.

Resolves relating to an amendment of the constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery.

Resolve for the relief of Nathan Weston.

authorizing the governor and council to audit and settle the claim of Edward Sands.

in favor of Albert H. Sawyer.

in favor of Joseph Carriveau.

in favor of James Walker.

in favor of Hazen Keech.

in favor of Josiah H. Drummond.

Resolves authorizing a temporary loan.

in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of the state.

Resolve in favor of Jane H. Child.

directing the state treasurer to pay certain moneys due to the Madawaska townships for school purposes.

Resolves in favor of Elizabeth A. Jenkins, Lyman C. Hurd and Joseph H. Myrick.

Resolve donating certain books and documents to the library of Bates College.

Resolves for the payment of state bounties.

Resolve establishing a new school district for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

authorizing the secretary of state to furnish Alva plantation, in the county of Aroostook, with certain documents.

Resolves authorizing a temporary loan.

Resolve in favor of colored soldiers.

authorizing repairs upon the Houlton and Baring, and roads across Indian township in the county of Washington.

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- Resolve in favor of the governor and lieutenant governor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.
- in favor of the agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.
- authorizing the land agent to convey a lot of land to Hazen Hill.
- in favor of the agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.
- in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.
- in relation to reports of the adjutant general, for the years eighteen hundred and sixty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-two and eighteen hundred and sixty-three.
- in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes.
- in favor of Newell Neptune.
- in favor of Joseph Nicolar.
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