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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 23, 1866.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

ORDERED, That the Clerk cause the usual number of copies of the Journal of this House to be printed under his supervision, and that the same be deposited with the State Librarian for the usual distribution.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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AUGUSTA,  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1866. }

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. HOPKINS of Ellsworth, and upon his motion, Mr. STETSON of Bangor was appointed Chairman of the Convention.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec,

Messrs. Davis of Lubec, Jones of Danville, Page of Fort Kent, Miller of Portland, Fairbanks of Farmington, Woodman of Bucksport, Williams of Augusta, Hall of Rockland, Knight of Wiscasset, Dodge of Oxford, Brown of Hampden, Wyman of Sebec, Hunt of Bath, Hathaway of Skowhegan, Milliken of Burnham, and Bradbury of Hollis, were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the credentials of members elect and report whether a quorum was present.

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

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

Mr. Woodman subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty with which he was charged, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend the Convention.

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. WILSON of Rockland,

Messrs. Wilson of Rockland, Granger of Calais, Sawyer of Saco, Cargill of Winthrop, Chesley of Lincoln, Payson of Westbrook, and Sawyer of Raymond, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

Mr. Wilson reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and reported :

Whole number of votes,	133
Necessary to a choice,	67
Franklin M. Drew has	123
Timothy Shaw, Jr.,	9
Edmund Wilson,	1

The report was accepted, and FRANKLIN M. DREW was declared to be duly elected Clerk of the House of Representatives for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. DODGE of Oxford,

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. Dodge subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Clerk had been duly qualified.

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

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kittery,

Messrs. Sanborn of Kittery, Shepley of Portland, Foster of Bangor, Hopkins of Ellsworth, Hill of Biddeford, Holland of Lewiston, and Hersey of Belfast, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported :



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Whole number of votes,	141
Necessary to a choice,	71
James M. Stone has	128
Edmund Wilson,	12
Blank,	1

The report was accepted, and the Hon. JAMES M. STONE was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the current political year.

The Speaker elect was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Wilson of Thomaston, and addressed the House as follows :

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives—*

I tender you my grateful acknowledgments for this high expression of your confidence in calling me to the Speakership of the House. I shall bring to the duties assigned me but little experience as a presiding officer, and therefore, can only assure you that no effort on my part shall be wanting in faithfully and impartially applying and enforcing the rules of parliamentary law in protecting the rights of each, and all, and in striving by all proper means to expedite the business of the session. To succeed in this, I shall need, and confidently expect, your generous support and kind co-operation. I congratulate you that since the last Legislature assembled here, the conflict in which the nation has been engaged for its life has closed, in the complete vindication of the authority and power of the General Government ; that the Rebellion has been utterly suppressed ; the integrity of the Union maintained ; the shackles stricken from four millions of bondmen ; the anomaly of a Republic half free, and half slave, ended forever ; that many most grave and important questions of constitutional right and power, which from the beginning of the government have divided the people have been put forever at rest ; that we have avoided serious difficulties with foreign powers ; that our financial condition is on the whole so hopeful ; that nearly a million of our soldiers and sailors have been returned again to the peaceful vocations of civil life ; and that the contest has closed with, on the whole, so little of animosity and bitterness, and with so much of national prosperity and power. But I must not detain you with the events of the year even in outline. We are met to legislate for the State at the beginning of a new and most important era. Great questions

and grave duties are before us, which need to be met with all the virtue and intelligence of the people. Let us meet them then, with the faith and courage which have sustained us thus far, trusting that the guardian care and watchful providence of Him who has hitherto so signally guided and delivered the nation, may be with us to the end.

Gentlemen, I am ready to proceed with the business of the session.

A message was conveyed by Mr. Miller of Portland to the Governor and Council, and by Mr. Williams of Augusta to the Senate, informing those branches of the government that the House of Representatives had organized by the election of Hon. James M. Stone as Speaker, and Franklin M. Drew as Clerk.

A message was received from the Senate through Mr. Burpee of Knox, informing the House that the Senate had organized by the choice of Hon. William Wirt Virgin as President, and Thomas P. Cleaves as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Berwick,

Messrs. Burleigh of Berwick, Messer of Portland, Dyer of Strong, Hoskins of Gardiner, Greenwood of Fairfield, Weymouth of Belmont, and Gordon of Deer Isle, 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,	126
Necessary to a choice,	64
Sumner J. Chadbourne has	121
John P. Hodgdon,	5

The report was accepted and SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

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

On motion of Mr. WEBBER of St. Albans,

*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. PAGE of Fort Kent,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House invite the clergymen of Hallowell and Augusta and members of the Legislature who are clergymen to officiate as Chaplains in rotation during the present session.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

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

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

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

Read and passed, and Messrs. Granger of Calais, Miller of Portland, Fairbanks of Farmington, Wilson of Thomaston, and Woodman of Bucksport, were appointed said Committee.

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

A communication accompanying the returns of votes for Representatives to the State Legislature for the current political year, was received from the Secretary of State and read.

Order from the Senate :

*Ordered*, That the returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for the current political year, be referred to a Joint Select 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. Woodman of Cumberland, Perkins of Kennebec, Weld of York, Moore of Somerset, Eaton of Waldo, Abbott of Hancock, and Burpee of Knox, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Stetson of Bangor, Wilson of Rockland, Fairbanks of Farmington, Milliken of Burnham, Bradbury of Hollis, Sawyer of Raymond, Jordan of Danville, Bradford of Houlton, Woodman of Bucksport, Foster of Waterville, Farrington of Fryeburg, Hunt of Bath, Webber of St. Albans, Coffin of Harrington, Kenniston of Booth-

bay, and Bryant of Dover, were joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

Order from the Senate :

*Ordered*, the House concurring, That the Joint Rules and Orders for 1865 be adopted as the Joint Rules and Orders of this Legislature until otherwise ordered.

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

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kittery,

*Ordered*, That the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of each day be the hour of meeting of this House until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKENZIE of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Paper from the Senate :

*Ordered*, the House concurring, That all petitions for private legislation, except "petitions for redress of wrongs and grievances," which shall be presented to this Legislature after the first day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature, and that this order be published in the Kennebec Journal until that day.

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

Mr. GRANGER of Calais, announced the attendance of Mr. Houghton, Representative elect from Eastport.

Mr. Granger was appointed to conduct the Representative elect to the Council Chamber for the purpose of enabling him to take the oaths required by law to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. DAVIS of Lubec, announced the presence of Mr. Jenkins, Representative elect from New Portland.

Mr. Davis was appointed to conduct the Representative elect to the Council Chamber for the purpose of taking the oaths required to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Granger and Mr. Davis subsequently reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them, and that Messrs. Houghton and Jenkins had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be directed to prepare a Register of the House, containing the name, residence, post office address, boarding place, and number of seat of members, together with a diagram of the House, and cause 1000 copies of the same to be printed.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State cause to be laid on the Clerk's desk, nine copies each of the revised statutes and of the acts and resolves from the year 1857 to 1866, for the use of the members of the House.

On motion of Mr. JORDAN of Danville,

*Ordered*, That the Messenger of the House cause to be distributed one copy of the rules and orders for 1865 to each member of the House.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*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 Dictionary, and one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer.

Mr. DODGE of Oxford introduced the following preamble and order, which was read and passed :

WHEREAS, sundry rumors have been circulated to the effect that frauds have been committed in the matter of enlistments, and credits to towns during the years 1863 and 1864, by persons amenable to the State, therefore

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to investigate the subject and report the facts as they may be found to exist; and said committee is authorized to send for persons and papers.

The report of the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Whole number of votes returned is	86,073
Necessary for a choice,	43,037
Samuel Cony has	54,430
Joseph Howard,	31,609
John Howard,	19
Joseph H. Howard,	1
Hiram Ruggles,	1
Returned as scattering,	13

The blank returns from Etna, Penobscot county, were duly signed by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, but without having returned any votes as cast. The returns from No. 10, Hancock county, indicate that there were three votes cast, but without stating for whom. Returns were received from a few of the small towns and plantations without having been sealed. These votes were counted and allowed by your Committee. Samuel Cony has a majority of all the votes returned, and is therefore elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

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 the Hon. 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. Barker of Penobscot, Abbott of Hancock, and Smith of Washington appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Wilson of Rockland, Fulton of Bluehill, Jackson of Brunswick, Jordan of Danville, Hanson of Buxton, Hathaway of Skowhegan, and Estabrook of Oldtown, were joined to the Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. WILSON, from this Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and the Governor 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. SHEPLEY of Portland, 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 twelve o'clock, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Hon. Samuel Cony, Governor elect, and of receiving such communication as he may be pleased to make.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate through its Secretary 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. PORTER of the Senate,

That gentleman was charged with a message to the Governor elect, informing him that both branches of the Legislature were in Convention assembled in the Hall of Representatives, 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 Porter subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor elect was pleased to say he would forthwith attend upon the Convention for the purposes indicated.

Whereupon the Hon. Samuel Cony, Governor elect, attended by the Executive Council and Heads of Departments and preceded by the Sheriff of Kennebec county, came in, and in the 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 that we meet under happier auspices than have attended the inauguration of the government of the State for five years past. By the goodness of Providence the clouds of war have rolled away from our skies, and the sun of peace, shining again in full effulgence, gilds and blesses, with its beneficent rays, our battle-rent and blood-stained country. The mighty conflict of arms has ceased, and leaves the government of the Union master of the field, its flag floating in unchallenged supremacy over its ancient and rightful boundaries. That blot which tarnished its escutcheon and was so long our reproach among the nations, has been effaced. The republic, regenerate and enfranchised by the fearful baptism of blood, has vindicated its right to be called "the land of the free." The mighty armies, beneath whose tread the continent has shaken, returning to their homes, have been quietly absorbed into the ranks of the citizen whence they sprung, again to embrace their old employments, dissipating every apprehension which their vastness excited and allaying every fear that we were to become the subjects of a military despotism.

It is our happiness this day to behold enrolled among your members, numerous gentlemen, who at the call of their country, disregarding every impulse but that of patriotic duty, went forth to do battle in her behalf, nor ceased their service so long as it was needed. The State is honored by such sons, and her councils cannot fail to be strengthened by their presence. I bid you welcome



to these seats, as the representatives of those glorious armies of citizen soldiers, which have achieved the deliverance of our nation from its imminent peril.

The year which has closed upon us, filled, as it has been, with causes of joy and congratulation, has, nevertheless, been marked by one event that will ever constitute a sad page in our history. While the people were rejoicing in those thick-thronging successes, the harbingers of returning peace, as the light was breaking around the whole horizon, the marked man of this country, the best beloved of the nation, fell by the assassin's hand. The bullet which struck down Abraham Lincoln, pierced the bosom of millions, plunged the nation in mourning and shocked the moral sense of mankind. With no single quality of character or act of his life calculated to inspire revenge, this man with heart lacerated by the calamities which had befallen his country, yet filled with the kindest purposes towards the deluded authors of them, was suddenly and wickedly slain. Having filled the measure of his earthly fame, through a period of civil administration the most difficult that ever fell to the lot of a public man, denied the gratification he might well have promised himself in the serener and more peaceful days then dawning, "with malice towards none and charity for all," he was summoned to go hence. His name stands in isolated and unapproachable grandeur, associated with an act of beneficence and justice which will shed a halo of glory around it that time cannot efface or obscure. The tears and thanks of enfranchised millions will forever ascend a grateful incense to his memory. Friend of our country, friend of the human race, farewell!

#### MILITARY HISTORY.

At the first summons of the nation to arms the citizens of Maine, from the field, the shop, the ship, the dock yards, the institutions of learning, men of all professions, trades and pursuits, rallied with an enthusiasm and alacrity surpassed by no others, to her defence, and as the weary years of strife rolled on they did not abate their loyalty nor withhold the full measure of support required at their hands. Equivalent to three regiments of cavalry, one regiment of heavy, and seven batteries of light artillery, thirty-one full regiments of infantry, seven companies of sharpshooters, and thirty companies of infantry assigned to regimental organizations, and seven companies of coast guards were raised and mustered

into the service of the United States from Maine. These with the recruits which, during the war, were constantly forwarded to reinforce their continually melting ranks, with the naval enlistments, according to the report of the Provost Marshal General of the United States, up to the thirtieth of April, 1865, reached the number of 71,558 men, being more than one tenth of the population and largely more than a majority of the heaviest vote ever polled in the State. The number of men embraced in all the calls upon this State for troops during the war, was 72,227; leaving a balance of but 669 to be supplied when the orders to stop the draft were issued in April last. These would have been furnished in a very few days, as recruiting was then being prosecuted with great vigor and success. I do not hesitate to express the opinion that no State contributed a larger proportion of its own citizens in filling quotas than Maine.

Since the close of active hostilities in April, the following organizations belonging to this State, have been mustered out of service, viz:—The 1st and 2d regiments of cavalry, the 1st regiment of heavy artillery, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th batteries of light artillery, the 1st veteran, 9th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 30th and 31st regiments of infantry, seven companies of coast guards and a large number of recruits who had not left the State. The 12th and 14th regiments, whose terms of enlistment expired in 1864, and which were mustered out that year, were subsequently reorganized in 1865. The number of commissions issued by the Executive of Maine during the war was 4,295, of which 2,084 were by Governor Washburn in 1861 and 1862, 819 by Governor Coburn in 1863, and the residue by the present Executive in 1864 and 1865. These do not, of course, embrace that number of individuals, as very many were promotions.

At this time there still remain in service the following of our organizations, viz:—The 8th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 29th regiments and one battalion of infantry. Some discontent has arisen from the fact that certain organizations have been discharged which had been in service but a short time, while others, who had served longer, have been retained. This has frequently but unjustly been attributed to improper influences. I believe it to be due entirely to the accident that these regiments belong to the army corps upon which the duty devolved of remaining south, and that similar results would have followed if it had fallen to the lot of any other

corps to have been assigned to this position. I am assured by the Secretary of War that the remaining organizations shall be mustered out and discharged at the earliest moment it can be done with safety to the interests of the country.

It is unnecessary, and would be unbecoming, to speak boastfully of the services of the soldiers of Maine. She has no reason to blush for their conduct upon any occasion. All did their duty according to their opportunity, and very many covered themselves with distinguished honor. The inscriptions on their battle-flags which greet the eye of the visitor to this Capitol, tell the story of their deeds.

I beg leave to express the hope that a full history of each of the different military organizations from this State, which participated in the war, may be written by some one of their intelligent and accomplished members, of whom there were so many. This is the time to do it while events are fresh in memory and there are so many living witnesses to correct errors or misstatements. It would be a most important contribution to the historic annals of the State, increasing in value with the lapse of years and securing justice to our gallant soldiers in more ample measure than they will otherwise obtain.

The records of the government exhibit the fact that of the soldiers we furnished, eight thousand four hundred and forty-six perished, either being slain in battle or died of wounds received or disease contracted in the service, a large portion of whom lie sleeping upon the fields where the salvation of the nation was achieved, in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Florida and Louisiana.

Among the losses we deplore are

Maj. Gen. Hiram G. Berry, formerly Colonel of 4th Infantry, killed in action.

Brig. Gen. Charles D. Jameson, formerly Colonel of 2d Infantry, deceased.

Brig. Gen. Hiram Burnham, formerly Colonel of 6th Infantry, killed in action.

Col. Thomas H. Marshall, 7th Infantry, deceased.

Col. Calvin S. Douty, 1st Cavalry, killed at Aldie, Va., June 18, '63.

Col. Freeman McGilvery, 1st Mounted Artillery, died of wounds.

Col. Daniel Chaplin, 1st Heavy Artillery, killed in action August 20, '64.

Lt. Col. William S. Heath, 5th Infantry, killed at battle of Fair Oaks.

Lt. Col. Robert J. Gray, 9th Infantry, killed in action.

Lt. Col. Winslow P. Spofford, 11th Infantry, died of wounds June 17, '64.

Lt. Col. Charles S. Bickmore, 14th Infantry, killed in action October 19, '64.

Lt. Col. Stephen Boothby, 1st Cavalry, died of wounds.

Lt. Col. George F. Leppien, 1st Mounted Artillery, died of wounds May 24, '63.

Lt. Col. Edwin Burt, 3d Infantry, killed in action May 6, '64.

Lt. Col. George W. Sabine, 1st Heavy Artillery, died of wounds.

Major Wm. C. Morgan, 3d Infantry, killed in action May 23, '64.

Major Wm. L. Pitcher, 4th Infantry, killed at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, '62.

Major Eben Whitcomb, 4th Infantry, deceased Oct. 5, '63.

Major Robert H. Gray, 4th Infantry, died of wounds May 9, '64.

Major Joel A. Haycock, 6th Infantry, killed at Fredericksburg May 3, '63.

Major James P. Jones, 7th Infantry, killed at Ft. Stevens, Washington, D. C.

Major O'Neil W. Robinson, 1st Mounted Artillery, deceased.

Major Archibald D. Leavitt, 16th Infantry, died of wounds.

Major Ellis M. Sawyer, 17th Infantry, killed in action Nov. 27, '63.

Major Samuel T. Keene, 20th Infantry, killed in action.

Major Joseph D. Bullen, 28th Infantry, killed by a member of his regiment.

Major Charles W. Nute, 1st Heavy Artillery, deceased.

Major Wm. Knowlton, 29th Infantry, died of wounds Sept. 20, '64.

Major Wm. R. Currier, 31st Infantry, died of wounds Aug. 24, '64; and staff and line officers to the number of two hundred and fifty—too long a catalogue for recital upon this occasion. All of these were soldiers of conspicuous gallantry and each worthy of the highest eulogy, but which the limits of this address will not permit. The residue of the perished thousands, composed of non-commissioned officers and privates, contained the flower and hope of many a home. To these vast losses, alike the sources of her sorrow and her pride, Maine points as the sacrifices she has laid upon the altar of her country. Peace to their ashes, honor to their memories and thanks to God that they have not died in vain.

In addition to these are six thousand six hundred and forty-two soldiers mustered out of the service for disabilities resulting from the casualties of battle or sickness of the camp. How many of them have gone down to untimely graves, I have no means of knowing, nor how many are dragging out a life of lingering suffering. I have endeavored to obtain from the war department, a list of such as perished in rebel prisons, but have been unable to procure it in season for this communication.

The war being ended and the measure of the sacrifices and services of the soldiers of our State known, I submit that some testimonial is due to the memory of the dead and equally to the more fortunate living, as broad as the authority of the State, in token of its appreciation and gratitude.

Other States are erecting monuments to their slain, and it is befitting that we should erect some enduring memorial in honor of the dead who have perished in our behalf. So numerous are these that it would not be practicable to erect statues or monuments to all, but a work of art, worthy the State and worthy the subject, might be devised which will accomplish the object. This form of commemoration is usual among all civilized nations, and by it is nursed that spirit of manly patriotism ever their refuge and defence in the hour of danger. I know of no mode by which it can be so properly done as at the expense of the State. It is her debt and I believe the people desire its payment. This is the suitable time when the sacrifices of our heroic martyrs are fresh in memory; let it not be postponed till recollection of their virtues becomes dim, and least of all, let us not shirk a public duty, trusting that private munificence and private sensibilities will supply a public neglect.

For the living, it has occurred to me that a simple medal with suitable inscriptions might be struck and furnished to each soldier who has been in the service and honorably discharged. This recognition by the State will gratify the pride of the soldier and become an invaluable heir-loom to his family when he shall pass away.

But the erection of monuments to the dead and the bestowal of medals on the surviving, alone, will not satisfy the public conscience, for the duty of the State is thus but in part discharged. Many households there are upon whom penury has laid his chill hand, for their prop and support, the father or husband has given

his life to his country. Many soldiers there are who in the same cause, though their lives have been spared, have received such injuries as absolutely to incapacitate them from supporting themselves or families. The government of the United States bestows a pension upon all these, but so small as to be inadequate to their necessities. Under such circumstances, I conceive that an imperative obligation rests upon the State to interpose and ameliorate the condition of the sufferers. The impulses of humanity and a sense of duty alike demand it. The orphans of the soldier who has sacrificed all for his country, have a right to demand it. The soldier whose life is about all that has been spared him, can well claim that he shall not be made either a mendicant or a pauper. Failing to provide for these classes, every sufferer would be a living reproach to the State. As to the best means of making this provision, so that the meritorious and deserving may be suitably cared for and at the same time to guard against imposition upon the State, it will be for you to select some of the modes which the philanthropic minds of the country have devised, if, as I cannot doubt, you shall concur in the opinions here expressed. It may be desirable, for the purpose of procuring statistics as to the numbers needing relief, and evidence of the best methods of affording it, and the limitations by which it shall be surrounded, that a commission shall be instituted, so that final action may not be reached the present session of the Legislature. There is one thing which can and should be done, and that is to enact a law that no soldier of sober habits, incapacitated by injuries received in the discharge of his duty while in the military service, or his family, who shall require aid from any city or town, shall thereby become paupers or subjected to any disability in consequence thereof, and that this provision shall be extended to the families of such as have died in the service or in consequence of injuries received therein.

The whole subject is submitted to your consideration, with entire confidence that you will meet it as it deserves and so dispose of it that it shall not be said that Maine is unmindful or neglectful of her duty to those who have suffered for their country.

Soon after the battle of Gettysburg, under the immediate auspices of the Governor of Pennsylvania, a movement was set on foot for the consecration of a National Cemetery and the erection of a monument to the memory of the soldiers who fell in that memorable engagement. This State, co-operating with the others

which suffered upon that occasion, has contributed its share to accomplish the work, and the same, now in course of rapid completion, will be a fitting testimony in honor of the dead.

The State authorities in Maryland are moving for a similar object on the battle-field of Antietam, and Maine has been invited by the Governor of that State to unite in the effort. In that conflict, as in all others in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged, this State contributed her proportion of the slain. It is due to the memory of those who lie there, that the spot where they rest should be suitably marked and consecrated. I shall submit the communication from the Governor of Maryland and commend the same to your favorable consideration.

#### MILITARY AGENCIES.

The agencies for the care of our soldiers have been discontinued and the various organizations maintained, especially by the ladies of the State, for their relief, have closed their labors. To these, as well as to the noble women who have gone to the front, and with that patience and tenderness belonging only to their sex, have watched and waited by the couch of the sick, wounded and dying soldier in his agony, I tender the thanks and acknowledgment of the State. Among these, and as most conspicuous, I do not deem it invidious to mention the names of Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Mayhew, who may well be styled the Florence Nightingales of Maine. The United States General Hospital at this place has been closed by order of the Government. The number of patients who have been admitted and received treatment in it during the last eighteen months, is thirty-seven hundred and sixty-four, all of whom, with the exception of one hundred and fifty, were soldiers belonging to this State. Of these but eighty-six have died, more than two thousand returned to active duty, eleven hundred discharged the service, the residue transferred to the veteran reserve corps, other hospitals and deserted; the number of the last class being very small.

This hospital has been the source of great relief to the soldiers and comfort to their friends. For the past year it has been in charge of Brevet Lieut. Col. Derby, to whom, as well as to his assistants, I tender my thanks for the fidelity and kindness with which they have discharged their duties. For the present and un-

til the residue of our regiments are mustered out of the service, a post hospital will be maintained here.

#### REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

The forthcoming Report of the Adjutant General, embracing the operations of his office for the years 1864 and 1865 and the history of our soldiers for the same period, will constitute a most full and complete compendium of facts invaluable to them and their friends as furnishing the clew by which their rights may be effectively secured. It will be an enduring monument to the ability and indefatigable industry of that officer. You are respectfully referred to it for suggestions in relation to the organization of the militia of the State.

#### FINANCE.

Passing from these considerations, your attention is invited to the financial condition of the State as it was at the outbreak of the rebellion and as it is at the close of the year 1865. On the first day of January, A. D. 1861, the funded debt of the State was \$699,500. At the commencement of the present year, it is \$5,-164,500. The difference between these sums does not exhibit the amount of State expenditure made directly in aid of government in the prosecution of the war, for the debt existing at its commencement has been reduced \$197,500, and a very large amount added to the current revenues of the treasury from the increased taxation which has been imposed upon the citizens of the State from year to year, during the continuation of the struggle. The expenditure for war purposes, embracing the outfitting of the first ten regiments, bounties, aid to families of soldiers, for sick and wounded and other objects, including interest on the war debt, reaches the sum of \$7,357,572.97, distributed among the different years as follows :

1861,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,008,578 17
1862,	.	.	.	.	.	165,878 60
1863,	.	.	.	.	.	642,030 90
1864,	.	.	.	.	.	3,784,481 55
1865,	.	.	.	.	.	1,756,603 75

Of these sums there has been paid for bounties alone, including scrip issued to soldiers since the eighteenth day of February last, \$4,578,636.00. The amount advanced by cities and towns for aid



to families of soldiers to January 1, 1865, was \$1,599,536.66, which has been refunded by the State or provision made therefor. To this is to be added the estimated sum of \$400,000.00, being advances for the same purpose in 1865, which has been already provided for by the tax for that year. The returns have not been received from the cities and towns, so that the precise sum cannot be stated, but the estimate is believed to be large enough to cover it. Deducting from the foregoing aggregate the three hundred and twenty thousand dollars refunded by the United States, the State has expended \$7,037,572.97 already for the support of the war including interest on war debts, exceeding the amount of war loans including scrip by \$2,217,572.97.

The expenditure of 1861 was largely for outfitting the regiments raised that year, the expense of doing so having been cheerfully assumed by the State in consequence of the utter want of preparation on the part of the government of the United States to meet the terrible emergency in which it found itself, its financial credit at the outbreak of the rebellion being far weaker than at any subsequent period of the struggle. The greater portion of these advances are still due from the United States, and the accounts, at this time, are in process of examination. These claims will be pressed to a settlement at the earliest possible moment, and I trust the State may realize what is fairly due to it. She made the advances in an ungrudging spirit, at a time when it was uncertain whether there would remain a government to refund. Under these circumstances, a liberal allowance of the expenditures, though not vouched strictly according to "regulations," may fairly be claimed. Beyond all these for us large amounts, returns received from the cities, towns and plantations of the State, under the requirements of the law, show that they are in debt, not less than \$6,556,183, which they have paid for bounties. To this sum is to be added whatever has been obtained by taxation for this purpose, there being many towns who have so raised a portion of the bounties paid by them; and still others which have assessed and collected the whole amount without recourse to taxes and are free from debt on that account. Putting all these sums together, there has been expended by the people of this State for the support of the national cause \$14,093,572, for which they owe to-day about \$12,000,000, saying nothing about private contributions, which through their liberality have continually flowed as freely as water.

These large debts will be met with unflinching integrity, the burden though heavy being lightened by the conviction of its necessity and the grand results achieved.

For the year 1865 the total expenditures of the State have been \$2,872,080.89, of which, the sum of \$325,113.38 represents the entire cost of its civil administration including appropriations for the enlargement and improvement of our public institutions. The civil expenses of the government have been somewhat, though slightly, increased by the war, but the disposition to economy has been enforced by the inevitably heavy burdens growing out of the struggle.

In common with the people, the Legislature of 1865 was strongly impressed with the conviction that the funded debt of the State was as large as could be maintained with safety to its credit. Such was my own view of the matter and that the policy of providing for our wants by immediate taxation, should be adopted. To enforce this policy, it became necessary to levy a very heavy State tax for the year 1865. This was, accordingly, done and a tax of one cent and five mills upon the valuation of 1860, was imposed, producing the sum of two millions, four hundred seventy-six thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars and twenty-one cents, to meet existing deficiencies and provide for the payments which the treasury would be called to make during the year 1866. As this tax was not payable till the first day of January of the present year, authority was granted to the Treasurer of State to make temporary loans to the amount of one million of dollars, not exceeding a year to run in anticipation of and to be paid from the proceeds of this tax. This policy and the establishment of a sinking fund to be obtained by an annual tax of three-fourths of a mill upon every dollar of the State valuation, producing about one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, has had the effect to maintain the high financial character of the State, her bonds having been sold in the closest money market of the year within one or two per cent. as high as the 7-30 bonds of the United States with all their advantage of exemption from taxation and superior rate of interest. I cannot too strongly press upon your consideration, the necessity as well as value of adhering to this policy of gradually paying off the public debt through the instrumentality of the sinking fund. It distributes the burden over a series of years and looks to its final extinguishment.

The Treasurer of State, having funds to spare, under the advice of the Executive, in conformity with the law has invested, by purchasing for the sinking fund, bonds of the State to the amount of \$100,500.00. These were bought at prices ranging from ninety-five to ninety-six dollars on the hundred and a very handsome saving secured thereby. In this connection, I would recommend, as some amounts will be received from the United States in liquidation of our claims against the general government for advances, that whatever is so refunded, shall also be added to the sinking fund, for the reason that this money was borrowed by the State under the authority to make loans for war purposes, and when returned should be applied to liquidate the debt as a matter of judicious economy. Under the authority to make temporary loans in anticipation of the receipt of the State tax of 1865, the Treasurer of State provided for the payment of the liabilities of the State for advances by cities and towns in 1864, to the families of soldiers. The mustering-out of large numbers of troops, consequent on the termination of active hostilities, has reduced materially the charge for aid furnished the families of soldiers during the past year, and the provision therefor made by the tax of 1865 will be ample.

The amount of scrip for soldiers' bounties, issued under resolve of February 18, 1865, is \$355,600.00 which will be payable at the office of the Treasurer of State, February 1, 1867, with interest. I would recommend that by the State tax of the present year its payment be provided for.

I take pleasure in stating that you will be able to reduce the State tax of 1866, at least twelve hundred thousand dollars, or about fifty per cent. from what it was in 1865, if your appropriations do not exceed the estimates of the Treasurer of State, which have been made with great care by that vigilant officer. This will be a very grateful present relief to your constituents, who will be cheered by the prospect of a reduction of their burdens.

#### ASSUMPTION OF STATE DEBTS.

In my address last year I took occasion to present certain considerations why the indebtedness of the States including all their municipalities, should be assumed by the government of the United States. The importance of the subject must be my apology for repeating them. The war was fought for no special locality nor any particular generation. The contest was purely and simply for

national existence and to preserve in perpetuity republican institutions in the United States for all time to come, and for the human race. Those who have fallen cannot be restored, for the grave will not give up its dead. The enormous sacrifice of life, the measureless woe caused by the struggle, can never be shared by those who succeed us. The pecuniary burden can and should be. Men were demanded for the armies, and the inducements offered by the national government were inadequate to procure them. States supplied the deficiency, doing only what necessity required, and which had they failed to do the struggle itself must have been a failure. The law conscribing soldiers, produced directly, the most meager results, though indirectly, it stimulated States to increase their efforts and through State action and State energy alone, the armies were recruited. The most efficient means was the payment of large bounties. Compelled by the inexorable necessities of the case to this vast expenditure, it should be at the common charge of the whole country. Upon these considerations alone, the demand for this assumption rests upon impregnable grounds. Coupled with these are others of equal weight. The enormous charges of the national government have driven it to lay its hands upon every national resource. Clothed by the constitution with the sole power of levying imposts, which in olden time was entirely adequate to the supply of the national wants, there still remained an abundant field from which the States could gather revenue as their necessities demanded. The changed condition of affairs has compelled the general government to the exercise of legitimate though hitherto unaccustomed powers. The act levying excise and income taxes penetrates every pocket and reaches every branch of business and industry. Of this no loyal person does or will complain. The act creating a national currency is rapidly driving all State banking institutions from existence, thereby drying up a most important source of State revenue. Very large amounts of capital have been withdrawn from taxation by investments in the government bonds, invited thereto by that very exemption. The States, accordingly, find themselves laboring under largely increased burdens with diminished means of meeting them.

But beyond all these and reaching into the future, the time is not remote when the territories between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains, which to-day are but a waste so far as human habitancy

is concerned, will be the abode of millions of people and come as States within the pale of the Union. These States will have no such inheritance of debts, as will oppress the industry of their older sisters unless the nation comes to their relief, but on the contrary, will furnish attractive fields of settlement to citizens of those States, who, to escape the onerous taxation of their present homes, will seek new ones in these, at present, uninhabited regions. We have by our blood and our treasure, dedicated this country as the abode of liberty ; and those who are to partake of its blessings have no right to refuse, so far as they can, to participate in its cost and contribute their share to mitigate the burdens.

The growth of the United States in the past in population and wealth, has been a marvel in human history. The decade closing with 1860 exhibits the most astonishing results. That system of inter-communication by railroads and locomotives, unknown to the world forty years ago, had been largely adopted by our people and was just beginning to produce its legitimate fruits, in an unrivalled national prosperity, when the war of the rebellion broke upon us. Railroad construction in the loyal States has been pressed notwithstanding the war and already the lines are commenced at either end which are to unite the Atlantic and Pacific. These will bring the fertile regions which they are to traverse within the compass of a far easier journey than our forefathers, coming from other portions of New England, had in reaching central Maine. Already the vast metalliferous wealth found in the valleys and declivities of the Rocky Mountains is stimulating enterprise and adventure, till the highways across the plains are thronged with the trains of the emigrant pressing their slow footsteps to the new found El Dórodo. With the railroad to the Pacific completed, the imagination can hardly compute the result. This is the enchanter's wand, which, in that now remote region is to build cities and populate States, as it has already in the nearer west, with a rapidity no statistics could have foretold, and where but for its magic potency, primeval solitude would now reign through a vast domain. The addition to the national debt of the liabilities of the State will not equal six months expenditure in prosecuting the war. That debt, large as it is, in comparison with any other in our past history, the country has demonstrated its ability to carry. The certain knowledge of those yet vast and multiplying resources which the genius and industry of the American people are day by day

unfolding, affords confident assurance that this increase will not be sensibly felt, in the national finances. The rapid growth of the country in population and wealth will constantly diminish the pressure of the burden by enlarging the base upon which it rests.

#### BANKS AND CURRENCY.

The inflation of the currency at this time, is producing injurious effects upon the business of the country, by stimulating speculation and enabling comparatively a very small number of persons to engross many of the leading staples demanded for general consumption. From this state of things calamitous financial results may be anticipated.

For the most part, the power and duty to reduce the amount of currency, rests with the national government, it having swelled the volume to an enormous extent by its own issues. The policy indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury, deserves the support of all who desire to return to a stable basis. It is to be attended with difficulties, at best. These however must be met promptly, otherwise greater evils will overtake the country. The difference between the value of paper money and gold is very much less than it was a year since, but the prices of commodities have not declined relatively or anything like it. The large demand coming from the south, tends to maintain them, but the facility for obtaining means to carry on large speculations in consequence of the great volume of currency afloat is, without doubt, the main cause of the ruling high rates. The States can do but little to affect this matter.

Under existing laws of this State, banks which since February 24, 1865, have voted to surrender their charters and become banking associations under the laws of the United States, are required to file a bond or deposit stocks or other securities with the Treasurer of State, to the acceptance of the bank commissioners, to secure the redemption of all bills of banks so surrendering, issued prior thereto by the same, or by the association to which it has converted itself afterwards, and that the bills so redeemed shall not be reissued or again put in circulation but shall be destroyed; provided however, it shall be made to appear that such association cannot immediately procure of the comptroller of the currency of the United States, circulating notes to use as currency in place of the bills so required to be redeemed and destroyed, the bank com-

missioners may authorize such bank to reissue and continue in circulation such bills for a period to be fixed by them, not exceeding twelve months after being authorized to act as a national banking association and not subsequent to the receipt of such circulating notes of the United States as it shall be entitled to receive ; with the further provision that nothing in the act containing these provisions shall authorize any bank to have in circulation bills of all kinds exceeding the amount permitted under the act of Congress establishing such association. The privileges and limitations of this law are prospective and apply only to banks of the State changing to national associations subsequent to the passage thereof. The reason for enacting this law grew out of the supposed embarrassment in accommodating the customers of the banks during the interval between the surrender of the charter of the bank and the reception of the national currency. It appears by the report of the bank commissioners that this requirement has not been observed in all cases. The obligation to comply with the law requiring security, if regarded as a condition precedent to the surrender of the State charter, and I am inclined to that opinion, would leave the banks failing to give the security, in the position of not having completed the surrender and amenable to the State tax.

There have been instances of national associations created before the law of February 24, 1865, which have employed the bills of the bank from which they were converted, to a very large amount, without filing any bond, or furnishing any additional security to the public. If this course of proceeding is tolerated, it may happen that the bills of such banks will be issued up to the last day when the surrendering bank is liable to redeem the same and a large amount of its currency kept afloat, having no legal sponsor to redeem it and whose value will depend solely upon the honor of those who have put it on the public. This has never been regarded in Maine, as an adequate basis for bank circulation. The faith of the State is involved to the extent of guarding against a possible abuse of this kind. The bills, except for the authority it has given to issue them, would be worthless and a control of their issue should be reserved to it until they are retired and destroyed. It will be for you to look into this subject and ascertain if there is any danger from this source and if so to guard against it, if possible. I would suggest that in all cases where the bills of a State bank are to be employed subsequent to the surrender of its char-

ter and conversion into a national association, that a State tax be levied on such circulation.

The addition of the State note circulation above referred to, added to the national currency issued by the banks, helps to swell the amount, and I deem it proper that the State require the earliest practical redemption of these notes, doing thereby its part in contracting the volume of the currency and as a matter of safety to the public.

I would likewise suggest that the banks surrendering their charters shall be required to return as often as once in three months, the amount of their bills in circulation to the Secretary of State, until the time allowed for closing their affairs expires, which returns he shall cause to be published in such newspapers and for such time as the Legislature may prescribe. Additional notice should also be given of the time when the obligation of banks surrendering their charters, to redeem their bills, ceases. I advise that this notice shall be given in each case by the Secretary of State, who shall publish the same in certain designated newspapers during the last three months of the existence of the bank, for such time as the Legislature may provide. The notice now given, at the time of the vote to surrender, naturally passes out of the public mind, but the renewal of it towards the close of the bank's existence, will arrest public attention and secure a return of the bills in season to save loss to the community.

#### BOUNTIES, ETC.

The expenditures of the State for bounties and other military purposes have run up to millions, instead of the few hundred thousands required for the civil expenses in times of peace. It is not surprising that suggestions and insinuations of fraud in the disbursement of these large sums, should obtain currency, if not credence. By the law granting State bounties in 1864, cities and towns were not authorized, but substantially inhibited from the payment of bounties, the State having made large provision therefor. But these municipalities, moved by the anxiety of their citizens to escape the conscription, almost universally voted lavish sums to fill their quotas and appealed to the Legislature of 1865 to sanction their proceedings, which was done. The action of the cities and towns at the time being without color of legal authority, the Executive of the State disclaimed, all supervision or control



except to insist that they must be bound by the law of the State. So far as these corporations were concerned, the agreement to pay bounties or sums for the filling of quotas, was a contract between them and the recruit or the agent of the town, whether a substitute broker by profession, or the specially authorized agent of the municipality, to be enforced in the same manner as other contracts, subject to the legal rights of the parties. So far as the payment of State bounty was concerned, every possible precaution was enjoined upon the officials having charge thereof, to prevent the payment of the same to any party but the recruit himself, or to the municipal authorities, who had previously and according to law, advanced any portion of it to such soldier.

The rule in disbursing these bounties, when not advanced by the towns—and only a small portion was so advanced—was to withhold them until the organization was ready and about to leave for the field, when the soldiers composing it were mustered in a body and all paid at the same time. Occasionally absentees did not get their bounty at the time of the general payment. The total number of these was small and great care was observed that they should be paid on sufficient and well-authenticated vouchers. No well-grounded complaint has reached me that the State bounty has not been honestly and fairly paid.

Under the circumstances of the case, the war being ended, and as the books of this account should be closed, I would suggest that the Legislature cause a thorough investigation to be made into the financial management of the State and into all other departments of the public service, that the people may learn whether they have been properly and faithfully served or not. This is due to the people and to the gentlemen who have had charge of public affairs during the protracted struggle through which we have passed and under the vastly increased responsibilities imposed thereby.

#### PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

For the condition of the various institutions maintained by or under the patronage of the State, you are referred to the several reports of the officers thereof. Those in the State have all been visited by the Governor and Council the past year, and those beyond its limits by the Council. From the examination made they appear to be progressing satisfactorily and still entitled to the continued favor of our people.

An appropriation of \$20,000 for building an additional wing to the Insane Hospital, was made by the Legislature of 1865. The crowded condition of the institution rendered this indispensable. The work was commenced under the direction of the Trustees, upon whom the expenditure was devolved. The work done has been of the most permanent character. Causes well understood have made the cost much heavier than in former times. When the walls were completed the appropriation had become exhausted. It was of the highest necessity that they should be covered by a roof to protect what had already been done, from injury by the storms and frosts of the coming winter. The Governor and Council having fully examined and considered the subject, advised the prosecution of the work to that extent, and an advance from the Treasury to do it. The necessity of the case required the erection of the addition and good economy demanded that what had been done, should not be suffered to incur injury from exposure. I can have no doubt that you will justify the action of the executive department of the government and make an appropriation which shall finish the structure. The number of insane persons in the State is such, and increasing with its growth, as to make further accommodation for them indispensable. An additional wing, of the size of the one in process of construction will make the present hospital as large as it should be. Patients already there are to fill it. Probably it may be postponed some little time, but its necessity will become more pressing every year. The erection of another hospital at some other point in the State, will without question be required to supply the wants of this unfortunate class. The numbers accommodated by the present institution, when completed, will be as great as can properly be cared for under one Superintendence, and as large as, from sanitary considerations, can be-grouped together. I mention what I believe will, at an early day, become a public need, not with a view to any action by you, but for the purpose of presenting it to the attention of the people.

The affairs of the State Prison since the accession of the present warden, Mr. Rice, have exhibited a very flattering improvement over any previous period of its history. Under his management it has become a self-sustaining institution, and that too, notwithstanding a very large diminution of the number of its inmates, which, at one time the last year, was as low as sixty-five, against one hundred and twelve at the close of the year 1862. In conse-

quence of this decline in numbers, the productive capacity of the Prison has proportionately lessened, while the expenses of its maintenance do not fall off in a corresponding ratio, the same number of subordinate officers, overseers and guards being required for the police and management of the establishment, whether the number of prisoners is large or small. This institution, during almost its entire existence, has been a heavy drain upon the Treasury, and it seemed to have become, in this direction, chronic and incurable. The results achieved by the warden are due to general, skillful management of the prison, the judicious direction given to the labor of the convicts, but perhaps more than all to the treatment of the prisoners. The application of corporal punishment has been entirely discontinued. The effect of this punishment is to degrade the subjects of it and to induce a sullenness which resists all other incitements to labor, a carelessness in the performance of it, a wasting of the material employed and an entire recklessness of results. Such has been the experience in this prison. Pursuing an opposite course, treating the prisoners with kindness instead of brutality, the amount of work done by them has been largely increased, the quality of it improved and the income of the prison enlarged, with most beneficial effects also upon the moral condition of the prisoners. A management producing these results deserves and will receive the public approbation.

Your attention to so much of the report of the Inspectors of the State Prison as recommends an appropriation for stable, cistern and out-buildings is invited. I concur in believing the same to be a judicious and proper expenditure.

During the war the number of convicts was much reduced and a singular immunity from crime existed, but the tide which for four years ebbed in so gratifying a manner, has, with the return of peace, again set in upon us with fearful force. I am not aware that any change in the penal code is called for, or would add to its efficiency, but an increase of numbers and vigilance of the police force in cities and towns is required, and those officers charged with the prosecution of offenders are called upon by this state of affairs to a most energetic exercise of the powers confided to them.

In relation to the Reform School, while my impressions as to its usefulness in its general scope and purpose have been strength-

ened, I think that some changes in the law prescribing who shall be the subjects of sentence there, should be made. By existing laws, the ages of children sent to the School, are from eight to sixteen years. The term of sentence is during minority, in every case, subject however to the power of the trustees to discharge them sooner. It may happen that a boy of the age of eight years, upon whom the light of moral sense has hardly dawned, for breaking a pane of glass, will receive a sentence for thirteen years, while one of sixteen, for a crime involving moral turpitude of which he is fully conscious, receives a sentence for five years. So far as the sentence is to be regarded as a penalty, there is a manifest confusion of degrees of guilt, imposing the lesser punishment for the greater offence. Again, the association of children of tender years, who as yet have not the perception of right and wrong, with those who are older and in whom the moral faculties have a development, but have become perverted by neglect of their education, cannot be particularly favorable to the younger, notwithstanding the restrictions of the school. I am impressed with the necessity of a separation of these classes, and in fact, doubt the propriety of making children as young as eight years, the subject of penal visitation at all. There may be, and doubtless is, a necessity for public provision for the education and sustenance of these little children who may have no parents to take care of them, or such as from immoral habits are unfit to have charge of them, but it is revolting that they should be taken, at that tender age, from parents of a different character. If nothing more is done, measures should be taken to secure an absolute separation of these different classes of children, and those who may be sent to the school for mere thoughtless mischief should not be confounded with such as are in a marked degree criminal. It is impossible that this promiscuous association can be otherwise than injurious to a portion, who, if not brought in contact with the viciously disposed, would escape contamination.

I trust that you will give to the consideration of the subject, the careful deliberation and thorough scrutiny to which it is entitled, nor limit yourselves to the suggestions here made. Our public institutions ought to be the best of their kind, and whatever aid is to be derived from the experience of other States, as well as our own, should be availed of to accomplish this object.

The Normal School at Farmington, it affords me pleasure to

state, is in a flourishing condition, equal to the most sanguine expectations of its warmest friends. This institution, regarded as an experiment by many, is destined, I trust and believe, to vindicate the wisdom of its authors. The number of pupils has largely increased the past year, there having been in attendance during the fall session of 1865, one hundred and fifteen pupils, coming from nearly every part of the state, all but three counties being represented. The Governor, accompanied by a committee of the Council, visited the school in the month of October, without notice to the officers thereof; and had an opportunity to observe it in its every day workings. I am gratified in being able to say that the teachers are well qualified for their positions and possessed of that spirit in the discharge of their duties, which furnishes a sure guarantee of success. A school like this can hardly fail of achieving great results. It will become the focus of the educational interests of the State so far as common schools are concerned. If the pupils of this school succeed as teachers, as we have reason to believe they will, it is there that teachers will be sought. This fact will attract pupils to it. The bringing together of so many persons having a common object—the learning of the science of teaching—by the attrition of mind with mind, cannot fail to be mutually beneficial. Of the members in attendance in October, all who proposed taking schools the present winter have been employed.

The classes which are to graduate from year to year, like the overflow of the river, which fertilizes the valleys on its margin, will shed the beneficent influence of their acquirements over our State, returning an hundred fold all that they have cost the Treasury. I do commend most cheerfully, a fair and full trial of this experiment, if experiment it may be called, to the people of the State.

It is proper to inform you that the land set apart for the support of the Normal School, was duly advertised by the Land Agent for sale, but failed to obtain anything like the upset price. An offer therefor was subsequently made for it, which the Governor and Council, upon mature examination of the premises, regarded as justifying them to advise the Land Agent to make a conditional contract of sale, subject to the ratification of the Legislature. This he did and it rests with you to confirm it, if, upon full consideration of the matter, you shall find the interests of the State will be promoted thereby. Unless this is done, it will be necessary to

make a specific appropriation from the Treasury to sustain the school.

The Trustees of the College for the promotion of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, have not yet decided upon any location for the institution. The lands granted for the endowment thereof, have, under the advice of the executive council, concurred in by the board of trustees, been advertised for sale.

In this connection, your attention is called to a resolve approved March 23, 1864, "appropriating the timber and lumber on a township of land for educational purposes." This appropriation was charged with various endowments to Berwick, Houlton, Limerick, Presque Isle and St. Albans Academies, amounting in all to eleven thousand dollars. The township designated for the purpose was supposed to be as valuable as any belonging to the State, not before set apart for other purposes. The Land Agent has been unable to dispose of the timber and lumber thereon for an amount sufficient to meet the charges upon it. The general enhancement of prices has not affected that of timber lands, thus far. When this appropriation was made, it was doubtless the impression of the Legislature that the stipulated amounts could readily be obtained. Exaggerated opinions of the value of the lands, the property of the State, led to this conclusion. It will rest with you to determine what, under the circumstances, shall be done, though I cannot withhold the expression of the opinion that it was the expectation as well as the intent of the Legislature that the several institutions should have in money, the whole amount of the endowment proposed.

I am not aware that any legislation of a general character is required upon the subject of the public lands. With regard to the operations of the Land Office, you are referred to the report of the Land Agent. They have been of a limited character and will continue to diminish, especially if the European and North American Railway Company shall so far comply with the conditions of the contingent grant made to it, as to secure it absolutely.

#### EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.

The interest which has been manifested in the extension of our railway system northerly to the Aroostook and eastward to the British provinces, by the Legislature heretofore, was prompted by a belief of its advantage to the entire State. Whatever can be

done to build up any portion of the State, not at the expense of the rest, for by such policy nothing is gained, as equivalent injury ensues, but adding to the wealth and prosperity of any locality by developing new resources or opening new avenues for business, is deserving of encouragement; for the growth of a part, under these conditions, is an increase of the whole.

Prior to the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway the position of Maine was one of extreme isolation and its chief sources of business were confined to its own limits. This enterprise, over-leaping natural obstacles has brought us in contiguity with the Canadas and the fertile prairies of the Western States, enriching the region through which it passes, creating large values where none existed before and pre-eminently contributing to the growth and prosperity of the commercial metropolis of the State. The ratable estates of the city of Portland in eighteen hundred and fifty by the State valuation were established at \$7,311,561. That year the railroad enterprise above referred to had just got into successful operation. By the valuation of eighteen hundred and sixty, being a period of ten years, the taxable property of that city reached the sum of \$21,866,000, being a growth of nearly two hundred per cent. and seven times the amount it was at the close of the decade terminating with eighteen hundred and forty. This is, for us, a striking illustration of the importance of railroads as contributing to our growth and prosperity. Without the Grand Trunk Road, Portland, this day, would have been comparatively an unimportant place. With it she has before her a future gratifying to every friend of the State.

The value of land or commodities depends upon vicinity to market or facility of access thereto. If upon Casco Bay can be found a market for buying and selling, as good for our citizens as that of Boston or New York, it cannot fail vastly to benefit the State at large. With the statistics above presented, we have the pleasant and certain assurance that such is to be the case at a very early day. With these results before us, from breaking through the barriers on the north-western part of the State, is there not great encouragement to push improvements in the north-eastern direction, opening up the Aroostook to rapid settlement and penetrating to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia?

The commencement of the European and North American Railroad has been deferred by causes not in the power of the corpora-

tors to control. The prospect, however, is flattering for a speedy beginning of the work, and once commenced it will not be discontinued, the interests of the valley of the upper Penobscot being too largely involved to permit its abandonment. The State has been generous in her grants to this enterprise, making it, of its class, the solitary recipient of her bounty. These have indeed been contingent, but no one would desire to recall them while there is a reasonable prospect of the accomplishment of the work, which must ultimately depend upon the efforts of the people, who above all others, are interested in its success. Railroad enterprises in Maine, have heretofore required and received the energetic and united efforts of the communities by which they have been constructed. Compliance with this condition will be found indispensable to the achievement of this most important undertaking. Let it be secured; the rest of the State will bid it "God speed" and triumph will crown the work.

It is time that local jealousies and animosities in this State should cease. They do not contribute to our credit, nor will they increase our prosperity. Conceding to every portion of it, what it is fairly entitled to, it is alike our duty and our interest, moving unitedly, to pursue every line of honorable policy which will result in the promotion of the common welfare. Guided by this principle, it will be found that no antagonisms exist and that what benefits a part will be shared by all.

I have heretofore taken occasion to recommend to the favorable consideration of the Legislature, the enterprise designed to connect the railroad terminus on the Penobscot at Milford, with that at Princeton on the waters of the St. Croix. The accomplishment of this will bring the eastern frontier of the State in nearer and easier communication with the centre and the west. The country between these waters is a wilderness, compelling the asking of aid from the State. The road which is proposed to be built will place Calais within an easy day's ride of Bangor, and inasmuch as that portion of the State has not been largely the recipient of grants from the Legislature heretofore, I can but repeat my commendation of it to your favor.

#### THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.

The Reciprocity Treaty, regulating trade between the United States and the British provinces, will expire, under the notice of



our government on the seventeenth day of March next. It is not too much to say that no accomplished negotiation or congressional legislation ever affected the general interests of Maine more injuriously than did this treaty. I refer specifically to the products of field and forest. It is matter of congratulation that it is so soon to terminate. Already, however, we have notice that its advocates are about to besiege the national authorities for its renewal in some shape. Already are the agents of British colonial interests hastening to Washington to secure this consummation. Damaging as it was to Maine prior to the war, when we had no internal national taxation, it would be vastly more injurious and unjust to put our sorely taxed producers in competition with the untaxed industry and material of these provinces. The idea of reviving free trade in the present condition of the national finances, is simply preposterous, and to do it with the articles embraced in that treaty, would look like a wanton attempt to strike at the special industrial pursuits of this section of the Union. It is doubtless true that under such a treaty, some articles could be thrown more cheaply on our markets and the same is no less true of every article embraced in the national tariff if it could be imported duty free. The cost of labor is enhanced by taxation of what it consumes; what it produces is subject to the same. When the ingenuity of financiers is tried to the utmost to find sources of supply for the national revenue, it will be hard to find a reason for the exemption of the products included in that treaty, which was reciprocal only in name.

The difference between the currencies of the United States and the provinces has operated, of late years, to mitigate its injurious effects, but a return to a specie basis would restore the old advantage, if the treaty or anything like it is to be renewed, injuriously affecting our farmers and bankrupting our lumbermen.

I am happy to perceive that this project receives no favor at the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury and trust that the effort for the renewal may fail. It is not easy to perceive why these provinces should stand upon any different footing in the markets of the United States than other foreign nations, upon the principle of fair dealing with all. During the war of the rebellion the United States has been the object of ill-concealed hostility on the part of their people to a great extent and on the ground of good neighborhood they have no claim to be admitted to our markets upon

better terms than other people. I dismiss this subject with the remark that the farmers and lumbermen of Maine, who have no boards of trade to represent them at Washington, have a right to claim your interposition in their behalf.

#### THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

During the two years past, the Executive of this State has had, necessarily, frequent correspondence with the Secretary of War, concerning the defences of the State and many other subjects growing out of military operations, affecting the interests of our citizens, but especially touching the welfare of our soldiers.

I take this occasion, personally and officially, to express my sense of obligation to that officer for the promptness of his attention to the suggestions I have had the honor to make in the interest of the State, the readiness with which he provided against the probabilities or possibilities of attack upon our seaboard, for the disposition manifested to mitigate the hardships of the conscription so far as possible consistently with the national interest, and more than all, for the humane and kindly consideration with which he listened to every application of mine, having for its object the relief of the suffering soldiers of our State and the efficient orders he gave in that regard.

From the day on which he entered the cabinet of Mr. Buchanan, when treason was stalking unrebuked by national authority and the ship of State, her pilot holding the helm with feeble hands and bowing before the tempest, was driving upon the breakers of dissolution, identifying himself with the only councils and measures which lighted the gloom of the closing hours of that administration, up to the time when rebellion was crushed beneath the ponderous blows of the military power of the country so effectively organized by him, loyalty has had no abler or more disinterested servitor nor treason a more determined foe than Edwin M. Stanton, whose courage never quailed and whose fortitude never faltered in the darkest hours of the republic.

Placed in a position inevitably bringing him offensively in contact with the ambition and self-interest of individuals and as the right arm of the commander-in-chief, through whom he exercised his most summary powers, he has encountered a large share of malignant detraction even for a public man; but upon this tried and ever trusted friend of Abraham Lincoln, the loyal men of this

nation will bestow the benediction of "well done, good and faithful servant."

#### NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The restored supremacy of the national authority brings with it difficulties of the gravest character, arising as well from the ruptured relations of the revolted States as the new relations resulting from the abolition of slavery, which, almost necessarily, give rise to various theories of re-adjustment, the more numerous as the history of the past sheds no light and furnishes no example by which we may be guided.

The colored race has been the slave of the white from the early settlement of this continent. God, in oceans of blood, through the tears, sufferings and unutterable woes of the nation, has seen fit to break their chains. We are now to determine whether these people are to remain among us and if so what shall be their status, civilly and politically. The solution of the questions involved, is clouded by difficulties arising from the prejudices which have gathered against the servile and unfortunate race during the centuries of their bondage. One theory is that which starts with the fundamental idea that the two races cannot dwell together except in the subordination of one to the other. The necessity of this subordination was the doctrine of that man, to whom, though in the grave, the country is most indebted for the miseries which have been inflicted upon it. He relied upon it as a justification of slavery. If true, then in self-defence, the white man must maintain the institution. Propositions having no other foundation than the sheerest assumption, uttered with an air as if *ex cathedra* and persistently repeated, passing from mouth to mouth unchallenged, come to be received as first principles. The assertion so often made and long repeated that the blacks are an inferior race, has become a common belief. There are certain prominent characteristics which mark them as a different race, but these by no means establish the fact of natural inferiority, for they do not necessarily effect their intellectual or moral organization. The ignorance, the propensities, the laziness, the incapacity to take care of themselves, the feeble sense of moral obligation alleged against the blacks, are to be considered, and their origin traced. Brought to this country in a savage state, shut out and forbidden all means of obtaining knowledge except by observation, how could they be otherwise than ignorant? If they will steal, is it strange that the victims of

perpetual robbery should lay their hands on what might come in their way liable to appropriation? Doubtless they have always been taught it was improper to take their master's property, but when he was snatching their all without recompense, abstract teachings would be very likely to fail in the light of such an example. Practically forbidden the enjoyment of the family relation, deprived as it has been of all those sanctions which constitute it the incentive and guard to chastity, the charge of licentiousness can be made with no more justice against them than against the brute creation. The laziness which shirks labor is not wonderful when the laborer does not receive his reward. How many white men would work except upon the compulsion of the task-master, if at night a collector stood by to receive their wages, from which the laborer should be allowed but a pittance to supply him with the scantiest fare and shabbiest raiment? The great wealth of the south before the rebellion, was due almost wholly to the toil of the slave, and the world's history is pregnant with proof that the security of acquisition is the greatest possible stimulus to industry. If they are insensible to moral obligations, is it not pertinent to inquire how regard for these could be expected of a people towards whom moral obligations have never been maintained and whose whole existence has been fraught with lessons that no such obligations existed? Suppose the like number of whites reduced to the same bondage, under precisely similar conditions, who doubts that the assertion would be made and accepted that they were an inferior race? Whatever there is in the condition of the freedman giving color to the allegation of inferiority, is it not chargeable to the bondage in which he has been held?

Mr. Jefferson, one of the wisest and most philosophical statesmen this country has produced, was inclined to the belief, that, summing up all the elements of organization and character, the blacks were inferior to the whites, but even to this belief he gave utterance with great doubt and hesitancy, as there were no sufficient tests known to him by which the question had been tried to justify an authoritative judgment. If in anything they were inferior, it was in the highest qualities of intellectual organization. But admitting, for the sake of the argument, the alleged inequality, how does this conflict with the compatibility of the two races dwelling together in the same country? Is it true that all whites are equal in the endowments God has bestowed, or in the acquire-

ments they possess? On the contrary, with every race and tongue, there are gradations of physical and intellectual power in individuals, but these differences create no disturbance in society and all of its adjustments are made easily and without disorder. If the learned and accomplished can live in the same community with the ignorant and the rude; if wealth and poverty can stand side by side, each respecting the rights of the other when they are of the same complexion, why may not the same harmony exist when there is a difference of races? If inequalities notoriously existing among the so-called master races do not prevent the harmonious arrangement of society, it should require the test of actual experiment to induce a belief that the same differences in another race would be attended with different results.

Mr. Jefferson, contemplating the abolition of slavery and speculating upon the difficulties attending it, conceived that the resentment of the oppressed race, stimulated by the recollection of the wrongs they had endured, would excite them to take vengeance on their masters and that this state of feeling continuing, would make the residence together of the two races in a state of freedom incompatible with the safety of either. Is it affirming too much to say that this apprehension has proved groundless? The disposition of the black race is, for the greater part, mild and forgiving, and when it is considered that this vast multitude of ignorant beings have been suddenly set at liberty, it is astonishing that so few excesses have taken place or have been so easily corrected.

The first great demand of this country is for labor. From the very foundation of our government, it has been our policy to invite the freest immigration from every portion of the earth. The allurements of a free government; the ease with which citizenship has been acquired; the facility for obtaining cheap and fertile lands; the readiness with which employment for unskilled labor even could be procured and the vast commerce which has brought them so cheaply to our shores, has, in forty years, swelled the numbers of immigrants to only equal those of the black population of the country to-day. Yet with all this tide of life flowing in upon us, labor has been in readier demand and commanded a higher price in the United States than in any portion of the civilized globe, and the need is still pressing for more. The inventive genius of man has been and is constantly on the rack to devise machinery and processes in every department of life, which shall

increase production and dispense with or give greater efficiency to human labor.

With the south the very first necessity is labor to till its fertile soil. The freedman, ignorant as he may be in all else, is well-trained in her agriculture. The southern climate, unfriendly and enervating to the whites, is congenial to the negro by reason both of constitutional organization and long acclimation and no imported labor could compete with his at all, even if the substitution could be made in a day without cost or inconvenience. The demand at the south for labor in the production of rice, tobacco, cotton and sugar, outruns all others in an immeasurable degree and nothing but the blindest rage could prompt a desire for the deportation of the freedman.

No doubt the crudest notions, at this time, are entertained by the blacks in regard to their rights and their relations to their former masters. The first lesson for them, and they are learning it rapidly, is that freedom does not mean idleness, but that it brings to them the necessity of labor with the right to retain the fruits of it. There can hardly be a question that in the course of a brief period of time the demoralization of labor existing at the south, will be corrected. The wants of existence force the most unwilling to toil, and the incentive which the freedman now feels for the first time, that he is his own and the labor of his hands is not to be snatched from him, will achieve the same results with him as with the white. The land owners of the south must be eager to resume the cultivation of their plantations, stimulated alike by necessity and the love of gain. The white needs what the black has to sell—labor; and the black wants what the white man has to give him—employment. When the necessities of buyer and seller are both pressing, there is ordinarily but little difficulty in arranging terms.

The proposition to remove the blacks from the south would be like taking out the wheels which move the complicated machinery of our factories, or dismissing the operatives and expecting the spindles to turn and the shuttles to fly. I dismiss it as unwise, unphilosophical, impracticable and absurd, involving ruin to the south and calamitous consequences to vast national interests.

If then, these people are to remain at their ancient homes, and the tenacity with which they cling to them stamps folly and falsehood upon the assertion that the north was to be overrun by them,

the duty devolves upon the national government to assure to them the rights attaching to that freedom, which through its action, they have attained. This, clearly, can only be secured while the relations of the rebellious, slaveholding communities to the Union are held in suspense and before they resume the political status existing anterior to the rebellion, for the states of the American Union are not under the surveillance of the general government, touching their powers affecting the rights of their citizens, except in a very limited degree and the regulation of the right of suffrage, for instance, rests with them exclusively. In fact their power is so great to affect the civil and political rights of their citizens, that in any one, an obnoxious class may be so persecuted as to render its condition quite as intolerable as that of servitude. The denial of the right to give testimony in courts of justice, or enforce contracts therein as suitors, the omission to give the sanction of law to the marriage and family relation, the introduction of obstructions to the acquisition of real estate and in a great variety of other methods to make distinctions against such a class, is within the power of our State governments.

The regard in which the colored race has been held by the citizens of the late slaveholding communities, has not, probably, been improved by recent events. The part they have borne in the struggle which has terminated in their emancipation, cannot fail to excite feelings of resentment on the part of the whites unfriendly to them and though the new condition of affairs may be accepted, it is accepted only and because it has been enforced by the military power of the nation. To declare the slaves free and under such circumstances remit them to the unrestrained control of their former masters with such powers in the State to oppress, would be but mockery, delusion and cruelty, "keeping the promise to the ear but breaking it to the hope." It is said that the exercise of such powers as are above referred to, has never been practised in free States and should not be anticipated? True, but in no free State has there ever existed a temptation to the perpetuation of such injustice and besides in the free State the ballot is held by so many hands that it would be only the audacity of madness which should attempt it. It is the ballot in the free State, mightier than the sword, that protects liberty and stifles even the conception of tyranny.

What we are at liberty to anticipate, after the attempt to over-

throw such a government as ours, he would be a very wise man who could set the limit.

The country has reached a crisis in its affairs, most momentous. The settlement of the questions of this day is pregnant for good or for evil and any adjustment which ignores the demands of justice and freedom, faithful service and unbending loyalty, will give rise to controversies as sharp, bitter and, it may be, as calamitous as any we have experienced.

The reconstruction of the "insurrectionary States" and the restoration of their relations to the general government, is a part of the great problem forcing itself on the people of this nation. Precedents and analogies are wanting to give us any clue to the solution. How stands case? The life of the nation was assailed for the avowed purpose of establishing a government, the corner stone of which was to be human bondage. The monstrous effort failed and with it has gone forth the fiat irrevocable that in the United States slavery shall be known no more. The rebellion was terminated by no treaty nor compromise of any sort whatever; it was actually and literally crushed out by military power. The revolting States held out till their powers of endurance and effort were utterly exhausted. They were absolutely overrun and subjugated, no more and no less. The terms granted on the surrender of their armies have been and will be punctiliously observed on the part of the government, but these did not even imply a restoration of political rights and only covered the personal security of those composing the armies. In the reconstruction of those communities, what is obviously the first requirement of common sense, common justice and common prudence in the disposition of political power to persons therein? If any number of the citizens of those States sufficient to establish and maintain a government which should not be a burlesque upon republican governments, are and have been thoroughly and truly loyal during the rebellion, maintaining their allegiance to the flag of the nation, are not these the persons to be entrusted with the reconstruction of them to the exclusion of such as were not; and should not loyalty, genuine loyalty, be the first qualification demanded to authorize a participation in political affairs? By loyalty I mean that sentiment which prompted you, gentlemen, who have just returned from the gory strife, to take your lives in your hands and go forth to the defence of your country. I mean that devotion to her cause which has



moved our people to lay down their lives by myriads in her behalf. I mean that spirit which regards no sacrifice too great to preserve her life and maintain her authority. I mean by loyalty, a love of country which surpasses the affection of a child for its parent. I mean that patriotism, which, holding our government to be the best ever devised by man, or vouchsafed by heaven to any people, desires no other and will accept no other and is willing to risk all in its defence. I do not mean treason whitewashed by legal formulas. To this requirement I can conceive but one answer. In that mighty struggle, who were the fast and only friends of the government in the rebellious regions? Excepting the State of Tennessee, outside of our military lines there were none but the slave to do homage to the flag of the Union; or, if any others, so few and exceptional as hardly to be taken into account in the solution of this problem. That in these rebellious communities there are men enough who maintained their loyalty to the United States through the struggle, who lent no willing aid to the effort to overthrow its government, outside the servile class, to justify the re-establishment of governments in those States and the restoration of political relations within the Union by and through them, is a fact, the certain assurance of which would be as gratifying as I believe it to be improbable. If then there are not white loyalists enough to establish governments in these States and restore them to their former relations, is this privilege to be accorded to rebels and traitors? Treason, under the constitution and laws, is the highest of crimes. It has been said that "it should be made infamous." Thus far it has been no more dangerous to those who have been guilty of it, than to those who have resisted. The battle-field and camp have had equal perils for all.

A judicial condemnation of all engaged in the rebellion, it is impossible to have, but the judicial finding of the guilt in every individual case, would not add strength to the conviction of the universality of its existence in the rebel States. This statement is not made because of any belief or desire that the government of the United States should exercise its just powers to punish these subjugated people, enormous as have been their crimes. The innumerable multitude of our people slaughtered upon the battle-fields of the rebellion; our brothers who have perished by thousands, the victims of a merciless and calculating cruelty in the prison pens and stockades of the south; the enormous debt with which the

industry of our country has been laden, constitute an aggregate of crime so vast as to seem like the frightful phantasms of a delirious dream rather than a living reality and surpass the power of human justice to avenge.

The President of the United States, in the legitimate exercise of his authority, has granted amnesty to large classes of offenders, exempting them from the penalties attaching to their crimes. This is a merciful, humane and christian exercise of his prerogative. So far as affects the civil rights of those embraced therein, it commands the approval of the county. He has, also, in very numerous instances granted pardon to individual supplicants. Be it so. Doubtless, far better this than that the bloody assizes of England, the revolutionary tribunals of France or the recent scenes in Jamaica should be re-enacted here, to crimson the pages of our history and blot our fair fame as a civilized and christian nation. But should the relieving men from the penalties of crime draw after it and clothe them with political rights to the exclusion of such as have not offended, but who at all times and under all circumstances have been loyal and helped to maintain the government at the extremest peril to themselves? Such a conclusion would be anomalous; but to go farther and say not only so but that these loyal people shall be disfranchised and subjected to the power of those whose atrocious attempt against the government was prevented in a great degree from succeeding by the services of these loyal people, is the grossest perversion of justice. If however, the revolted States are still to be regarded as States of the Union with rights unimpaired, what remains for them but to resume, in their own good time, their relations with it and enter the national councils to exercise the well-defined, well-understood power of States belonging thereto and within their own limits, enjoy the authority which has always pertained to them heretofore? Conceding this, the national government needs not concern itself with regard to the citizens of these States, for their rights, subject to the limitations of the Constitution of the Union, are under the control of the States. It is for them to determine for themselves the extent of the elective franchise, the qualifications for office, to establish or neglect systems of education, regulate the tenure of estates, to declare the course of judicial proceedings, who may be suitors and witnesses and prescribe the conditions thereof in the same unquestioned manner as heretofore and exercise all their ancient powers except

that they cannot restore the institution of slavery. To this extent, however, the logic of no loyal man has reached, whether in private life or exalted station.

The President of the United States has set forth various conditions as a precedent and indispensable to the return of the revolting States to relations with the Union. These are :

1st. To declare their ordinances of secession null and void, *ab initio*.

2d. To repudiate the debts contracted in aid of the rebellion.

3d. To enact laws for the protection of the colored man's rights as a free man.

4th. To ratify the amendment of the Constitution abolishing slavery.

To the spirit and purpose of these conditions, no loyal man would enter a dissent. In regard to the first in order, it is to be remarked in passing that the pretension of the right of secession, has been scouted by the nation ; it has been stamped in the dust under the heel of its power ; the first gun fired from Fort Sumter was a national protest against it ; the surrender at Appomatox Court House blotted it out forever and no act of a State can add force or solemnity to its extinction.

If, however, it is legitimate to impose these conditions or either of them, antecedent to the rehabilitation of these communities as States, whence is the power derived that it limits itself to these exactions ? If the United States government has the power thus to deal with the "insurrectionary States," does not the same power authorize the imposition of any other conditions demanded by justice or national safety ?

It has been said that an attempt to interfere with the right of suffrage might as well be made in Pennsylvania as South Carolina or Mississippi. If so, then why by the same reasoning, did not a peremptory mandamus issue to Kentucky, New Jersey and Delaware, to ratify the amendment of the constitution abolishing slavery, as well as to require Georgia and Florida to do so ? The demand upon the revolted States that they shall pass laws of a particular class and ratify constitutional amendments, imposing these acts as conditions to their return to the Union, is the exercise of a power not to be found in the constitution of the United States and can only be justified or defended on the ground that having revolted against the government they have forfeited their relations and

rights as States of the Union. If this be not so, if they have not so forfeited, then the imposition of any terms whatever is an usurpation of authority quite as glaring as it would have been to make a demand upon the non-concurring loyal states to ratify the amendment of the constitution abolishing slavery. Holding these views and it being the duty of the United States to guarantee a republican form of government to the States composing it, is it not its right in readjusting the relations of the revolted States to require such changes in their organic laws as shall make them such in fact? Is it not both the right and the duty of the national government to forbid the creation by law of castes and to secure equal rights to all who have not treasonably offended? A solemn obligation rests upon this nation, that no discrimination shall be made on the basis of a difference of complexion and much more that those who have proved themselves almost the only friends of the government in its dire extremity, shall not be the subjects of limitations which are not imposed upon those whose only claim to loyalty is that they are embraced in the terms of the Presidential Amnesties or have pardons in their pockets under the great seal of the United States, while the blood of our countrymen has scarcely dried upon their hands.

The restoration of the relations of the revolted States to the Union upon any other basis than that of limiting the exercise of political rights to the actually loyal population, or one which shall fail to secure the recognition of the colored race as freemen having equal rights and obligations with the whites, or omits to provide for their moral and intellectual culture so indispensable to the citizen of the free State, cannot be contemplated except with the profoundest alarm. The sanguinary examples of other countries admonish us of the difficulties of obtaining an enlargement of rights to classes who are under the ban of privileged orders. We want no such contests here. Having the power now to guard against their occurrence, if the opportunity is omitted, it will only be reached again, if at all, through fresh torrents of blood, the thought of which makes the heart grow sick. Justice, humanity, good faith, national honor and national self-interest, alike forbid that we should fail to improve it.

The difficulties which surround this subject and perplex its settlement, result from the complex character of our government and are aggravated by the prejudices existing against the colored race,

as well in the loyal States as in the south. That they will be overcome, as have all those which have beset our country in its perilous path through the days of the rebellion, conformably to the principles of justice, would be a distrust of Providence to doubt. To the action of the great council of the nation the eyes of all are turned, as with it must rest the inauguration of the measures which a vast majority of those who stood firmly on the side of their country in its peril, regard as indispensable to its own security and to the maintenance of good faith to its now otherwise helpless allies.

The objection to investing the colored race with the elective franchise, growing out of their ignorance, is one having great force, but applicable alike to the white man of the same intellectual condition. To obviate this, there may be a necessity for postponing their full investiture with this right until they, in common with other ignorant persons, shall be fitted by education for its exercise. The stimulus this would impart to the educational effort of both races would be of incalculable benefit. In the meantime, as a measure of security to the nation, the constitution of the Union should be so amended as to limit the right of national representation to the legal number of suffrages in each State, and to define who shall be electors in the States, of president, vice-president, and representatives to the congress of the United States. The fathers of this State, nearly fifty years ago, in framing the constitution under which we have assembled to take upon us our respective official functions, planted it upon the broadest basis of equal rights and impartial justice. Adopting the principle and practice of universal suffrage by giving the ballot to all, they provided a system of universal education which should fit all for its intelligent exercise. During our existence as a State, no person ever proposed to curtail it of these fair proportions, no voice has been raised to invoke their change. By these principles, I believe the people of this State will stand, and while asking the boon of impartial justice for others, they cannot be reproached with denying it themselves.

#### CONCLUSION.

I beg leave to express to the people of Maine my profound acknowledgements of the honor conferred upon me by repeated elections to the chief magistracy of the State, and to thank them for their cordial support of my administration, to which, alone, is

to be ascribed any success that may have attended its efforts to uphold that cause, which has, thus far, so signally triumphed. At the close of the present year my connection with public affairs will cease and I shall most gladly return to that retirement from which I was originally so unexpectedly called. To be chosen in times of such public exigency to take the helm of State, is eminent distinction and if, at the end of my official term, I retain the confidence of the people, which has thus far cheered and supported me, it will be the amplest reward for all the harassing anxieties and labors which have pressed upon the position it has been my honor and my lot to fill.

Rendering due homage to that Good Providence which has so signally blessed our country and our State, I invoke His wisdom for the guidance of our councils and the direction of our steps.

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

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER announced the Monitors of the House as follows:

First Division,	Hersey of Belfast.
Second "	Lawler of Baileyville.
Third "	Davis of Lubec.
Fourth "	Holland of Lewiston.
Fifth "	Cargill of Winthrop.
Sixth "	Jackson of Brunswick.
Seventh "	Hopkins of Ellsworth.
Eighth "	Dodge of Oxford.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. PAGE of Fort Kent,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House invite the clergymen of Gardiner, in addition to the clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell, to officiate as chaplains of the House.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY of Belfast,

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

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

*Ordered*, the Senate concurring, That all petitions, orders, bills and resolves contemplating private legislation, submitted after February first, and all petitions, orders, bills and resolves relating to legislation of a public nature, submitted after February 8, be referred without debate to the next Legislature; that the several Committees, except the Committee on Finance, report finally on or before February 13, and that the Legislature adjourn finally on the 17th day of February next, at 12 o'clock noon.

Read and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. LAWLER asked to be excused from serving as Monitor of the Second Division, and being so excused, the SPEAKER appointed Mr. ADAMS of Castine to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Waterville,

*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.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance report finally on all

matters then pending before the Committee at least five days before the final adjournment of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. BURBANK of Limerick,

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

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 11 o'clock and 20 minutes, 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. DAVIS of Lubec, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed to the Senate a message signifying the concurrence of the House in the Senate proposition.

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

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HINDS of Kennebec,

Messrs. Hinds of Kennebec, Hobbs of York, Bradford of Turner, Smith of Phillips, Cousens of Kennebunkport, Jewett of Clinton, and Hills of Northport, 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,	135
Necessary to a choice,	68
Ephraim Flint has	126
Silas S. Drew,	9

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

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of Cumberland,

Messrs. Richardson of Cumberland, Southard of Sagadahoc, Hunt of Bath, Webber of St. Albans, Otis of St. George, Wait of Dixfield, and Merriam of Camden, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Attorney General.



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Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	157
Necessary to a choice,	79
John A. Peters has	147
Joshua A. Lowell,	10

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. PAGE of Fort Kent,

Messrs. Smith of Washington, Billings of Waldo, Stilphen of Dresden, Burbank of Limerick, Estes of Harpswell, Newhall of Washington, Page of Fort Kent, and Newcomb of Newburg, 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,	160
Necessary to a choice,	81
John L. Hodsdon has	138
Philo Hersey,	12
Samuel J. Anderson,	9
Blank,	1

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

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of Knox,

Messrs. Burpee of Knox, Boynton of Somerset, Dodge of Oxford, Holland of Lewiston, Parsons of Waldoboro', Davis of Lubec, and Haines of Nobleboro', 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,	156
Necessary to a choice,	79
Isaac R. Clark has	147
George C. Getchell,	8
Scattering,	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. PEIRCE of Cumberland,

Messrs. Peirce of Cumberland, Mason of York, Hanson of Buxton, Matthews of Warren, Wall of Hallowell, Wakefield of Bath,

and Grant of Prospect, 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 ballots,	157
Necessary to a choice,	79
Marshall Pierce has	147
Samuel F. Perley,	147
Jeremy W. Porter,	147
Dennis Moore,	147
Everett W. Stetson,	147
Hiram Ruggles,	147
Elbridge G. Dunn,	147
James M. Burbank,	10
Ezra Carter, Jr.,	10
Bela B. Haskell,	10
Francis Butler,	10
Gorham L. Boynton,	10
James C. Madigan,	10
Joel Colby,	10

The report was accepted, and Hons. Marshall Pierce, Samuel F. Perley, Jeremy W. Porter, Dennis Moore, Everett W. Stetson, Hiram Ruggles, and Elbridge G. Dunn were duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political year.

Having accomplished the purposes for which it assembled, the Convention was dissolved, and the House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

By leave of the House, Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid upon the table a resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase two hundred copies of the revised statutes of 1857.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SMALL, a member of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Order from the Senate :

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

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and Messrs. Hobson of Lincoln, Manson of Penobscot, and Burpee of Knox, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

The order was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be requested 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. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings procure a new and suitable chair for the presiding officer of this House.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase revised statutes for the use of the State, was taken from the table and read once, and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That the credentials of members of this House be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Elections, and on his motion the order was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

A communication was received from the Treasurer of State, which was read, communicating his Annual Report.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings have the aisles of this House covered with matting.

The SPEAKER announced the following Committees :

*On Engrossed Bills.*

Messrs. Payson of Westbrook,  
Jordan of Danville,  
Burbank of Limerick,  
Dyer of Strong,  
Nickerson of Orrington,  
Farrington of Fryeburg,  
Hill of Biddeford.

*On Bills in the Third Reading.*

Messrs. Foster of Waterville,  
Walker of Newport,  
Gordon of Leeds,  
Fulton of Bluehill,  
Small of Winterport,  
Page of Fort Kent,  
Cousens of Kennebunkport.

*On the Pay Roll.*

Messrs. Bradford of Houlton,  
Lawler of Baileyville,  
Sawyer of Raymond,

*On the Pay Roll, (Continued.)*

Messrs. Walker of Newport,  
Cargill of Winthrop,  
Clark of Biddeford,  
Foster of Hanover.

*On Finance.*

Messrs. Williams of Augusta,  
Fairbanks of Farmington,  
Wilson of Thomaston,  
Burleigh of South Berwick,  
Stetson of Bangor,  
Holland of Lewiston,  
Messer of Portland.

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

This communication came from the Senate and was read.

A communication was received and read from the Secretary of State, as follows :

“ In response to an order of the House of Representatives of the 4th inst., I have the honor to state that no copies of the revised statutes being at the date of said order in the possession of the State, I have procured from the publisher the number therein required and herewith transmit the same, together with copies of the laws of Maine from 1857 to 1865, inclusive, as therein ordered, excepting those for the year 1858, the supply of which is entirely exhausted. And I would respectfully recommend that provision be made by the Legislature for the purchase of such additional copies of the revised statutes for future distribution under the laws of the State.”

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase revised statutes for the use of the State was, on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, taken from the table and read the second time, and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, Mr. BROWN of Hampden, moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, and that when the vote be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and being so taken the House refused to indefinitely postpone by nays 51, yeas 49, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bennett, Bowler, Brown, Bryant, Burrell, Seth H. Clark, Coffin, Colby, Comins, Crosby, Dawes, Dresser, Eveleth, Fairbanks, Farrington, Fenderson, Reuben B. Foster, Fowler, Gibbs, Ambrose C. Gordon, Greenwood C. Gordon, Grant, Haines, Darling Ham, Hamblin, Holden, Jewett, Johnson, Elliot Jordan, Kenniston, Knight, Daniel Libby, McKechnie, Moore, Newcomb, Samuel M. Newhall, Nichols, Parsons, Pinkham, Ricker, Shaw, Small, Snell, Stilphen, Waite, Walton, Weymouth, Williams, Wyman.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Burbank, Chandler, Chesley, Davis, Dyer, Estabrook, Reuben Foster, Fulton, Getchell, Granger, Greenwood, Alvin Hall, Calvin Hall, Franklin Ham, Hammond, Hathaway, Hildreth, Frederick A. Hill, Hills, Houghton, Jenkins, Eben Jordan, Jr., Frederick R. Jordan, Lamb, Lawler, Leach, John M. Libbey, Marble, Merriam, Messer, Miller, A. J. H. Newhall, James Newhall, Nickerson, Page, Payson, Joshua H. Sanborn, Stevens, Stone, Sturgis, Wagg, Walker, Wall, Weeks, Wescott, Whitcomb, Edmund Wilson, Wingate, Woodcock, Woodman, Worcester.

The resolve was then, on motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kittery, amended by substituting one hundred copies instead of two hundred copies, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee on the part of the House, on the order introduced by Mr. DODGE of Oxford, relative to the alleged frauds in the matters of enlistments and credits to towns in 1863 and 1864, as follows :

Messrs. Shepley of Portland, Williams of Augusta, Woodman of Bucksport, Stetson of Bangor, Wilson of Thomaston, Dodge of Oxford, and Sawyer of Saco.

Order 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 read and passed and Messrs. Holbrook of Cumberland, Perkins of Kennebec, and Billings of Waldo, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

It was read and passed in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate through Mr. Manson of Penobscot, announcing the death of the Hon. J. B. Dunton, Senator elect from the Twelfth Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, as a mark of respect to the deceased, the House adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY, a member of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Joint Standing Committees came from the Senate and were joined on the part of the House, and are as follows :

*On the Judiciary.*

Messrs. Barker of Penobscot,  
Abbott of Hancock,  
Hinds of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Granger of Calais,  
Woodman of Bucksport,  
Miller of Portland,  
Garnsey of Bangor,  
Wilson of Thomaston,  
Foster of Waterville,  
Holland of Lewiston, *of the House.*

*On Military Affairs.*

Messrs. Smith of Washington,  
Boynton of Somerset,  
Hobbs of York, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Miller of Portland,  
Garnsey of Bangor,  
Jones of Lewiston,  
Dodge of Oxford,  
Hersey of Belfast,  
Hight of Scarborough,  
Smith of Phillips, *of the House.*

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*On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.*

Messrs. Woodman of Cumberland,  
Manson of Penobscot,  
Ramsdell of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Shepley of Portland,  
Williams of Augusta,  
Wilson of Rockland,  
Foster of Bangor,  
Milliken of Burnham,  
Hunt of Bath,  
Parlin of Norridgwock, *of the House.*

*On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.*

Messrs. Manson of Penobscot,  
Holbrook of Cumberland,  
Hobson of Lincoln, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Foster of Bangor,  
Fairbanks of Farmington,  
Sanborn of Kittery,  
Nichols of Searsport,  
Eveleth of Durham,  
Webber of St. Albans,  
Adams of Castine, *of the House.*

*On Education.*

Messrs. Stone of Franklin,  
Richardson of Cumberland,  
Read of Kennebec, *of the Senate*  
Messrs. Hathaway of Skowhegan,  
Small of Winterport,  
Jordan of Danville,  
Burbank of Limerick,  
Foster of Hanover,  
Johnson of Charleston,  
Dyer of Strong, *of the House.*



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*On Agriculture.*

- Messrs. Chase of Oxford,  
Read of Kennebec,  
Moore of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Lang of Vassalborough,  
Bradford of Turner,  
Cargill of Winthrop,  
Hammond of North Berwick,  
Adams of Wilton,  
Newcomb of Newburg,  
Wescott of Standish, *of the House*.

*On Division of Towns.*

- Messrs. Weld of York,  
Denison of Androscoggin,  
Perkins of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Sawyer of Raymond,  
Wakefield of Bath,  
Goodwin of Wells,  
Hamblen of Lovell,  
Chandler of Exeter,  
Jewett of Clinton,  
Haines of Nobleborough, *of the House*.

*On Claims.*

- Messrs. Richardson of Cumberland,  
Hobbs of York,  
Campbell of Washington, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Milliken of Burnham,  
Libbey of Gray,  
Stilphen of Dresden,  
Morrill of Sumner,  
Walton of Mt Vernon,  
McKechnie of Alton,  
Coffin of Harington, *of the House*.

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*On Reform School.*

Messrs. Boynton of Somerest,  
Chase of Oxford,  
Eaton of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Hopkins of Ellsworth,  
Comins of Eddington,  
Wilson of Rockland,  
Hanson of Buxton,  
Worcester of Portland,  
Bacon of Rumford,  
Smith of Phillips, *of the House*.

*On State Prison.*

Messrs. Ramsdell of Piscataquis,  
Billings of Waldo,  
Campbell of Washington, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Wilson of Rockland,  
Bradford of Houlton,  
Payson of Westbrook,  
Goodwin of Wells,  
Hamblen of Lovell,  
Bailey of Auburn,  
Gibbs of Glenburn, *of the House*.

The House joined to the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Report, Messrs. Williams of Augusta, Fairbanks of Farmington, Wilson of Thomaston, Burleigh of South Berwick, Stetson of Bangor, Holland of Lewiston, and Messer of Portland.

Petition of Portland Rolling Mills for amendment of charter, with accompanying bill, was referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Jane P. Thurston, for indemnity for land, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing petitions were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JORDAN of Danville,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Rules of the House, be instructed to consider and report what relation the reporters of the

proceedings of the House, published in the Kennebec Journal, bear to the House, and whether any further legislation is necessary to secure a full and just report of its official proceedings.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec, the order relative to the credentials of members was taken from the table, read and passed.

A communication was received and read from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison, Trustees and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, and Directors of the American Asylum at Hartford.

Petition of Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec, asking increase of salaries, was referred to the Delegation from Kennebec county, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so changing the law relating to poll taxes, approved February 8, 1865, that the amount assessed in one year upon an individual for town, county and State purposes, except highway taxes, separately assessed, shall not exceed one dollar and fifty cents.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 44 of the revised statutes, relating to hawkers and pedlers, and of chapter 296 of the acts and resolves of the year 1865, in amendment thereof, and to report by bill or otherwise as soon as practicable.

The foregoing orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, by leave laid on the table resolve entitled "resolve in relation to taxation of United States bonds."

A communication was received from the Hon. Isaac R. Clark, signifying his acceptance of the office of Land Agent for the current political year.

Communications were also received from Messrs. Hiram Ruggles, Marshall Pierce, Dennis Moore, Jeremy W. Porter, and Everett

W. Stetson, 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 12 o'clock, for the purpose of administering to such Councillors elect as have signified their acceptance, the oaths required to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, signifying the concurrence of the House in the proposed Convention.

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

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of Knox, the Secretary of the Convention 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 necessary oaths of office, and he 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, Marshall Pierce, Hiram Ruggles, Dennis Moore, Jeremy W. Porter and Everett W. Stetson, 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, and on motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec,

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

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

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Passadumkeag Boom Company for amendment to their charter, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Warren H. Vinton and others, for an act of incorporation under the name and style of the Tontogona Petroleum Company.

Petition of Aaron Hobart, E. P. Dorman and John Gardner, County Commissioners from Washington county, for an increase of compensation.

Petition of L. L. Morrison and others, for an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association.

The foregoing petitions were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of J. W. Wiswell and others, for authority to improve Gardner's Stream in East Machias for the passage of logs and timber ; also

Petition of Thomas G. Getchell and 42 others, for an act of incorporation, with authority to erect a dyke in Machias ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Freeman Harding and others, for an act of incorporation to manufacture woollen goods ; also

Petition of John B. Brown and others, for an act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Glass Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Warren Brown and others, for an act of incorporation under the name of the Union River Log Driving and Dam Company ; also

Petition of same, for an act of incorporation under the name of the Union River Boom Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Inhabitants of Clinton Gore and vicinity, for a law to enable the County Commissioners of Kennebec county to expend money for repair of the bridge over Seabastcock river, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of H. C. Goodman and others, for aid to Thomas A. Eastman and Wm. H. H. Graham of Lewiston, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Wm. H. Quimby, for renewal of pension, was referred to Committee on Pensions.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Fort Kent, for an appropriation to repair the bridge across Fish river, was referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Hon. Parker Tuck, Judge of Probate for Hancock county, for increase of salary, was referred to the Delegation from Hancock county.

Petition of Inhabitants of the towns of Washington and Somerville, for alteration of town lines, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Timothy Fuller and others, for an appropriation in aid of Mattanawcook Academy, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of John W. Caswell and others, to be set off from the town of Bridgton and annexed to the town of Harrison, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of the Maine Insurance Company, for leave to surrender their charter, was referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The foregoing petitions were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to taxation of United State bonds, was taken from the table on motion of Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, was laid on the table again, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. MILLER of Portland, by leave, laid on the table "resolve concerning postal and other communication between States," and on his motion the usual number of copies were ordered to be printed.

Petition of Storer W. Graffam of Westbrook, for change of name; also

Petition of Matthew F. Collins, for change of name of Waterborough B. Fisher; also

Petition of Willard Porter, for change of name;

Were referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, asked to be and was excused from serving on the Committee on Finance.

Mr. WILSON of Rockland, asked to be and was excused from serving on the Committee on State Prison.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Orrington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be requested to inquire into the expediency of establishing wine measure as the legal measure for all liquids and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Newport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of altering, amending or repealing chapter 267 of the public laws of 1864, entitled "an act in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices, and the place in which justice actions shall be commenced."

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Waterville,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider what further legislation is necessary to secure a more prompt publication of the reports of the Supreme Judicial Court.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden,

*Ordered*, That all books purchased for the use of the State by order of this Legislature, be put in the care of the State Librarian, with instruction to have them legibly marked on the outside, "The property of the State of Maine," and to be loaned to members on

the same conditions as other books, except to be returned at the close of the session.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 45 of the revised statutes, relating to usury, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 4 of the revised statutes as to require the clerks of cities, towns and plantations, in making returns of votes for county officers, Senators and Representatives to the Legislature, given in at the election on the second Monday of September in each year, to state in such returns the residence of the several persons voted for, thereby furnishing to the Secretary of State such official knowledge as may enable him in issuing certificates of election to determine authoritatively the residence of the persons so elected.

The foregoing orders were read, passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, communicating a communication from Gov. Bradford of Maryland, relative to a soldiers' cemetery at Antietam; resolves of the States of Rhode Island and Vermont upon the reconstruction of States lately in rebellion; also a communication from the President of the Lincoln National Monument Association; and also the Report of the Commissioner for sale of intoxicating liquors.

On motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, the message was laid upon the table and the usual number of copies, together with the accompanying documents, ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Twelfth Senatorial District, occasioned by the death of the Hon. J. B. Dunton; also informing the House that Edward O'Brien and Roscoe L. Harlow were the constitutional candidates to fill said vacancy.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the



Senate signifying the concurrence of the House in the Senate proposition.

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

### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HINDS of Kennebec,

Messrs. Hinds of Kennebec, Burpee of Knox, Merriam of Camden, Knight of Wiscasset, Newcomb of Newburg, Marble of Woolwich, and Hills of Northport, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Senator from the Twelfth Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	130
Necessary to a choice,	66
Edward O'Brien has	118
Roscoe L. Harlow,	11
Joseph A. Gushee,	1

The report was accepted and the Hon. EDWARD O'BRIEN was declared duly elected Senator from the Twelfth Senatorial District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. John B. Dunton.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention notify Edward O'Brien that he has been duly elected a Senator for the Twelfth Senatorial District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. John B. Dunton.

The Convention having accomplished the purpose for which it was assembled it was dissolved, and the House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land, Mining and Oil Company," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Gorham, for permission to extend his wharf into tide waters beyond low water mark, came from the Senate referred to Committee on Interior Waters, and was referred in concurrence.

A communication from Hon. John A. Peters, signifying his acceptance of the office of Attorney General for the current political year; also

A communication from Hon. Ephraim Flint, signifying his acceptance of the office of Secretary of State for the current political year.

These communications came from the Senate and were read.

*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 read and passed, and Messrs. Porter of Penobscot, Southard of Sagadahoc, and Richardson of Cumberland, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

It was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Cargill of Winthrop, Jordan of Cape Elizabeth, Wyman of Sebec, Wingate of Cherryfield, Marble of Woolwich, Jenkins of New Portland, and Fowler of Unity, joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase revised statutes for the use of the State, came from the Senate twice read,

House amendment adopted, further amended as per sheet "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate amendment "B," was adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Sidney Cook and others of Presque Isle, for an act of incorporation as the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and was referred in concurrence.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. WILSON of Rockland, to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Finance; also Mr. HALL of Rockland, to fill the vacancy in the Committee on State Prison.

Petition of Jonas Hazan and others, for authority to construct and keep in repair a dyke.

Petition of the European and North American Railroad Company, for extension of its charter and State aid.

Petition of S. Nickerson and 228 others, for authority to be granted to County Commissioners to the lay out a highway across Passagassawakeag river in Belfast.

Petition of A. D. Brown and others, for "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company."

Petition of Allen Merry and others, for an act to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company.

The foregoing petitions were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of the County Commissioners of Somerset, and others, for an appropriation to build a bridge across Dead river; also

Petition of Putnam Rolf and 120 others, for an appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike; also

Petition of Jeremiah Libbey and 16 others, in aid of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike;

Were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Benjamin Furbish and others of Brunswick, for repeal of laws relating to hawkers and pedlers; also

Petition of James A. Decker and others of Bowdoinham, for authority to sell their meeting-house; also

Petition of the County Commissioners of Franklin county, for increase of pay;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Petition of James M. Bangs, for an act repealing or amending the act granting Samuel A. Lawrence the privilege of building a fish weir ; and also petition of Winslow Bates and 44 others in aid of the same, were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of Wm. H. Pope and 22 others, against the prayer of the petition of J. W. Wiswell and others of East Machias ; and

Petition of Thomas Leigh and 29 others, for an act authorizing the city of Hallowell to loan its credit in the sum of \$25,000, to improve the navigation of the Kennebec river ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Joshua Adams and 19 others of Wilton, to be incorporated as the Trustees of Wilton Academy, was referred to Committee on Education.

Petition of Charles Otis and others, for the payment of bounty to them, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Glenburn, for an act to legalize the doings of School District No. 8, in said town, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of E. H. Jewett and others of South Berwick, for an act to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank, was referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Benjamin Fowler, for authority to build wharves and fish weirs in the waters of Johnson's Bay in Lubec, was referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Stephen W. Hill to be set off from the town of Kennebunkport, and annexed to the city of Biddeford, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of R. F. Campbell and others, for a law to legalize the recording of soldiers' discharge papers in Hancock county, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of T. C. Hersey, for an act additional to an act incorporating the Forest City Sugar Refining Company, with accompanying bill, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The foregoing petitions and remonstrance were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition of Malinda Trafton, for change of name of her son, was referred to Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Augusta Bank to authorize the State Treasurer to issue new bonds for bonds destroyed, upon furnishing satisfactory bonds of indemnity, was referred to Committee on Finance.

Remonstrance of Timothy H. Hubbard, against the right of John H. Hammond to a seat in this House, was referred to Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. DODGE of Oxford,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether further legislation is necessary to prevent railroad corporations from imposing prohibitory tariffs for the transportation of wood and other freight.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by statute that every bill of cost issued from the Supreme Courts of this State shall be certified to in the Clerk's record by the presiding Judge, and also on a slip of paper containing each item of legal cost, and passed to the judgment debtor or his attorney before execution can be issued against him.

On motion of Mr. WEBBER of St. Albans,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 1 of chapter 76 of the public laws of 1862, relating to persons liable to be committed by the municipal officers of cities and towns to the Insane Hospital, who have no legal settlement in this State, so that the city or town where said persons may be found shall be liable only for the proportional part of the expense.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Waterville,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of providing by law that in all transfers of real estate all iron stoves shall be regarded as personal property, and not pass with the realty.

The foregoing orders were read, passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The SPEAKER announced the Joint Select Committee on Printing on the part of the House, as follows :

Messrs. Granger of Calais, Hall of Rockland, Fulton of Bluehill, Ricker of Lebanon, Haskell of Hodsdon, Grant of Prospect, and Greenwood of Fairfield.

The remainder of the Joint Standing Committees were announced as follows :

*On Banks and Banking.*

Messrs. Southard of Sagadahoc,  
Perkins of Kennebec,  
Mason of York, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Burleigh of South Berwick,  
Houghton of Eastport,  
Foster of Bangor,  
Hall of Rockland,  
Hunt of Bath,  
Messer of Portland,  
Nichols of Searsport, *of the House*.

*On Manufactures.*

Messrs. Hamor of Hancock,  
Denison of Androscoggin,  
Woodman of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Jones of Lewiston,  
Hoskins of Gardiner,  
Burrell of Corinna,  
Merriam of Camden,  
Hanson of Buxton,  
Hall of Falmouth,  
Knight of Wiscasset, *of the House*.

*On Interior Waters.*

Messrs. Porter of Penobscot,  
Moore of Somerset,  
Hawes of Aroostook, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Chesley of Lincoln,  
Wall of Hallowell,  
Eveleth of Durham,  
Comstock of Passadumkeag,  
Parsons of Waldoborough,  
Ham of Smyrna,  
Moore of Machiasport, *of the House*.

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*On State Lands and State Roads.*

- Messrs. Peirce of Cumberland,  
Smith of Washington,  
Hawes of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Hopkins of Ellsworth,  
Bliss of Freeport,  
Walker of Newport,  
Haskell of Hodsdon,  
Fenderson of Parsonsfield,  
Bowler of Levant,  
Lawler of Baileyville, *of the House*.

*On Division of Counties.*

- Messrs. Perkins of Kennebec,  
Peirce of Cumberland,  
Eaton of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Sanborn of Kittery,  
Farrington of Fryeburg,  
Newhall of Washington,  
Libbey of Limestone,  
Crosby of Albion,  
Wagg of Yarmouth,  
Clark of Tremont, *of the House*.

*On Incorporation of Towns.*

- Messrs. Hinds of Kennebec,  
Mason of York,  
Hawes of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Dawes of Harrison,  
Jordan of Waltham,  
Libby of Limestone,  
Robinson of Litchfield,  
Mathews of Warren,  
Waite of Dixfield,  
Lamb of Carroll, *of the House*.

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*On Fisheries.*

Messrs. Burpee of Knox,  
Hobson of Lincoln,  
Hamor of Hancock, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Davis of Lubec,  
Kenniston of Boothbay,  
Clark of Tremont,  
Hall of Falmouth,  
Estes of Harpswell,  
Gordon of Deer Isle,  
Hills of Northport, *of the House.*

*On Indian Affairs.*

Messrs. Manson of Penobscot,  
Richardson of Cumberland,  
Burpee of Knox, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Estabrook of Oldtown,  
Webber of St. Albans,  
Knight of Wiscasset,  
Sturgis of Gorham,  
Decker of Bowdoinham,  
Hill of Machias,  
Bryant of Dover, *of the House.*

*On Pensions.*

Messrs. Burpee of Knox,  
Barker of Penobscot,  
Read of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Brown of Hampden,  
Minot of Belgrade,  
Libbey of Gray,  
Getchell of Marshfield,  
Whitcomb of Easton,  
Greenwood of Fairfield,  
Parsons of Waldoborough, *of the House.*



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*On Insane Hospital.*

- Messrs. Billings of Waldo,  
Porter of Penobscot,  
Ramsdell of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Fulton of Bluehill,  
Stevens of Augusta,  
Otis of St. George,  
Chesley of Lincoln,  
Ham of Newfield,  
Grant of Prospect,  
Weeks of Jefferson, *of the House.*

*On Public Buildings.*

- Messrs. Moore of Somerset,  
Eaton of Waldo,  
Peirce of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Bliss of Freeport,  
Minot of Belgrade,  
Comins of Eddington,  
Sanborn of Chesterville,  
Pulsifer of Poland,  
Goodspeed of Pittston,  
Leach of Penobscot, *of the House.*

*On Library.*

- Messrs. Stone of Franklin,  
Barker of Penobscot,  
Burpee of Knox, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Nickerson of Orrington,  
Hoskins of Gardiner,  
Newhall of South Thomaston,  
Hill of Biddeford,  
Adams of Castine,  
Page of Fort Kent,  
Gordon of Leeds, *of the House.*

The following Standing Committees of the House were announced.

*On Change of Names.*

Messrs. Newhall of Paris,  
Hill of Machias,  
Fowler of Unity,  
Hildreth of Greenville,  
Holden of Otisfield,  
Snell of Madison,  
Pinkham of Lexington.

*On Leave of Absence.*

Messrs. Page of Fort Kent,  
Bennet of Pittsfield,  
Shaw of Gouldsborough,  
Wyman of Sebec,  
Waite of Dixfield,  
Yates of Bristol,  
Weymouth of Belmont.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Report of the State Liquor Commissioner be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

The House was called to order by the Clerk who announced the absence of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That during the absence of the Speaker, T. C. WOODMAN of Bucksport be Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. WOODMAN took the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. QUINBY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the legality of the assessment of the State and County taxes for the years of 1860 and 1861 on the town of Ashland.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that the town expenditures for public ways, shall be subject to general rules and principles, prescribed by law and embodied in the warrants of highway surveyors, which shall be furnished and distributed by the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries be instructed to examine the fish laws of this State and report such further legislation as may be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the State.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to ascertain the amount of appropriations in money and lands made by the State for the benefit of Aroostook county and settlers therein, from the date of the incorporation of said county to and including the year 1865, and report the same to this Legislature.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 45 of the public laws of 1858, entitled "an act additional to chapter 60 of the revised statutes, relating to divorce," and report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to ascertain what legislation, if any, is necessary or expedient to protect the rights and make valid the acts of towns or other municipalities, which have found it necessary to pay more than the legal rate of interest in procuring and continuing loans of money for the purpose of paying bounties to recruits for the army of the United States during the recent rebellion.

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

Bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Luther Keene and others, legal voters in the town of Atkinson and Orneville, to set off the westerly part of lot number 20 from the town of Orneville, and annex the same to the town of Atkinson, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Warren H. Vinton and others, for an act of incorporation under the name and style of the Tontogona Petroleum Company, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the action of the House, referring the petition to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The House recessed and concurred with the Senate.

Resolve in relation to the crime of treason and punishment of traitors, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, and was referred in concurrence.

Order relative to frauds in the matter of enlistments and credits to towns, came from the Senate amended as per sheets "A," "B," "C" and "D," and as amended passed.

The Senate amendments were adopted, and as amended the order was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, that gentleman was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them that in the absence of the Speaker, Hon. T. C. WOODMAN of Bucksport, had been elected Speaker, *pro tempore*.

The Clerk was charged with a similar message to the Senate.

Petition of Charles Whitney and 3 others of Thorndike, for change of law relating to hawkers and pedlers.

Petition of Hiram Hutchinson and 5 others, for repeal of the law relating to hawkers and pedlers.

Petition of H. K. Bond and 3 others of Jefferson, for the same.

Petition of Copeland, Duren & Co., and 54 others, for same.

Petition of R. M. Brookings and 22 others of Wiscasset, for same.

Petition of C. Young and 11 others of Union, for same.

Petition of S. A. Howes and 58 others of Belfast, for the same.

Petition of Carleton Norwood and 6 others of Rockport, for the same.

Petition of Atwood Levensaler and 38 others of Thomaston, for the same.

Petition of J. Adams and 16 others of Camden, for the same.

Petition of Jeremiah Grant and another of Prospect, for the same.

Petition of Timothy Mayo and 2 others, for same.

Petition of Otis Black and 9 others of Searsport, for same.

Petition of E. B. Mayo and 73 of others of Rockland, for same.

Petition of J. Dingley, Jr., and 20 others of Auburn, for same.

Petition of Anthony Luques and 6 others of Kennebunkport, for same.

Petition of Winslow & Austin and 33 others, for same.

Petition of John W. Perkins and 24 others of Lewiston, for the same.

Petition of Caleb Whitaker and another of Searsmont, for same.

Petition of M. Butman and 3 others of Liberty, for same.

Petition of James Lancaster and 2 others of Northport, for the same.

Petition of D. Carey and 3 others of Sabattisville, for same.

Petition of Selectmen of Corinth, for an act to legalize the doings of that town in paying bounties to drafted men.

Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont.

The foregoing petitions and resolve were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Isaac Hacker and others of Fort Fairfield, for aid to build a bridge across the Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield; also

Petition of S. E. Phipps and others of Sarsfield, in aid of the same; also

Petition of Mark Trafton and others of Limestone, in aid of same; also

Petition of Ann Wade, for a deed of a lot of land in Maysville;

Were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Samuel Haley, agent of town of Hollis, for the reestablishment of the lines between the towns of Hollis, Waterborough and Limington.

Petition of Hiram Johnson and others, to be set off from the town of Waterborough and annexed to the town of Hollis.

Petition of S. E. Phipps and others, to be set off from that part of Letter D, which lies north of the Aroostook river, and annexed to the town of Fort Fairfield.

Petition of James Wall and others of Winslow and Waterville, that that part of the town of Winslow between the Sebasticook and Kennebec rivers, be set off from Winslow and annexed to Waterville.

Petition of Job Foster of Montville, that a portion of his farm be set off from the town of Knox and annexed to Montville.

The foregoing petitions were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of J. B. Brown and 44 others, in aid of petition of A. D. Brown and others.

Petition of H. S. Hager and others, in aid of the same.

Petition of Oliver Moses and others, in aid of the same.

Petition of J. S. Currier and others, in aid of same.

Petition of N. W. Farwell and others, in aid of same.

Petition of Wm. H. Hemenway and others, in aid of same.

Petition of E. H. Banks and others, in aid of same.

Petition of Samuel Thing and others, in aid of same.

Petition of R. H. Gardiner and others, in aid of same.

The foregoing petitions were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of the Proprietors of Union Wharf of Portland, for authority to inclose and extend their wharf; and

Remonstrance of the Commissioners of Portland Harbor against the same;

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Francis Cobb and others, for change of law relating to lime casks, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Campbell Bachelder and others, County Commissioners of Penobscot county, for increase of compensation, was referred to the Penobscot County Delegation.

Petition of Inhabitants of the town of Northport, for a reduction of State tax, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Resolve in favor of William Tilley, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of John A. Poor, President of the European and North American Railway Company, for authority to extend said road and for State aid for the same, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of the Mayor of the city of Bath, for amendment of city charter, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrance and resolves were severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862, concerning specie payments," was, by leave, laid on the table by Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, and on his motion the rules of the House were suspended, and the bill read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition of Drusilla A. Soudan, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. GRANGER of Calais announced the presence of Mr. Jonathan Reynolds, Jr., Representative elect from Pembroke, and was appointed to accompany Mr. Reynolds to the Council Chamber to enable him to be qualified.

He subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Reynolds had been duly qualified.

Thereupon, Mr. REYNOLDS appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the Joint Select Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, inquire into the expediency of taking a new State valuation for the purpose of making a new apportionment of the State tax, and report thereon as soon as practicable.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 114 of the statutes of 1862.

The foregoing orders were read, passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS of Lubec introduced the following order :

*Ordered*, That the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts be instructed to ascertain if the provisions of section 3, article 5, part 4 of the Constitution of this State, which prohibits the Treasurer of State during his continuance in office from engaging in any business of trade or commerce, or as an agent or factor for any merchant or trader, has been violated by the present State Treasurer since assuming said office in January, 1865, and report the result of such investigation as soon as may be to this Legislature.

The question being upon giving the order a passage, Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, moved that the order be laid upon the table, and Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg moved that when the vote upon that motion be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and being so taken the order was laid on the table by yeas 77, nays 39.

Those voting in the affirmative were as follows :

Messrs. S. Adams, Bailey, Bowler, J. H. Bradford, P. Bradford, Brown, Cargill, Chandler, S. H. Clark, Comins, Comstock, Decker, Dodge, Dresser, Estabrook, Eveleth, Fenderson, John B. Foster, Reuben Foster, Reuben B. Foster, Fowler, Fulton, Garnsey, Getchell, Goodspeed, Greenwood C. Gordon, Granger, Grant, Haines, Alvin Hall, Calvin Hall, Darling Ham, Hamblin, Hersey, Hight, Hildreth, Frederic A. Hill, Hills, Holden, Holland, Houghton, Hunt, Jackson, Jenkins, Jewett, Johnson, Jones, Eben Jordan, Jr., Frederic R. Jordan, Leach, Daniel Libby, John M. Libbey, McKechnie, Messer, J. Newhall, S. H. Newhall, Nichols, Nickerson, Page, Payson, Shaw, Small, Smith, Stevens, Stilphen,



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Wakefield, Walton, Weeks, Weymouth, Witcomb, Williams, Wm. Wilson, Woodcock, Woodman, Wyman, Yates—77.

Those who voted in the negative were as follows :

Messrs. Chas. K. Adams, Bliss, Bryant, Chesley, Jas. R. Clark, Coffin, Davis, Dawes, Farrington, Gibbs, Ambrose C. Gordon, Franklin Ham, Haskell, Hopkins, Lawler, Marble, Miller, Minot, Moore, Morrill, Newcomb, Otis, Parlin, Parsons, Pulsifer, Reynolds, John W. Sanborn, Charles C. Sawyer, Shepley, Stetson, Sturgis, Wagg, Walker, Wall, Webber, Wescott, Edmund Wilson, Wingate, Worcester—39.

Mr. STETSON of Bangor, asked to be and was excused from serving on the Joint Select Committee on order relative to frauds in enlistments and credits to towns.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. RANDALL of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relating to the repeal of chapter 313 of the public laws of 1865, entitled an act to protect porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine

Order directing the petition of F. G. Barker, to be taken from the files of the last Legislature and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Petition of Robert Wilder and 20 others, of Washburn, asking for an appropriation to assist in building a road in Washburn ; also

Petition of David G. Cook of Presque Isle, asking for remuneration for money expended by him on the Fish river road, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and were referred in concurrence.

Petition of George Gregory and another, for authority to construct a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland ; also

Remonstrance of John Crocker and others of Northfield, against the petition of Thomas G. Getchell, for authority to build a dyke across Middle river, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and were referred in concurrence.

Petition of E. M. Carter and others, County Commissioners of Oxford county, for increase of pay, came from the Senate referred to the Oxford County Delegation, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of E. B. Harvey and others, for increase of the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington, came from the Senate referred to the Delegation from Washington county, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Williams and 5 others, traders of Freedom, for change of the law relating to hawkers and pedlers ; also

Petition of E. B. Black, for same ; also

Petition of Thomas Butler and others, that plantations organized for election purposes may have authority to tax all lands within their limits for the support of schools and the payment of plantation debts ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of J. A. Dudley and 34 others of Milford, for an appropriation in aid of the road from Milford to Princeton, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Samuel Davis and 53 others, for repeal of an act of the public laws of 1865, entitled "an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of Maine," was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of Thomas Simmons and others, inhabitants of Cranberry and Otter Islands, against being incorporated with the town of Friendship or any other town, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

The foregoing petitions, bill and remonstrance were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition of B. F. Hatch and 20 others of the town of Washburn, for a reduction of their County and State valuation, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Remonstrance of Alexis Cyr of Grant Isle, against the right of David Page of Fort Kent to a seat in this House, was referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland,

*Ordered*, That the Committees on State Prison, Insane Hospital and Reform School, be authorized to visit those Institutions and make report thereon at any time during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg,

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to investigate into the alleged frauds upon the property of this State, be instructed to lay

before the Attorney General of the State, from time to time, such evidence as in their opinion would lead to the arrest of guilty parties and the seizure of their property.

On motion of Mr. LAWLER of Baileyville,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to examine the law in reference to taxing personal property kept in unincorporated townships for the purpose of avoiding taxation.

On motion of Mr. HIGHT of Scarborough,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of regulating by law the drainage of salt marsh in this State.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Hampden introduced the following order, which, on motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, was laid on the table:

*Ordered*, That the Speaker be instructed to appoint William H. Chesley on the Committee to investigate frauds in matters of enlistments and credits, in the place of Hon. Isaiah Stetson who has been excused from serving on said Committee.

Mr. CHESLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of the Passadumkeag Boom Company, reported bill "an act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company."

The report was read and accepted, the bill was read twice, and Monday next was assigned for its third reading.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to poll taxes, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolves concerning postal and other communication between States, was on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, taken from the table, rules suspended, resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase revised statutes for the use of the State, having been twice read and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed finally, signed by the Speaker *pro tempore*, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GIBBS of Glenburn,  
Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HASKELL of the House.

The SPEAKER announced the absence of the Clerk, and on motion of Mr. SMITH of Phillips,

*Ordered*, That in the absence of the Clerk, S. J. Chadbourne be chosen Clerk *pro tempore*, with power to appoint an assistant.

Mr. Smith conducted the Clerk *pro tempore* to the Council Chamber, where he took and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to discharge his official duties.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order concerning Probate Courts ; also order relating to banks whose charters have expired, came from the Senate read and passed and were read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the County Attorney of Kennebec county for increase of salary, came from the Senate referred to the Kennebec County Delegation, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of the Maine Insurance Company, reporting bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia," reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Report.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed ; the reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills were twice read, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Resolve relating to the unoccupied land of the United States was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Petition of the Selectmen of Mercer and Starks in behalf of said towns for authority to settle their accounts ; also

Petition of William Stewart and others of Princeton, for repeal of the law in relation to hawkers and pedlers ; also

Petition of Leonard Peabody and 9 others, citizens of Princeton, for an act to legalize the doings of said town in exempting from taxation manufacturing establishments in that town ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John Beeman and others requesting their names to be erased from the petition of Thomas Leigh and others ; also

Remonstrance of Moses B. Lakeman and others against the petition of Thomas Leigh and others of Hallowell ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Luke J. Moore and 26 others of Starks, to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of Norridgewock, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Eneas Wilcox for authority to build a fish weir in the waters of Johnson's bay in Lubec, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of William Day and others, for aid to build a school house in township number 8, in Hancock county, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of the municipal authorities of the city of Belfast, against authority being granted to the County Commissioners of Waldo county to locate and cause to be built a bridge across the tide waters of Passagassawakeag river in Belfast, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrances, resolve and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition of Elizabeth P. Savage, for change of name ; also

Petition of Jonah S. Longley, for change of name ;

Were referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Phillips,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be authorized to visit the State Normal School at Farmington, examine the condition of the same, and report thereon during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg,

*Ordered*, That it is the sense of this Legislature that Mondays and Saturdays be considered working days, and parties having business with the Legislature are requested to govern themselves accordingly.

The foregoing orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Reporter of Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court be requested to furnish to this House a report of the number of unpublished decisions in his possession, and what progress has been made in the preparation for publication of the fifty-first volume of the Maine Reports.

Bill "an act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862, concerning specie payments," having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker *pro tempore*, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, laid on the table and one week from next Thursday was assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, the vote accepting the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to poll taxes, reporting legislation inexpedient, was reconsidered and Tuesday of next week was assigned for its further consideration.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, informing the House of the election of Hon. A. D. MANSON, as President *pro tempore*.

On motion of Mr. JACKSON of Brunswick, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Governor and Council, informing them that in the absence of the Clerk the House had elected S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk *pro tempore*.

A similar message was conveyed to the Senate by Mr. STEVENS of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,  
Adjourned.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk pro tempore*.

A true copy—Attest:

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SMALL of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Bill "an act to increase the compensation of jurors," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also

Petition of George Warren and 29 others, for the charter of a railroad from some point in Waterville to some point near Carra-tunk Falls in Somerset county; also

Petition of Jotham C. Metcalf and 52 others; also

Petition of H. F. Butts and 43 others; also

Petition of Luther Curtis and 16 others; also

Petition of James R. Hilton and 69 others, all in aid of the same, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Joshua Christy and others of Washburn, for a lot of land for Thomas Linton, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The foregoing bill and petitions were severally referred in concurrence.

Resolves concerning postal and other communications between States, came back from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in passing them to be engrossed, and referring the same to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The House receded from its vote passing the resolves to be



engrossed, and concurred in their reference to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Petition of William Dyer and 72 others, for increase of rate of interest where agreement in writing is made to that effect, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of a law whereby a purchaser or assignee of any chose in action, sold at public or private sale by any bank in this State, may after such bank has surrendered its charter, sue thereon in his own name subject to all legal and equitable defences.

On motion of the same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of any alteration of the law relating to damages in cases of tort.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Waterville,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing the last clause of section 61, chapter 18 of the revised statutes or of so amending said chapter that an action for damages may survive in the name of administrator instead of recovery by indictment as now provided.

On motion of Mr. GRANT of Prospect,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what alteration should be made, if any, in chapter 63, section 5, and chapter 64, section 13 of the revised statutes, in order more effectually to protect the rights of widows and heirs in the estates of deceased persons.

On motion of Mr. BENNETT of Pittsfield,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation is necessary to make legal the doings of assessors of towns, who in conformity to a vote of said towns have not assessed moneys loaned to said towns by the inhabitants thereof, or having assessed it, have abated the tax thereon.

On motion of Mr. HIGHT of Scarborough,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Federal Relations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of instructing our Senators in Congress, and requesting our Representatives to use their influence to

have a law passed by Congress prohibiting all vessels that have been sold and put under foreign flags during the late rebellion, from being restored to the rights and privileges of vessels of the United States.

The foregoing orders were severally read and passed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JORDAN of Danville,

*Ordered*, That the Adjutant General be directed to ascertain by circular letters of inquiry in proper blank form to the treasurers of the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, to return to him on or before the 3d day of February next, for the information of this House, a schedule of all payments and expenses of the same to volunteers, drafted men, substitutes and enrolled men, for their several quotas as bounties and commutations under the several calls of the President of the United States during the rebellion. Such returns to particularize as to the amounts raised under each separate call of the President, and to distinguish between bounties to volunteers and commutations to enrolled and drafted men or their substitutes, and to specify losses or amounts paid volunteers belonging to other towns which have been partially refunded to them. A schedule to be required of all payments and copies (when practicable) of all amounts paid into the treasuries, or to any agent of said cities, towns or plantations, as public subscriptions and paid to soldiers for bounties.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House convey 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 State Treasurer.

The Clerk *pro tempore* conveyed the message.

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. SMITH of Washington,

Messrs. Smith of Washington, Hobbs of York, Hersey of Bel-

fast, Woodcock of Searsmont, Wakefield of Bath, Otis of St. George and Leach of Penobscot, 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,	134
Necessary to a choice,	68
Nathan G. Hichborn has	127
Charles A. Shaw,	6
Joseph W. Porter,	1

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

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of Cumberland,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Nathan G. Hichborn of his election as Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

The Convention having accomplished the object for which it assembled, was then dissolved, and the House was called to order by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, the "resolve in relation to taxation of United States bonds," was taken up, and on motion of Mr. HIGHT of Scarborough, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, the order directing the appointment of Wm. H. Chesley on the Committee to investigate fraud in the matter of enlistments, was taken up, amended, and as amended passed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia"; also

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company," having been three times read, each reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate :

Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Governor's Address, reporting reference of its several topics as follows :

That so much of the Governor's Address as relates to National Affairs, the assumption of State Debts, and the Reciprocity Treaty, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations ;

That so much as relates to the Military History of the State, Adjutant General's Report, and the Monument to the Soldiers, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs ;

That so much as relates to the European and North American Railway, be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges ;

That so much as relates to the Milford and Princeton Turnpike, and the State Lands, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads ;

That so much as relates to the Reform School, be referred to the Committee on the Reform School ;

That so much as relates to the State Prison, be referred to the Committee on the State Prison ;

That so much as relates to the Normal School, be referred to the Committee on Education ;

That so much as relates to the Agricultural College, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture ;

That so much as relates to Banks and Currency, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking ;

That so much as relates to Finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. BRADFORD of Houlton, announced the attendance of Wm. Hill, Esq., Representative elect from Biddeford.

Mr. Bradford was appointed to accompany Mr. Hill to the Council Chamber for the purpose of enabling him to take and subscribe the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, who subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him ; whereupon Mr. Hill appeared and took his seat.

Petition of B. B. Farnsworth and another, for incorporation of the Sabattis River Manufacturing Company, with accompanying bill ; also

Petition of C. C. Barrett and others, in behalf of the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum, for amendment of the act of incorporation ; also

Petition of B. B. Farnsworth, Treasurer of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company, for change of name of said corporation ;

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

Remonstrance of the Maine Telegraph Company, against the petition of A. D. Brown, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of L. G. Smith and 94 others of Starks, to be set off from the county of Somerset and annexed to the county of Franklin, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of Joseph Nickerson and others, for a charter for a marine railway, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing remonstrance and petitions were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George,  
Adjourned.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk pro tempore.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CHASE of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of D. J. Sawyer and 17 others of Jonesport, for change in law relative to hawkers and pedlers ; also

Petition of James Treat and 14 others, for same, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and were referred in concurrence.

Petition of E. W. White and 38 others, for authority to lay a pipe across land owned by Elijah Doughty, was referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Selectmen of Warren, for an amendment of the law relating to the Warren fishery ;

Petition of John K. Whitaker and others, for the repeal of the law prohibiting the use of the seine fishing ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill " an act to incorporate the Sangerville Manufacturing Company," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of A. M. Roberts and others, to be incorporated as the Bangor and Oldtown Association ; also

Petition of J. N. Bolster and others, of South Paris, for change of law relating to hawkers and pedlers ; also

Bill " an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money"; and

Bill " an act in relation to the rules of evidence";

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of S. P. Strickland and others ; also

Petition of Dana Brigham and others, in aid of petition of A. D. Brown and others ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Charles E. Hatch, for deed of lot number 116 in township 12, county of Aroostook ; also

Petition of Louisa H. Bryant, for lot of land ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Winthrop Baston and Tristram D. Pittee, to be set off from the town of North Yarmouth and annexed to the town of Cumberland ; also

Remonstrance of David Garland and 219 others of Winslow, against the petition of Franklin L. Simpson and others ;

Were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrance and bills, were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of the Selectmen of Frankfort, praying for a transfer of a portion of their State valuation to the town of Monroe, reported recommending its reference to the Committee on Division of Towns.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of finance, reported recommending the assessment of a State tax of seven and one-half mills on the dollar of the present State valuation.

These reports were read and accepted.

Mr. HOLLAND, from the Committee on Judiciary, on petition of the Selectmen of the town of Corinth, for an act to legalize the doings of said town in agreeing to pay bounty to certain individuals who were drafted, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was read, accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. FOSTER, from the same Committee, on petition of L. L. Morrison and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association."

The report was accepted and the bill was read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Francis Cobb and others, reported bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered to be printed under the rule.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of T. C. Hersey, reported bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company."

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

Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, offered resolves relating to United States bonds and assumption of war debts, which on his motion were referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Newport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that married women shall be bound by their contracts in the same manner as if sole and unmarried.

On motion of Mr. ESTABROOK of Oldtown,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to prevent the unauthorized use of trade-marks and names.

On motion of Mr. WEBBER of St. Albans,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so providing by law that the State shall assume all debts incurred by towns in paying bounties to volunteers during the late rebellion.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire if any further legislation is necessary in relation to State aid to soldiers' families.

The foregoing orders were read, passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.



## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. TUCKER of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Jane P. Thurston, reporting leave to withdraw ; also

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of the Inhabitants of Clinton Gore, reporting reference to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Order relative to change of names came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Gray for deed of land ; also

Petition of F. Winslow and citizens of Mapleton, in aid of same, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of T. F. Paine and others ; also

Petition of M. M. Dinsmore and others ; also

Petition of Wm. H. Brown and others ; also

Petition of Moses Green and others ; also

Petition of Joseph Merry and others ; also

Petition of J. W. Gould and others ; also

Petition of George A. Fletcher and others ; also

Petition of Marcellus Steward and others ; also

Petition of J. W. Patten and others ; also

Petition of James Bailey and others, all in aid of the petition of George Warren and others, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing petitions were severally referred in concurrence.

Petition of William Dyer and 92 others, for increase of rate of interest, came from the Senate that branch non-concurring with the House in referring the petition to the Committee on Judiciary,

and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The House recessed and concurred with the Senate.

Resolve relative to furnishing certain acts and resolves to the County Attorneys, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of N. H. Macomber and 12 others ; also

Petition of George M. Hager and 21 others ; also

Petition of William S. Peavey ; also

Petition of Charles Miles and 25 others ; also

Petition of J. R. Campbell and 14 others ; also

Petition of Messrs. Nickerson and Nash ; also

Petition of John Plummer and 11 others ; also

Petition of James Miller and 3 others ; also

Petition of J. Crandon and 5 others ; also

Petition of W. T. Hobart and 12 others ; also

Petition of T. W. Allen and 5 others ; also

Petition of S. Staples and others ; also

Petition of E. Longfellow and 25 others ; also

Petition of J. F. Harrison and 2 others ; also

Petition of Wm. McLellan and 7 others ; also

Petition of Messrs. Byther & Haskell and 4 others ; also

Petition of E. Dyer and 10 others ; also

Petition of John F. Staples and 3 others ; also

Petition of W. G. Conant and 6 others ; also

Petition of Nahum Clough and others ; also

Petition of T. R. Sampson and others ; also

Petition of Isaac H. Keith, and others ; also

Petition of Messrs. Buckman & Cobb and others, all for a change in the law relating to hawkers and peddlers, were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition of Richard Perkins and others, for the repeal of the law prohibiting the use of the seine in fishing, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of P. C. Churchill and others, for a change of law regulating the capture and destruction of beaver and other animals ; also

Petition of Warren Brown and others, for further legislation to prevent the obstructions of rivers in the State by refuse lumber ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of the town officers of Knox, against the petition of Job Foster and others, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Mills Company"; also

Petition of Ezra Teague and others, for incorporation under the name of New Sharon Water Power Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of H. N. Bolster and others of Paris, for a Village Corporation at South Paris ; also

Petition of Charles J. Perkins and others of Bath, for repeal of chapter 313 of laws of 1865 ; also

Bill "an act for the assumption by the State of municipal war debts";

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrance and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The same gentleman, from same Committee, on an order respecting the taxation of property in unincorporated townships, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was read, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. OTIS, of St. George, and Thursday next assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on the petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Augusta Bank, reported a "resolve in favor of the Augusta Bank."

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Alonzo F. Pecket ; also

Petition of Hannah F. Lane, for change of name ;

Were referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the taxation of incomes received from government securities and all other sources.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation may be necessary to protect our forests from destruction by fires.

On motion of Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending clause 1, section 110, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of logs, timber, &c., by striking out the words "if the owners occupy any store, shop, mill or wharf thereon, and shall not be taxable where the owners reside."

On motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Federal Relations inquire whether any expression of opinion on the part of this Legislature be advisable in relation to a location in the State of Maine of the fresh water docks required for the preservation of the iron clad vessels of the navy.

On motion of Mr. DODGE of Oxford,

*Ordered*, That the petition of J. S. Hobbs and others, for increase of salary of Register of Probate of Oxford county, be taken from the files of the last year's unfinished business, and referred to the Delegation from Oxford county.

The foregoing orders were read, passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act in relation to the repair of roads in unincorporated townships," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, and bill ordered to be printed under the rule.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association; also

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company, having been three times read, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia"; also

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company," having been each 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 *pro tempore*, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relative to the replevin of goods ; also

Order relative to the foreclosure of mortgages given by railroad corporations ; also

Order relative to amending the laws relating to frauds and conspiracies," came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the Portland Rolling Mills Company, reporting bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills and additional to the same ; also

Report of same Committee, on petition of John B. Brown and others, reporting bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company," approved February, 1864, came from the Senate read and accepted, the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Petition of J. W. Cloudman, in behalf of surviving members and heirs of deceased members of Company D, First Regiment District of Columbia Cavalry ; also

Petition of same, for allowances for services and disbursements in enlisting 800 men for District of Columbia Cavalry ; also

Petition of Lydia Nichols, for pay of State bounty due her former husband, Mark Ellis ; also

Petition of America Bartlett and others, in aid of the same, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of the President and Directors of Lime Rock Bank, for increase of capital stock ; also

Petition of Henry Ingalls and others, for incorporation of a Savings Bank at Wiscasset, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing petitions were referred in concurrence.

Petition of A. M. Roberts and others, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred the same to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The House receded and concurred.

A message was received from the Governor through the Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Report of the Railroad Commissioners.

The message was read and sent to the Senate.

Petition of the Trustees of North Yarmouth Academy, for increase of funds, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Sebec Mills Company, for authority to raise their dam ; also

Petition of Thomas S. Lang and others, for leave to extend their wharf in Augusta into tide waters ; also

Petition of Allen Lambard, President of the Kennebec Company, for the establishment of reasonable tolls through the locks of the Kennebec Dam ; also

Petition of James Walker and others, in aid of petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others ; also

Petition of A. T. Palmer and 32 others, in aid of same ; also

Petition of A. Hayford and 34 others of Belfast, in aid of same ; also

Petition of Henry H. Clark and others, for an act of incorporation under the name of "The Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company"; also

Petition of Isaac Bragg and 385 others, for a law prohibiting the throwing of refuse matter into the waters of the Penobscot river ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of John T. Smith, to be incorporated with associates, as Proprietors of the Seaside House, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Joseph Maddox and 156 others of Boothbay and Southport, that the restrictions in chapter 313 of the laws of 1865, in relation to porgy fishing may be repealed, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Selectmen of Durham, to have set off certain islands from the town of Lisbon and annex the same to the town of Durham ; also

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Orneville and 97 others, against the petition of Luther Keen and others ;

Were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Anna F. Owen, for deed of lot number 65, township 12, in Mapleton ; also

Petition of H. M. Payson and others, for a change of laws relating to railroads, with accompanying bill ; also

Petition of James W. North and others, in aid of petition of A. D. Brown and others ; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company"; also

Petition of H. H. Johnson and others of Belfast, for charter to build a free bridge across the tide waters of the Passagassawakeag river at Belfast ; also

Remonstrance of N. Abbott and others, against the petition of S. Nickerson and others, for authority to build a bridge across tide waters at Belfast ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of the English Spinning Roller Company of Biddeford, for amendment of charter ; also

Petition of Solyman Heath and others, for incorporation of the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of J. W. Strout and others of Poland, for authority to repair or rebuild the Methodist Meeting-house at East Poland ;  
Petition of Hannibal Ingalls and 3 others of Mercer ;  
Petition of Samuel Wardwell and 10 others of Penobscot ;  
Petition of George W. Wheeler and 14 others ;  
Petition of M. H. Abbott and 4 others of Stetson ;  
Petition of N. E. Wright and another ;  
Petition of Shaw, Tilson & Co. and others of Union ;  
Petition of Gardiner & Coburn and 4 others of Patten ;  
Petition of C. E. Messer and 6 others of Lincoln ;  
Petition of George W. Smith and another of Mattawamkeag ;  
Petition of B. H. White and another of Chesterville ;  
Petition of E. M. Johnson and 2 others of Carmel ;  
Petition of O. R. Jose and 13 others of Newport ;  
Petition of Thomas H. Wiggin and another of Levant ;  
Petition of E. N. Stevens and 34 others of Farmington ;  
Petition of H. C. Holden and 11 others of Thomaston ;  
Petition of Thomas R. Kingsbury and 3 others of Bradford ;  
Petition of John H. Gilbreth and 15 others of Kendall's Mills ;  
Petition of William Leonard and others of Passadumkeag ;  
Petition of George A. Fletcher and 15 others of North Anson ;  
Petition of A. C. Hall and 4 others of Norridgewock ;  
Petition of D. S. Hooper and 2 others of Cambridge ;  
Petition of Frank R. Webber and 2 others of St. Albans ;  
Petition of Jabez Knowlton and another of Newburg ;  
Petition of Thomas Lancey and 3 others of Palmyra ;  
Petition of H. C. Judkins of Alton ;  
Petition of Furber & Johnson and 17 others of Canaan ;  
Petition of Hall & Harvey and 5 others of Kenduskeag ;  
Petition of H. H. Dexter and 4 others of Corinth ;  
Petition of Seth Morse and 4 others of Corinna ;  
Petition of William Eaton and 10 others of Dexter ;  
Petition of N. B. Sanders and 3 others of West New Portland ;  
Petition of S. Webb and 7 others of Solon ;  
Petition of G. W. Fall and 4 others of Garland ;  
Petition of G. S. Hill and 4 others of Exeter, all for change of law relating to hawkers and peddlers ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. COFFIN of Harrington,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries be instructed to re-



port whether an act is required to prevent trawl fishing for the purpose of protecting the cod fishing on our sea board.

On motion of Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee on Sanitary Necessities be appointed, to consist of five on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join, to report as soon as practicable what legislation, if any, is necessary for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the State.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrances and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on order relative to usury, reported bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money."

The report was read and accepted and the bill ordered to be printed under the rule.

Mr. COMSTOCK, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of George Gregory and others, reported bill "an act authorizing the construction of a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland."

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

Resolve in favor of the Augusta Bank, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been twice read was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order respecting the taxation of personal property in unincorporated townships, was taken from the table, and the vote whereby the House yesterday laid the report on the table and assigned Thursday next for its further consideration was reconsidered and the report was accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. JOHNSON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Eunice B. Elliot, for deed of land, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

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

Petition of David Wasson and Son, for extension of time to build wharf in Brooksville; also

Petition of Silas Danforth, for additional legislation relative to line fences, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Preamble and resolution in relation to foreign vessels acquiring an American register, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Order relative to the erection of marble slabs instead of the boards which now mark the burial place of deceased soldiers from this State, in the District of Columbia; also

Order relative to laying out, opening and repairing State roads in the county of Aroostook; also

Order relative to the recording of soldiers' discharges; also

Order relative to the grant of land to Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Presque Isle and Houlton Academies; also

Order furnishing the Kennebec Journal to the members of the Board of Agriculture.

The foregoing orders came from the Senate read and passed in concurrence, and the petitions and resolve were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on the petition of F. G. Barker and others, members of the band of the 3d regiment, recommending reference to the Committee on Military Affairs, came from the Senate read and accepted.

Report of the Washington County Delegation on petition of E. B. Harvey and others, reporting bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill twice read and, on motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec, indefinitely postponed, and returned to the Senate for concurrence.

A communication from the Hon. Samuel F. Perley, signifying his non-acceptance of the office of Executive Councillor, came from the Senate and was read.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Councillor for the Second Councillor District.

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

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

### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON of Somerset,

Messrs. Boynton of Somerset, Hawes of Aroostook, Jackson of Brunswick, Foster of Hanover, Reynolds of Pembroke, Newhall of Washington, and Clark of Tremont, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Councillor for the Second Councillor District.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	92
Necessary to a choice,	47
George W. Randall has	92

The report was accepted, and the Hon. GEORGE W. RANDALL was declared duly elected an Executive Councillor for the current political year.

Having accomplished the object for which it was assembled, the Convention was dissolved and the Senate retired, and the House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. BURBANK of Limerick,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law of the State relative to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices in civil actions.

On motion of Mr. NEWHALL of South Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill additional to section 142, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in unincorporated places on lands of non-resident owners, by which it shall be made the duty of the assessors of cities, towns and plantations to furnish to the treasurers thereof, lists of the names and places of residence of such non-resident owners, if known to said assessors, and by which the aforesaid treasurers in advertising said lands for the collection of taxes, shall be required to furnish one copy at least of the State Paper in which such land is advertised, to the owner thereof, provided his place of residence is known to the treasurer.

Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln introduced the following order :

WHEREAS, the almost entire wealth of plantations organized for election purposes consists of timber lands owned chiefly by non-residents, and these non-residents are allowed by one law three years in which to pay their taxes ; and whereas, the residents of such unincorporated places are prohibited by another law from drawing their school money from the State unless these taxes are paid yearly ; therefore,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending these laws as to afford proper relief to the residents of these plantations.

The foregoing orders were read, passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. WALL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Moses Gidings and others, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee of the Hancock County Delegation, on petition of Judge of Probate of Hancock county, reported bill " an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock."

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

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills and additional to the same"; also

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company," approved February, 1864, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been three times read, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CALDWELL of Hallowell.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Petition of Ira R. Doolittle and others of Waterville;

Petition of A. G. Vannah and others of Gardiner;

Petition of James H. Leigh and others of Hallowell;

Petition of Messrs. Leonard & Stewart and others of Belgrade;

Petition of S. W. Collins and others of Carribou;

Petition of W. S. Hammond and others of Van Buren plantation;

Petition of Messrs. Merrill & Hinckley and others of Surry;

Petition of J. Woodman and others of Leeds;

Petition of Messrs. Mayhew & Cram and others of Mt. Vernon;

Petition of J. W. Parkhurst and others of Unity;

Petition of Messrs. Simpson & Lombard and others of Vassalborough;

Petition of O. R. Small and others of Lisbon;

Petition of H. M. Eaton and others of Readfield;

Petition of Henry Burgess and others of Wayne;

Petition of J. Locke and others of Fryeburg;

Petition of Andrew Barnard and others of Canton;

Petition of C. W. Eustis and others of Dixfield ;  
Petition of Jesse Bradford and others of Turner ;  
Petition of M. Walker and others of Lovell ;  
Petition of Stephen D. Hutchinson and others of Paris Hill ;  
Petition of Henry W. Park and others of Mexico ;  
Petition of H. O. Knight and others of Naples ;  
Petition of H. Baker and others of Oxford ;  
Petition of M. Mason and others of Bethel ;  
Petition of Hiram Hines of Buckfield ;  
Petition of S. Adams and others of Castine ;  
Petition of John Blodget and others of Bucksport ;  
Petition of F. Keyes and others of Orland ;  
Petition of G. Sargent and others of Sedgwick ;  
Petition of John Stevens and others of Bluehill ;  
Petition of Davis Lord and others of Ellsworth ;  
Petition of Dolliff & Beard of Biddeford ;  
Petition of D. F. Stone and others of Hampden ;  
Petition of J. N. Stowe and others of Oldtown ;  
Petition of C. M. Gould and others of Orono ;  
Petition of W. M. Adams and another of Hodgdon ;  
Petition of W. H. Canliffe and others of Fort Kent ;  
Petition of H. Perry and others of Presque Isle ;  
Petition of A. H. Fogg and others of Houlton ;  
Petition of A. P. Williams and others of Sangerville ;  
Petition of E. J. Hale and others of Foxcroft ;  
Petition of H. Douglass and others of the towns of Monson,  
Guilford and Abbot ;  
Petition of D. T. Sanders and others of Greenville ;  
Petition of E. L. Hammond and others of Atkinson ;  
Petition of B. S. Cilley and others of Sebec ;  
Petition of S. P. Brown and others of Dover ;  
Petition of I. Hanscom and others of Milo, all for a change in  
the law relating to hawkers and pedlars ;  
Petition of John H. Allen of Brownville, for an act authorizing  
the town Treasurer of said town to call in all town orders against  
the town.

The foregoing petitions came from the Senate referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary, and were referred in concurrence.

The Report of the Railroad Commissioners came from the Senate

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

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Benjamin B. Farnsworth and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Sabattis River Manufacturing Company."

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company," reporting that it ought to pass.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of G. W. Gorham, reporting bill "an act to authorize G. W. Gorham to extend his wharf into Passamaquoddy bay."

Report of Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to repeal of chapter 45 of the public laws of 1858, relative to divorce, reporting legislation inexpedient.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Petition of B. A. Hayford and others, for the repeal of the law prohibiting the use of the seine in fishing; also

Remonstrance of J. B. Crawford and 95 others of the town of Castine, against the repeal of an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Robert Bradley and others, for a law concerning the inspection of flour; also

Petition of Charles Spear and others, for an act of incorporation as a steamboat company;

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Elwell Costellow and others of Dresden, to make valid the vote of that town creating school districts numbered 3 and 6; also

Bill "an act to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templar";

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of the Selectmen of Harrington, for reduction of town valuation, was referred to the Washington County Delegation.

Petition of Eliphalet and Frank Thorp of Boothbay, for right to extend their wharf into Boothbay harbor, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of M. B. Lakeman and 134 others of the city of Hallowell, against the repeal of the city charter of Hallowell, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Jacob W. Robinson and others, concerning the standard measure of oats, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Ira Fish for remission of part of settling duties on State land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrances and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency and feasibility of having the engrossing of bills, &c., done with types instead of in the manner now in use.

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

Bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of Wilton Academy"; also

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks"; also

Bill "an act in relation to repair of roads in unincorporated townships"—each printed under the rule, were severally read twice and to-morrow was assigned for their reading.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate of the county of Hancock"; also

Bill "an act to authorize the construction of a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been three times read, were passed to be engrossed; and the former was sent to the Senate for concurrence—the latter was retained on notice given by Mr. BROWN of Hampden, that to-morrow he should move a reconsideration of the vote passing the bill to be engrossed.



Mr. MILLER of Portland made a motion to reconsider the vote of the House whereby bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills and additional to the same," was passed to be engrossed, and on his motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table and Wednesday next assigned for its consideration.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company," approved February 1864"; also

Bill "an act additional to an act approved February 20, 1864, entitled an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association," having each had three several readings, 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.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MAGRATH of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order relative to amending section 61, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, concerning ways, came from the Senate read and passed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Holbrooks Island Slate Company," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Bill "an act to legalize wharf property in the town of Richmond," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 17 of the revised statutes, relating to nuisances," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing order was read and passed in concurrence, and the bills were severally referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company," reporting the same in an amended form, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Petition of Wm. R. Schroder and others, for an act of incorporation of the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of D. W. Dinsmore, for relief; also

Petition of Caroline A. Edwards, widow of the late W. Edwards, Deputy Sheriff of Waldo county, for aid from the State; also

Petition of N. Abbott and others, in aid of same;

Petition of Selectmen of Milford, for reimbursement of money ;  
Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of William Buxton and 7 others of North Yarmouth, to have a certain lot of land set off from Cumberland and annexed to North Yarmouth ; also

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Cumberland, against the same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Lafayette Tuck and 62 others, for an appropriation for a road on the south half of township number 2, range 3, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of the Directors of the Portland Dry Dock Company, for an amendment to their charter, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petitions of the Overseers of the Poor of the city of Portland, for act relating to foreign paupers, with accompanying bill ; also

Petition of R. N. Pierce and others, members of Rockland Lodge of Masons, for an act of incorporation ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of R. Palmer and others, for a charter of the New England Telegraph Company, with accompanying bill, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Glendy Moody and 600 others, for authority to the County Commissioners of Cumberland county, to lay out a bridge on or near the site of the old Martin Point Bridge in Cumberland county ; also

Petition of Ezra Carter and 600 others, in aid of same ; also

Bill " an act extending jurisdiction of County Commissioners of Cumberland county " ;

Were referred to the Cumberland County Delegation.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrances and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill " an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Charles H. Chick of Limington, for change of name of Prentiss N. Black ; also

Petition of Daniel White and others, for change of name of Annie E. Steinworth ;

Were referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Waterville,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 23, chapter 71 of the revised statutes, as to enable the attaching creditors to perfect his lien in case the sale named in said section is made before said lien is lost by lapse of time.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to the assessment of taxes as to require the assessors to take all schedules of property and statements relating to the same under oath or affirmation, and such other alterations as shall be necessary to a more just and equal appraisal and taxation.

On motion of Mr. PAGE of Fort Kent,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to examine into the condition of the settlements upon township number 18, range 7, and if deemed advisable they may adopt a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to cause the remainder of said township to be lotted for settlement after the State shall have acquired a good and sufficient title to the undivided half now owned by proprietors.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Reform School be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the several acts establishing the State Reform School.

The foregoing orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and three times read, was on motion of Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln, amended as per sheet "A," and on motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, was on motion of Mr. MILLBR of Portland, amended by striking out the second section, and as amended passed to be engrossed, and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, was on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid of the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of Wilton Academy," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read the third time and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The report of the Judiciary Committee on order relating to reducing the poll tax, reporting legislation inexpedient, came up by assignment, and the question being on accepting the report, Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, moved to recommit the report with instructions to report a bill inserting "two" in place of "three" in the ninth line of section 1 of chapter 291 of the public laws relating to poll taxes," approved February 8, 1865.

Pending the consideration of this motion the report was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden.

Mr. OTIS of St. George, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks," and on his motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its consideration.

Mr. BROWN of Hampden, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed bill "an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock," and on his motion the motion to reconsider was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its consideration.

Resolve in favor of the Augusta Bank, having been twice read and passed to be engrossed, and 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.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. RICKER of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Judiciary Committee on order relating to prohibitory tariffs for transportation of wood, &c., on railroads, reporting reference to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges ; also

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on petition of R. F. Campbell and others, reporting reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of B. B. Farnsworth, Treasurer of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company, reporting bill "an act to change the name of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, and bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Petition of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company, for authority to enlarge their powers, with accompanying bill, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges ; also

Petition of S. Rich and others, for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education ;

Were severally referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act concerning the militia," approved February, 1865, came from the Senate referred to Committee on Military Affairs, and was referred in concurrence.

A communication from the Hon. E. G. Dunn, signifying his acceptance of the office of Councillor, came from the Senate, and was read.

A message from the Governor, transmitting a communication from S. L. Goodale, Secretary of the State College of Agriculture, notifying the two branches of the Legislature of the resignation of Ebenezer Knowlton, Thomas S. Lang, and Wm. D. Dana, as Trustees of the State College of Agriculture, and that the filling of the first and third vacancies devolves upon the Legislature, came from the Senate, and was read.

Remonstrance of Joshua Nye and others, against petition of A. D. Brown and others, for an act of incorporation of the International Telegraph Company; also

Remonstrance of Nelson Dingley and others of Lewiston; also

Remonstrance of J. M. Larrabee and others of Gardiner; also

Remonstrance of H. M. Brewster and others of Curtis Corner; also

Remonstrance of Messrs. Davis and Farnham and others of Sattisville; also

Remonstrance of Edwin F. Littlefield and others of Winterport; also

Remonstrance of S. J. Burgess and others of Livermore Falls; also

Remonstrance of A. E. Jordan and others of Lisbon; also

Remonstrance of Andrew Fuller and others of Camden; also

Remonstrance of R. B. Fuller and others of Wilton; also

Remonstrance of M. C. Andrews and others of Rockland; also

Remonstrance of J. B. Dagget and others of Farmington; also

Remonstrance of Alden Sampson and others of Hallowell; also

Remonstrance of Messrs. Carleton, Norwood & Co., and others of Rockport; also

Remonstrance of Thomas Eldred and others of Belgrade; also

Remonstrance of Wm. Neal and others of Lisbon Falls; also

Remonstrance of Charles Thompson and others of Kennebunkport; also

Remonstrance of Josiah Merrow and others of Bowdoinham; also

Remonstrance of T. B. Theobald and others of Richmond; also

Remonstrance of Samuel H. Dale and others of Bangor; also

Remonstrance of Nehemiah Abbott and others of Belfast; also

Remonstrance of J. H. Foss and others of Biddeford, all against said petition of A. D. Brown and others;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of administering to the Hon. E. G. Dunn, Councillor elect, the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, signifying the concurrence of the House in the proposed Convention.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, occasioned by the resignation of Ebenezer Knowlton, and William D. Dana.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, the House non-concurred with the Senate in the proposed time of holding the Convention, and proposed to-morrow at 11 o'clock for holding the same.

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

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Washington, the Secretary of the Convention was charged with a message to the Hon. E. G. Dunn, Councillor elect, informing him that the two branches of the Legislature are now assembled in the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of administering to him the official oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had delivered the message and that the Councillor elect was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Convention for the purposes indicated.

Thereupon the Hon. E. G. Dunn came in, and before the Presi-



dent of the Senate took and subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Councillor then retired, and the purposes of the Convention having been accomplished the Convention was dissolved and the the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Petition of Simon T. Hartland, for authority to build a marine railway at Tenants Harbor, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Maria J. Siegars, for deed of lot number 57 in township number 5, Aroostook county; also

Petition of C. R. Whidden and others, in aid of petition for the Millford and Princeton Turnpike;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Resolves making an appropriation for continuing the scientific survey of the State, were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Remonstrance of Charles Drake, against the petition of the proprietors of Union wharf; also

Remonstrance of J. W. Yates and others, against the same petition;

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and providing for taxation of shares of holders in national banking associations"; also

Bill "an act abolishing the office of Reporter of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court";

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of Oakes Angier and others, against the repeal of chapter 313 of the laws of 1865, relating to catching menhaden or porgies, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of George Dillingham, Jr., and others of Hampden, in aid of petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others, relative to throwing refuse stuff in the Penobscot river, was referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing bills, resolves, petitions and remonstrances, were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and providing for the taxation of income of holders of United States bonds," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis,

*Ordered* That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to protect the rights and ameliorate the condition of the paupers in this State, and further consider the justice of restoring to such of that class of citizens as are not otherwise disqualified, the right of suffrage.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the propriety of amending section 83 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to testimony.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg, offered the following order :

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to investigate into the alleged frauds upon the property of the State, be authorized and instructed to use all the power conferred upon them as touching the investigation of State officials in ascertaining whether any municipality of this State has been defrauded of money in the filling of its quotas by any person or persons whomsoever.

Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, moved to lay the order on the table, and Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, moved that when the vote be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and being so taken, the House refused to lay the order upon the table, yeas 43, nays 79.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bacon, Bennett, Bliss, Burbank, Cargill, Chesley, Davis, Dawes, Dresser, Dyer, Eveleth, Fenderson, John B. Foster, Fowler, Fulton, Ambrose C. Gordon, Granger, Alvin Hall, Darling Ham, Hanson, Hathaway, Hersey, Hight, Holland, Hoskins, Hunt, Jenkins, Jones, Knight, Leach, John M. Libbey, Marble, Page, Payson, Ricker, John W. Sanborn, Franklin Sawyer, Wakefield, Wescott, Williams, Wm. Wilson, Woodcock, Woodman—43.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Charles K. Adams, Bailey, Bowler, Bradbury, P. Brad-

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ford, Brown, Bryant, Burleigh, Burrell, James R. Clark, Coffin, Colby, Comins, Comstock, Crosby, Decker, Farrington, Reuben Foster, Reuben B. Foster, Garnsey, Getchell, Gibbs, Goodspeed, Goodwin, Grant, Greenwood, Haines, Calvin Hall, Franklin Ham, Hamblin, Haskell, Hildreth, Frederic A. Hill, Hills, Houghton, Jackson, Jewett, Johnson, Eben Jordan, Jr., Frederic R. Jordan, Lamb, Lawler, Daniel Libby, Messer, Miller, Minot, Morrill, Necomb, A. J. H. Newhall, J. Newhall, S. H. Newhall, Nickerson, Otis, Parlin, Pinkham, Pulsifer, Reynolds, Robinson, Joshua H. Sanborn, Chas. C. Sawyer, Shaw, Smith, Snell, Stetson, Stevens, Wagg, Walker, Wall, Walton, Webber, Weeks, Weymouth, Whitcomb, Edmund Wilson, Wingate, Worcester, Wyman—79.

Mr. MILLER of Portland, gave notice that to-morrow he should move a reconsideration of this vote.

Pending the passage of the order the House  
Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Remonstrance of N. S. Littlefield and others, against the petition of John W. Caswell and others, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Calvin Chamberlain and others, for incorporation of the Piscataquis Central Park Association, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of the County Commissioners of Kennebec county, for increase of pay, came from the Senate referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Petition of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county, for increase of pay, came from the Senate referred to the Aroostook County Delegation.

Order relative to the survey of lands unoccupied in this State, came from the Senate read and passed.

The foregoing remonstrance and petitions were referred in concurrence, and the order was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order inquiring into the expediency of amending section 11, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relative to taxation of logs and timber, reporting legislation inexpedient; also

Report of Committee on State Printing and Binding, reporting a contract with Messrs. Hartford and Smith of Augusta, for doing the State binding for the current year, came from the Senate read and accepted and the contract read and approved, and were read and accepted in concurrence, and the contract was read and approved in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, reporting a contract with Messrs. Stevens and Sayward of Augusta, for doing the State printing for the current year, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the contract read and approved.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the contract was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis.

Petition of the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for an act of incorporation ; also

Petition of Jeremiah Dow and 140 others, for an act modifying the laws relating to the rate of interest ;

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Amos Clark and others of Greene, for the incorporation of the Valley Cemetery Company ; also

Petition of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Portland, for an amendment to their city charter ; also

Petition of Hiram B. Connor and 11 others, for incorporation of the Union Trotting Park Company in Pittsfield ;

Were referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Warren Gilman and 21 others, for aid to the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company ; also

Petition of C. G. Richardson and others of the town of Burlington, for same ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill "an act to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company ; also

Petition of Charles J. Gilman and 20 others of Brunswick, for incorporation of the Brunswick Peat Company ;

Were referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of I. Putnam, Mayor of Bath, for reimbursement of State aid furnished to families prior to 1862 ; also

Petition of T. L. Jennison of Woodland plantation, for State aid ;

Were referred to Committee on Claims.

Petition of David Stover and 40 others, for leave to build a dam across tide water in Harpswell, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of E. W. Woodbury and J. S. Hobbs, Judge and Register of Probate of Oxford county, for increase of pay, was referred to the Oxford County Delegation.

Petition of John Benson and 11 others, for the incorporation of

a savings bank in the town of Newport, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing petitions and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A communication from the Hon. G. W. Randall, signifying his acceptance of the office of Councillor, came from the Senate and was read.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of filling the vacancies existing in the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, occasioned by the resignation of Ebenezer Knowlton and William D. Dana ; also to administer to the Hon. George W. Randall, Councillor elect, the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

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

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

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR of Hancock,

Messrs. Hamor of Hancock, Denison of Androscoggin, Colby of Richmond, Bryant of Dover, Bennett of Pittsfield, Weymouth of Belmont, and Getchell of Marshfield, and appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Trustee of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Ebenezer Knowlton.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows :

Whole number of votes,	137
Necessary for a choice,	69
Isaac Woodman has	136
Augustus Welt,	1

The report was accepted, and ISAAC WOODMAN was declared duly elected a Trustee of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion of Mr. HINDS of Kennebec, the same Committee was instructed to receive, sort and count the votes for a Trustee of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William D. Dana.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	135
Necessary for a choice,	68
Thomas Brewer has	134
Washington Robbins	1

The report was accepted and THOMAS BREWER was declared duly elected a Trustee of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Washington, the Secretary of the Convention was directed to notify Hon. Isaac Woodman and Thomas Brewer, Esq., of their election as Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Penobscot, the Secretary of the Convention was charged with a message to the Hon. George W. Randall, Councillor elect, informing him that both branches of the Legislature are now in Convention assembled, in the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of administering to him the oaths required to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Councillor elect was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Thereupon the Hon. George W. Randall came in and before the President of the Senate took and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Councillor then retired.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of Cumberland, the Secretary was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them of the qualification of the Hon. G. W. Randall as Executive Councillor.

The purposes of the Convention having been accomplished it was dissolved.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Ezra Teague and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the New Sharon Water Power Company."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Sangerville Manufacturing Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Judiciary Committee, on petition of Selectmen of Mercer and Starks, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 495 of the private acts of the year 1865, setting off a part of Starks and annexing the same to Mercer."

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of E. H. Jewett and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank."

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Leonard Peabody and others, reported bill "an act making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years."

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

Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of the County Commissioners of Somerset county, for an appropriation to build a bridge across Dead river, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of John Mathews and others, for repeal of the act incorporating the city of Hallowell, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the same Committee, on petition of Winthrop Baston and Tristram D. Pattee, to be set off from North Yarmouth and annexed to Cumberland, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Mills Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. JONES, the rules were suspended and the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.



Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act in relation to the rules of evidence, in addition to an act to amend section 83, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court," approved March 15, 1862, reported that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted and the bills printed under the rules.

On motion of Mr. CLARK of Biddeford,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to examine into the expediency of so amending the law regulating the sale of spirituous liquors, that cities and towns shall not be compelled by law to maintain a liquor agency unless they may elect so to do.

On motion of Mr. HILLS of Northport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire whether any legislation is expedient whereby to fix the time when, there being two or more agricultural societies in the same county, these societies shall severally send delegates to the annual meeting of the Board of Agriculture.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize George W. Gorham to extend his wharf into Passamaquoddy Bay"; also

Bill "an act to change the name of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sabbattis Manufacturing Company," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been three times read, were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The order relative to frauds in the matter of enlistments and credits, which was under consideration when the House adjourned yesterday, was taken up, and the question being on giving the order a passage, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. FAR-

RINGTON of Fryeburg, and Tuesday, February 6, was assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company and additional to the same," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, the votes whereby the report of the Committee reporting the same was accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence, were reconsidered, and the House non concurred with the Senate in accepting the report and passing the bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the same, and they were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, his motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed bill "an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock," was taken from the table, and the same being put, the House refused to reconsider the vote, and the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to poll taxes, reporting legislation inexpedient, was taken from the table on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, and the question being on the motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, to recommit the report with instructions, Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, moved that when the question be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and being so taken the House refused to recommit, by yeas 35, nays 83.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bailey, Bradbury, P. Bradford, Bryant, Burleigh, Burrell, Decker, Estes, Farrington, Fowler, Greenwood, Haines, A. Hall, Franklin Ham, Hamblin, Haskell, Hathaway, Jenkins, Jewett, Kenniston, Lamb, Leach, John M. Libbey, McKechnie, Minot, Morrill, Page, Parlin, Pinkham, Smith, Stevens, Wagg, Weeks, Wescott, Woodman—35.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. S. Adams, Bacon, Bliss, Bowler, Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chesley, Coffin, Colby, Comins, Comstock, Crosby, Davis, Dawes, Dodge, Dresser, Dyer, Eveleth, Fenderson, John B. Foster, Reuben Foster, Reuben B. Foster, Fulton, Garnsey, Getchell, Gibbs, Ambrose C. Gordon, G. C. Gordon, Granger, Calvin Hall,

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Darling Ham, Hersey, Hildreth, Frederic A. Hill, Hills, Holland, Hoskins, Houghton, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Eben Jordan, Jr., Frederic R. Jordan, Knight, Lawler, Marble, Merriam, Messer, Moore, A. J. H. Newhall, James Newhall, S. M. Newhall, Nichols, Nickerson, Otis, Parsons, Payson, Pulsifer, Reynolds, Ricker, Robinson, John W. Sanborn, Joshua H. Sanborn, Chas. C. Sawyer, Franklin Sawyer, Shepley, Small, Snell, Stetson, Stilphen, Wakefield, Walker, Wall, Webber, Weymouth, Williams, Edmund Wilson, Wm. Wilson, Wingate, Worcester, Wyman—83.

The report was then accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SMALL of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of George W. Collins and others of Bridgewater, for amendment of the law relating to hawkers and pedlers, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Lydia Cummings, for a deed of a lot of land, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Henry M. Colbath and others, for an act of incorporation, came from the Senate referred to Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Obed Foss and others, for an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of the President of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad, for leave to extend the road to tide water, came from the Senate referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing petitions were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Charles J. Perkins and others, for repeal of chapter 313 of the public laws of 1865, reporting leave to withdraw ; also

Report of the same Committee on order relating to the assessment of taxes ; also

Report of same Committee on order relative to empowering Judges of Probate to decree change of name ; also

Report of same Committee on order relative to amending section 8, chapter 96 of revised statutes, concerning replevin of goods ; also

Report of same Committee on order relative to amending section 142, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, all reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of H. C. Good-enow and others, for aid to Thomas A. Eastman and Wm. H. H. Graham of Lewiston; also

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of John H. Allen, Town Agent of Brownfield, for an act to authorize the Treasurer of said town to notify parties holding orders and notes against said town to present them within one year; also

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Luther Keene and others, that certain lands may be set off from Orneville and annexed to Atkinson, all reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of the Directors of the Portland Dry Dock Company, for amendment of charter, reporting reference to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Report of the same Committee on a resolve furnishing each county attorney with certain acts and resolves, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company," reporting that the same ought to pass; also

Report of same Committee on petition of the English Spinning Roller Company of Biddeford, for amendment of charter, reporting bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company," approved February 11, 1865.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to further legislation for the protection of forests from destruction by fires, reporting legislation inexpedient, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the report was read and on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, laid on the table.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the county estimates returned to his office, came from the Senate read, and was read and referred with accompanying documents to the Committee on County Estimates.

A message was received from the Governor through the Secretary of State, informing the two branches of the Legislature that Dr. Stone, Principal of the American Asylum for Deaf and Dumb, is in this city with several pupils, beneficiaries of this State; and requesting that arrangements may be made for their exhibition in the Representatives' Hall.

The message was read and sent to the Senate.

A communication from the Hon. Wales Hubbard, Reporter of Decisions, in response to the order of the House, was received and read, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve of the Legislature of New Hampshire relative to fish ways in the rivers of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, was laid before the House by the SPEAKER and read, and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid on the table.

Petition of R. Mowe, Jr., and 51 others of Eastport, for authority to said town to exempt from taxation certain property known as the International Hotel Lot; also

Petition of the New England Screw Steamship Company, for a change of name; also

Petition of First Parish in Bluehill, to make valid their doings, with accompanying bill; also

Bill "an act authorizing Mary Ann Tyler to convey real estate";  
Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John H. Crandon and another of Columbia Falls, for right to construct a fish weir; also

Petition of Geo. C. Pickering and others, in aid of the petition of James Dunning and others; also

Petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Corporation, for increase of capital and other purposes;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of E. A. Norton and others, for change of charter of the Portland Railroad Company; also

Petition of F. A. Wilson and others, for renewal of "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company";

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Frederick Hunt and others, for leave to build a weir in Machias Bay; also

Remonstrance of R. H. Bridgham and 141 others of Brooksville and vicinity, against the repeal of the act for the protection of porgy fishing;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of the County Commissioners of Knox county, for an increase of the salary of the County Attorney of said county, was referred to the Knox County Delegation.

Petition of P. M. Stubbs and others, for increase of the salary of the Judge of Probate for Franklin county; also

Petition of B. F. Atkinson and others, for increase of the salary of the Register of Probate for Franklin county;

Were referred to the Franklin County Delegation.

Petition of Rufus Robertson and others, for equalization of State bounties, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of the Selectmen of Scarborough, for reduction of town valuation, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of the Portland Labor Reform Association, that eight hours labor may constitute a legal day's work, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of B. Hawes, that authority be granted to the Land Agent to refund to him money collected for stumpage, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of S. H. Willard and others of school district number 5, in Waterville, for a Board of Directors, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The foregoing petitions, bill and remonstrance, were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Printing be instructed to inquire whether any further steps be necessary in order to secure a fair and impartial report of the proceedings of this House.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN of Wells,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 11 of chapter 118 of the revised statutes of 1857, relating to the compensation of jurors, by striking out the word "one" and inserting "two" instead thereof.

On motion of Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That the chaplains of this Legislature be allowed the privileges of the State Library on the same terms as members of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. SHAW of Gouldsbrough,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries be instructed to inquire what further legislation may be necessary to protect the porgy fishery from injury by setting nets across inlets into bays.

The foregoing orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That two thousand copies of Senate document numbered 2, being an abstract of the returns of the Treasurers of the several cities and towns of the State, showing their financial condition, forwarded to the Legislature by the Governor, January 18, 1866, be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. SAWYER of Raymond,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be extended to Dr. Stone, Principal of the American Asylum for Deaf and Dumb, for the purpose of exhibiting before the members of the Legislature pupils of that institution, beneficiaries of this State.

Mr. COFFIN, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred from the last Legislature the petition of John Relihan, for compensation for grass cut by Indian Agent, reported reference to the next Legislature.

Mr. CHESLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of J. M. Wiswell and others, for authority to improve Gardner stream, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on Report of the Railroad Commissioner, reported recommending that the same be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The reports were read, accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of Benjamin Fowler, for authority to build wharves and fish weirs in the waters of Johnson's bay, reported bill "an act to grant authority to Benjamin Fowler to build wharves and fish weirs in Johnson's bay, in Lubec."



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

Bill "an act making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the New Sharon Water Power Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and having been three times read, were severally passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sangerville Manufacturing Company," was reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and was read three times, and on motion of Mr. BRYANT, amended by striking out the words "manufacturing company," and substituting "factory company," in the title of the company, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed, and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland, and the question being on the motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed the bill to be engrossed, the House refused to reconsider, and the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 495 of the private laws of 1865, setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer," was reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently the vote passing the bill to be engrossed was reconsidered on motion of Mr. SAWYER of Raymond, and on his motion the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," was taken from the table on motion

of Mr. STETSON of Bangor, who moved amendment "A," and pending this amendment the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, and Thursday next assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, the report of the Committee on State Printing, reporting a contract with Messrs. Stevens and Sayward of Augusta, for doing the State printing, was taken from the table, and the report and contract were read and approved in concurrence.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PARKE of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of A. M. Robinson and 204 others, for a law equalizing the State bounties paid to volunteers, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Reuben Higgins and others, for legislation for keeping the record of the variation of the magnetic needle, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of Joseph Butler and another, against the petition of Luke S. Moore and others, to be set off from the town of Starks and annexed to Norridgewock, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Bill "an act to extend the time for closing the concerns of the American Bank," came from the Senate referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrance and bill were referred in concurrence.

Order relative to amending chapter 102 of the public laws of 1859, relative to the competency of witnesses, came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of R. N. Pierce and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the officers and members of Rockland Lodge"; also

Report of the same Committee on petition of James A. Decker and others, reporting bill "an act to authorize the sale of the old Methodist Free Meeting-house in Bowdoinham"; also

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templar," reporting that the same ought to pass, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kittery,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that persons furnishing labor or material for the manufacture of bricks may have a lien on the same.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Charleston,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 71 of the school laws, by inserting after the clause "or in any way disturbing the school," the words "or who shall in any manner insult or designedly injure the teacher, supervisor or committee on their way to or from the school," or something equivalent thereto.

On motion of Mr. RICKER of Lebanon,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to make valid the doings of municipal officers in procuring money and giving orders and notes for the payment of bounties, and contracts entered into by vote of towns.

The foregoing orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. HATHAWAY, from the Committee on Education, on petition of Obed Foss and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill read twice and Monday next was assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act to grant authority to Benjamin Fowler to build wharves and fish weirs in Johnson's bay, in Lubec"; also

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company," approved February 11, 1865"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company," having been severally reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been three times read, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize G. W. Gorham to extend his wharf into Passamaquoddy bay"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company"; also

Bill "an act to change the name of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sabbattis River Manufacturing Company"; also

Bill "an act authorizing the construction of a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of Wilton Academy," having severally been three times read and passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company," was taken up by assignment, and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln, the bill was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed, and was sent to the Senate.

Mr. HUNT of Bath, asked to be and was excused from further service on the Committee on Banks and Banking, and Mr. JACKSON of Brunswick, was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MASON of Gardiner.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Bill "an act to incorporate the Errol Steamship Company," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of John S. Tenney and others, against the petition of Luke S. Moore and others, to be set off from Starks and annexed to Norridgewock, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Andrew Spring and others, stockholders in the Cumberland Bone Company, for amendment of charter, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Henry Harmon, Town Agent of Buxton, for repayment of amount expended by said town in aid of the family of John Merrill, a soldier, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of E. A. Holmes and others of Norway, for the incorporation of a savings bank at Norway, came from the Senate referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing bill, remonstrance and petitions were referred in concurrence.

Order relative to the Eastern Normal School, came from the Senate read and passed and was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Thomas G. Getchell and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill read twice and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, was referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, reporting bill an act in addition to and in amendment of the act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of an act in addition thereto," approved March 14, 1861; also

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of I. Putnam, Mayor of Bath, reporting bill "an act additional to the act to incorporate the city of Bath," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills twice read and passed to be engrossed.

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

Petition of the citizens of Hudson for the repeal of an act approved July 13, 1847, entitled "an act to repeal an act in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Bangor"; also

\* Bill "an act relating to appointment and removal of certain officers in cities";

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Joseph B. Hall and others, for the incorporation of the Workingmen's Coöperative Association of Portland and vicinity"; also

Bill "an act to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend their wharf into tide water of Damariscotta river"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company";

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

Petition of Nancy L. Toothaker of Eaton Grant, for a lot of land ; also

Petition of Thomas Goss, for deed of lot of land in township number 13, range 6, county of Aroostook ; also

Petition of W. H. Cary and others, for an appropriation to aid in opening a road from Seven Islands to the Canada line ;

Were each referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of E. M. Wood and 58 others of Camden, for a law to prevent obstructions in Camden Harbor ; also

Remonstrance of John E. Greene and 64 others, against the pe-

tion of Isaac M. Bragg and others, for a law to prohibit the throwing of edgings and waste lumber into the Penobscot river;

Were referred to Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of James Warren and 13 others of Winslow, against the petition of Frank L. Simpson and others; also

Remonstrance of Samuel Kimball and 71 others, against the same petition;

Were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of Miles Wilson, for further legislation in relation to compensation for building a road in Penobscot county, was referred to the Penobscot County Delegation.

Petition of S. B. Hume and others of Eastport, for the incorporation of the Eastport Gas Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Thomas W. Gamage and 31 others, for authority to build a bridge from Rutherford's island to a small adjoining island; also

Bill "an act to authorize the consolidation of railway companies in this State," were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of the Selectmen of Houlton, for reimbursement for money illegally paid the State for soldiers' bounties on the 9th of August, 1864, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrances and bills were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition of James H. Cobb and Elizabeth P. Cobb, for change of name of their adopted child, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of the Selectmen of Starks, reported recommending its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report was read and accepted.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 495 of the private acts of 1865, setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to Mercer," on motion of Mr. SAWYER of Raymond, was taken from the table and referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing report and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to the rules of evidence, in addition to an act to amend section 83, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court," approved March 15, 1862; also

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," printed under the rule;

Were twice read and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to prevent the abuse of domestic animals, and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Reform School inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Trustees to contract with the Secretary of the Interior for the confinement and support of juvenile offenders against the laws of the United States in the Reform School, as provided in the acts of Congress approved March 3, 1865.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 7, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, that no writ of possession shall issue in case the defendant appeals.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of making a change in the provisions of chapter 71 of the revised statutes, in reference to proceedings before sale of real estate by executors, administrators and guardians, after license from Probate Court; and for the perpetuation of evidence of notice of sale of real estate by trustees. Also whether section 2 of chapter 67 of revised statutes should be amended so that a minor over 14 years of age living less than ten miles from the place holding the court, if unable by reason of infirmity or otherwise to appear before the Judge, may nominate his own guardian before a Justice of the Peace.



On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of a change of the law concerning the endorsement of writs.

On motion of Mr. NEWHALL of South Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of altering the law of the revised statutes relating to the compensation of Selectmen and Assessors, so that the last word but one in the sixth line of section 29, chapter 14, shall be struck out and the word "two" instead thereof shall be inserted. So that the sixth and following line shall read as follows, viz: "Each Selectman and Assessor shall be paid for his services two dollars for every day he is necessarily employed in the service of the town."

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That, the Senate concurring, the State Librarian be and he hereby is directed to distribute to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, one copy of the laws of the United States passed at the second session of the 38th Congress as contemplated by a resolve entitled "a resolve for distribution of the laws of the United States," approved April 23, 1852.

The foregoing orders were read, passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FULTON of Bluehill,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Hall be granted to the Board of Agriculture this evening for the purpose of the delivery of a eulogy on the late Dr. Ezekiel Holmes.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company," having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, and having been 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.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. RICKER of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures ; also

Petition of John W. Dresser and others, for the incorporation of the Castine Marine Railway Company, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance ; also

Remonstrance of J. Robbins, Jr. and others, against the petition of L. S. Moore and others, to set off a part of Starks and annex the same to Norridgewock, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of towns ;

And were referred in concurrence.

Order relative to amending chapter 64, section 10 of the revised statutes concerning foreign wills ; also

Order relative to amending chapter 40 of the public laws of 1858, concerning reviews in civil actions ; also

Order relative to amending chapter 80 of the revised statutes, concerning jails and jailers, came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Caroline A. Edwards, reporting a "resolve in favor of Caroline A. Edwards"; also

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on bill "an act making valid the building of wharves in the town of Richmond," reporting that the same ought to pass, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill and resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bill was read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading. The resolve was read once and Wednesday of next week assigned for its second reading.

A communication from the Treasurer of State transmitting his official bond, came from the Senate, read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, and was read and referred in concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Reports of the Bank Commissioners and Superintendent of Common Schools, was received and read.

Petition of R. B. Dunn and others, for the incorporation of the Waterville Hotel Company ; also

Petition of W. H. Hemmenway and 42 others, for a law to prevent the obstruction of navigation in the Machias river ; also

Petition of Benjamin F. Charles and 31 others, for removal of James Tibbets of Rome, from the office of Trial Justice ; also

Petition of Joseph Warren and 34 others, for a law to prohibit the killing of mink and muskrats at certain seasons of the year ; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dirigo Gold Mining Company," were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of J. Dingley Jr. and 64 others of Auburn, for an act to unite the town of Auburn and the city of Lewiston ; also

Petition of O. B. Cheney and 99 others, in aid of same, were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of the Directors of the North Bank at Rockland, for an increase of capital, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of E. K. Smart for leave to build a marine railway in the tide waters of Camden ; also

Petition of citizens of Bangor and vicinity, for a law to prevent the destruction of fish in Pushaw lake, were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Joshua N. Dinsmore of Island Falls, for deed of lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Henry Boynton, for pay and expenses in raising troops in 1861, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Hiram Ricker and others of Poland, for a law to prevent the destruction of fish in Range and Tripp ponds, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing petitions were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition of R. H. Patten and 40 others of Hampden and vicinity, for Courts of Reconciliation, was, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join.

Petition of the Selectmen of Washington, for abatement of State tax, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire whether the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad is under lease to any corporation out of this State, and if so to what corporation and upon what time, terms and conditions, and whether such lease be authorized by any law of this State, and whether the same be or not injurious to the interest of the people and of other railroad corporations of this State, with authority to send for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. HAMMOND of North Berwick,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law that minors over the age of eighteen years may dispose of their property by will, only subject to the approval of their guardians.

On motion of Mr. GIBBS of Glenburn,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws as to allow such towns as may elect to do so, the right to choose a Supervisor of School instead of a School Committee, as now provided.

Mr. CHESLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of John H. Crandon, reported recommending its reference to the Committee on Fisheries.

The same gentleman, from same Committee, on petition of Allen Lambard, for the establishment of suitable tolls through the locks of the Kennebec dam, reported reference to the next Legislature.

The reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. SHEPLEY, from the Cumberland County Delegation, on petition of Glendy Moody 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, in said county."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill read twice and on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act in relation to the rules of evidence," was reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read a third time, and amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath"; also

Bill "an act in addition to and in amendment of the act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of an act in addition thereto," approved March 14, 1861.

Bill "an act to authorize the sale of the old Methodist Free Meeting-house in Bowdoinham"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templar"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the officers and members of Rockland Lodge," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been three times read, were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," reported by Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1866.

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 the Selectmen of Eastport and others, for the issue of a duplicate bond by the State to E. E. Shed in place of the original lost by him, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Samuel D. Reed, for reform in the Judiciary, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Joseph C. Noyes and Josiah H. Drummond, for a law authorizing the Board of Superintending School Committee of the city of Portland, to fix the age at which scholars may be admitted to the primary schools in said city, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of A. S. Holden and others of Casco, for incorporation of the Casco Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of the Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company, for amendment of charter, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Order instructing the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance to inquire into the expediency of taxing foreign insurance companies having agencies in this State, and appropriating the same to school purposes.

Order requesting the Joint Standing Committees to report finally on or before the 10th day of February, came from the Senate amended, by inserting "13th" instead of "10th."

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

Report of the Delegation of Kennebec County on petition of the Judge and Register of Probate of said county, reporting bill "an

act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec"; also

Report of the same Committee on petition of the County Attorney of Kennebec county, reporting bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Kennebec"; also

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on the petition of Eneas Wilcox, reporting bill "an act to authorize Eneas Wilcox to build and maintain a fish weir or weirs in the tide waters of Johnson's bay"; also

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company for aid, reporting "resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike," came from the Senate severally read and accepted, and the bills and resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed. The reports were each read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills were read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading. The resolve was read once and Wednesday next was assigned for its second reading.

A message from the Governor, transmitting a communication from S. L. Goodale, announcing the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin as a Trustee of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, came from the Senate and was read.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a return of the cashiers of banks and clerks of corporations, came from the Senate and was read.

Petition of the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad, for a law to authorize them to exercise the rights and be subject to the liabilities of other railroads in this State; also

Bill "an act additional to an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company"; also

Remonstrance of the European and North American Railway Company against any grant to the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company that shall interfere with its rights;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Charles P. Kimball and others, for incorporation as the Portland File Company; also

Petition of J. B. Besse and others of Albion, for the incorporation of the Albion Manufacturing Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Hezekiah Ames and others of North Haven, for a law authorizing said town to pay them for furnishing substitutes ; also

Petition of William Sparrow and others of Brownville, in aid of the petition of citizens of Hudson ; also

Petition of the citizens of Orono, for authority for said town to raise money by loan and taxation to purchase a site for the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts ; also

Petition of the municipal authorities of Glenburn, for authority to a portion of school district number 3 in Kenduskeag to draw its school money in Glenburn ; also

Petition of J. H. Hillard and others of Oldtown, for authority to said town to raise money by taxation or otherwise to aid in the purchase of land for site for the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Joseph H. Hammond and 56 others,\*for protection of smelt fishery in Damariscotta river ; also

Petition of James Erskine and 170 others of Lincoln county, for the repeal of an act entitled "an act to protect porgies or menhaden"; also

Remonstrance of Cyrus Leach and others of Penobscot, against the repeal of the same ;

Were severally referred to Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Rodney Forsaith and 3 others, for aid to build a road in Franklin county ; also

Petition of Aretus Chapen and 47 others of Monson, for an appropriation to complete the Canada road ; also

Petition of Nathan Dennett and 37 others, for aid to erect mills in Aroostook county ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Albert Cushman, for compensation for loss of stock by contagious disease ; also

Petition of Adam Richardson, for same ; also

Petition of the Selectmen of Smyrna, for reimbursement of money paid the State in consequence of an error in the assignment of their quota ; also



Resolve in favor of the heirs of David Y. Kallock ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of J. H. Lynde and others, for the incorporation of the Penobscot Mining Company ; also

Bill "an act to authorize the increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company";

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of John Hanrahan and another of Thomaston, to have a portion of said town set off and annexed to Rockland ; also

Petition of John Doherty, in aid of same ; also

Petition of Joseph Percival and 187 others of Waterville, that a part of Winslow may be annexed to Waterville ; also

Remonstrance of John W. Bacon and others, against petition of G. D. Bailey and others, to be set off from Unity plantation and annexed to the town of Unity ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of the Selectmen of Newport, for reimbursement of State bounties advanced by said town, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of A. C. Phillips, County Attorney of Franklin county, for increase of salary, was referred to the Franklin County Delegation.

Petition of R. C. Hanson and another, for the incorporation of the Pawnors' Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of the Trustees of Gorham Seminary, for State aid to enable them to educate gratuitously the children of soldiers who have fallen in battle, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Register of Probate for Penobscot county"; also

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for Penobscot county";

Were referred to the Penobscot County Delegation.

Remonstrance of J. F. Eveleth and others, against the petition of the First Parish in Bluehill, for legalizing of the doings of said town ; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company"; also

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Newburg;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrances and bills were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition of E. A. Bartlett, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Library inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to procure a complete exchange of public documents with the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

On motion of the same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors, so that all taxes due from the assigning debtor shall be a preferred claim.

On motion of the same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be directed to inquire if any amendment of chapter 65 of the revised statutes is necessary to facilitate the settlement of estates in the case of death of an executor or administrator prior to his execution of his trust.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Waterville,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of requiring all Life Insurance Companies issuing policies to citizens of this State, to hold within the State, liable to attachment, property to an amount sufficient to indemnify the insured.

On motion of Mr. NEWHALL of South Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to inquire into the expediency of paying travelling expenses of any member of this House when required to leave the capital on business of the State, in obedience to any order of this House, from the Treasury of the State.

On motion of Mr. DODGE of Oxford,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 34th section of the 12th chapter of the revised statutes, that it shall not conflict with rules and established usages of any religious bodies or societies.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Thomaston,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency

of legalizing the doings of cities, towns and plantations, in raising the commutation authorized by act of Congress passed March 3, 1863.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Orrington,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be instructed to purchase fifty copies of the public laws of the year 1858 for the use of the State.

On motion of Mr. WOODCOCK of Searsmont,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to secure the mutilation or destruction, and to prevent the circulation or passing of counterfeit bank bills.

The foregoing orders were read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BURLEIGH, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of John Benson and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Newport Savings Bank."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of the President and Directors of the North Bank, Rockland, reported bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland."

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act to incorporate the Holbrooks Island Slate Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HOSKINS, from the same Committee, on petition of Charles J. Gilman and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Peat Company."

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

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of R. P. Campbell and others, reported bill "an act providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States."

The report was read and accepted, and bill printed under rule.

Mr. SHEPLEY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of the European and North American Railway Company, reported bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway, and to enlarge the powers of said company."

The report was read and accepted and the bill read once, and on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Thomas Leigh and others, for an act authorizing the city of Hallowell to loan its credit in the sum of \$25,000, to improve the navigation of the Kennebec river, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Luke S. Moore and others, that a part of the town of Starks be set off and annexed to Norridgewock, reported leave to withdraw.

The reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of B. F. Hatch and others, for a reduction of State valuation for the town of Washburn, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. MERRIAM, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act amending the charter of the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and the bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. PAGE, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, on application of Jonathan Reynolds, Jr., a member of this House, for leave of absence on account of ill health, reported that he have leave of absence for the remainder of the session, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up his pay for the session.

Bill "an act making valid the building of wharves in the town of Richmond," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been three times read, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts, reporting that they have examined the official bond of N. G. Hichborn, Treasurer elect, and that they find it correctly drawn, the sureties responsible and sufficient, and recommend its approval, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bond read and approved.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bond was read and approved in concurrence.

The SPEAKER announced the Joint Select Committee on the part of the House on the petition of R. H. Patten and others of Hampden, for Courts of Reconciliation, as follows: Messrs. Brown of Hampden, Colby of Richmond and Farrington of Fryeburg;

Also the Committee on the order relative to the Sanitary Necessities of the State, as follows: Messrs. Messer of Portland, Farrington of Fryeburg, Fulton of Bluehill, Colby of Richmond and Gibbs of Glenburn, on the part of the House.

The petition and order, with the Committees joined, were sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trinity Commandery of Knights Templars"; also

Bill "an act in addition to and in amendment of the act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of an act additional thereto," approved March 14, 1861"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Mills Company"; also

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath," having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Emily F. Porter for deed of lot of land from the State ; also

Petition of citizens of Castle Hill, in aid of same ; also

Petition of citizens of Castle Hill, in aid of the petition of Eunice B. Elliot for a deed of a lot of land from the State ; also

Petition of Harriet Williams of Castle Hill, for deed of lot of land from the State ; also

Petition of Josiah H. Chandler, for deed of a lot of land from the State, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and were severally referred in concurrence.

Petition of W. H. Hemenway and 42 others, citizens of Machias, for a law to prevent the obstruction of navigation in Machias river ; also

Petition of Joshua Veasey and others, for an act to legalize the doings of plantation number 2, range 2, west of the Kennebec river ; also

Petition of S. D. Leavitt and others, that a lot of land in Eastport be exempted from taxes for the period of ten years, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Waldo county," came from the Senate referred to the Delegation from Waldo County.

Petition of Horatio G. Newton and others, for the incorporation of the Maine Eclectic Medical Society, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of F. D. Hodgkins and others, for the repeal of the law

prohibiting the use of the seine in fishing, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing petitions and bills were severally referred in concurrence.

The memorial of George M. Weston, in relation to resolve of March 19, 1860, relating to payment of the agent of Maine at Washington, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

The House non-concurred and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Joseph Warren and 34 others, for a law to prohibit the killing of mink and muskrats at certain seasons of the year, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the reference of the petition to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred the same to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The House receded and concurred.

Order instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending section 5, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relative to taxes ; also

Order requesting the Governor to lay before the Legislature the Report of the Agent of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Delegation from Aroostook County, on petition of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county, for increase of pay ; also

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of David G. Cook of Presque Isle, for reimbursement of money expended on the Fish river road in 1856, both reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petition of James M. Bangs and others, for repeal of the act granting Samuel A. Lawrence the privilege of building a fish weir, approved March 22, 1859, reporting reference to the next Legislature with order of notice.

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

Petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Company for the privilege of

constructing a dam near Treat's Falls, and for increase of capital stock ; also

Petition of A. D. Newmarch and others ; also

Petition of T. Sibly of Eddington and others ; also

Petition of E. Trask of Bangor and others ; also

Petition of John R. Skinner of Brewer and others ; also

Petition of J. N. Boynton and others ; also

Petition of Wm. McPhetres and others of Milford ; also

Petition of James S. Rowe and others of Bangor ; also

Petition of Mark Thompson and others of Veazie ; also

Petition of J. S. Bennoch and others of Orono ; also

Petition of J. C. White and others of Bangor ; also

Petition of G. F. Barton and others of Bradley ; also

Petition of H. Richardson and others of Oldtown ; also

Petition of W. Lowden and others of Veazie, all in aid of the petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Company ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of George K. Jewett and 244 others ; also

Petition of Arad Thompson and 77 others ; also

Petition of Henry Little and 41 others ; also

Petition of J. S. Wheelwright and 67 others, all of Bangor, for authority to said city of Bangor to further loan its credit to the European and North American Railway Company ; also

Petition of the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad Company for a change of the law relating to railroad crossings ; also

Petition of John M. Frye and others, in aid of the petition of George Warren for charter of a railroad ; also

Petition of the Presumpscot Land and Water Power Company for amendment of its charter ; also

Remonstrance of John H. Williams and another, against the same ; also

Remonstrance of the Harbor Commissioners of Portland harbor, against the petition of J. S. Speed and Company ; also

Petition of Lyman Rawson and others, for additional corporators to the Rumford Bridge Company ; also

Bill "an act additional to chapter 35 of the laws of 1855, in relation to railroads" ; also

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad" ; also

Bill "an act to extend an act entitled an act to authorize the



city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway"; also

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway";

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Franklin Simmons for divorce; also

Petition of Charles A. Dow and others, for change in the pauper law; also

Petition of Samuel H. Dale, Mayor of Bangor, for amendment of city charter; also

Remonstrance of the Mayor of Bangor, against the petition of Charles B. Abbot and others; also

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Machias"; also

Remonstrance of Philip F. Houdlette and others, against the petition of Elwell Costellow; also

Remonstrance of William Chisam, against the same petition;

Were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John May and others, for a law for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop pond; also

Petition of William Porter and others of Orneville, for a law for the preservation of fish in the ponds and streams in Orneville; also

Petition of Drummond Sproul and 35 others of Bristol, for repeal of the law relating to the porgy fishing; also

Bill "an act to prevent the catching of certain fish during the spawning season";

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of William Spear and 27 others of Limestone, for an appropriation for schools in said town; also

Petition of Seth May and John M. Frye, Trustees, for change of the name of the Lewiston Falls Academy to that of Edward Little Institute;

Were each referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of the Penobscot Indians, for sundry appropriations; also

Petition of the same, for a law to distribute among them the rent of the shores of their Island; also

Petition of Newell Neptune and 24 others of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, for grant of various sums of money; also

Credentials of a delegate from the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company of Ohio"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company," were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Charles R. Kitridge and others of Winthrop, for pension, for the said Kitridge, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of James Wakefield and another, that the city of Bath may appropriate money for soldiers' monument; also

Petition of John Benson for remuneration for services of his son, W. R. Benson, late Assistant Surgeon of the 8th Regiment Maine Volunteers, were each referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of John Butterfield of Presque Isle, for a lot of land from the State, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Charles L. Dunning and others, for the incorporation of the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company; also

Petition of E. H. Jewett and others, for an act to incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company, were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of the Town Agent of Kennebunkport, for reduction of the valuation of said town, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing petitions, remonstrances and bills were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Horace Stilson; also

Resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves; also

Petition of the Selectmen of Oldtown, for abatement of State tax; also

Petition of Wm. Dunn and others, for correction of the valuation of Hinckley township in Washington county ;

Were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion Mr. JORDAN of Danville,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Library be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending or repealing a resolve approved February 24, 1865, relating to printing and distributing the Adjutant General's Report for 1864.

On motion of Mr. CHESLEY of Lincoln,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be requested to inquire if any legislation is necessary to insure the equitable distribution of the Adjutant General's Report of 1865.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any legislation be necessary to make plain the words in section 2, chapter 94, revised statutes, "but if no rent is due when a rent is payable it shall not be terminated except at the option of the tenants until rent shall become due."

On motion of Mr. SMALL of Winterport,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 302 of the public laws of 1865, by inserting the words "or school district" after the word "town," whenever the same may occur in said section.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 150 of the laws of 1862, that any judgment recovered in any court of this State may, under the provisions of the revised statutes, be enforced against any and all property of the judgment debtors within this State.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Newport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that a knowledge of political economy shall be one of the requisite qualifications for a teacher of common schools.

On motion of Mr. PAGE of Fort Kent,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adding to the pay of the night watch of the State House one hundred dollars per year.

The foregoing orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Report of the Attorney General.

Mr. COFFIN, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of D. W. Dinsmore and others, for remuneration for injuries received, reported leave to withdraw.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of Charles Otis and others, for bounty, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to the payment of taxes in plantations organized for election purposes, reported recommending reference to the Committee on Finance.

The same gentleman, from same Committee, on order relating to the legal settlement of insane State paupers, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. JEWETT, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of James Wall and others, for a part of Winslow to be set off and annexed to Waterville, reporting leave to withdraw.

The reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. CARGILL, from the Committee on Agriculture, on order re-reported bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk."

Mr. GARNSEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order reported bill "an act for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade marks and names."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the surrender or expiration of their charters.

The reports were read and accepted, and the bills printed under the rule.

Mr. KNIGHT, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Solyman Heath, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company."

Mr. JONES, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company, and additional to the same."

Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Allen Merry and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company";

Mr. SHEPLEY, from the same Committee, on petition of F. A. Wilson and others, reported bill an act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March 5, 1861.

Mr. FOSTER, from the same Committee, on petition of Joseph Nickerson and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company.

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

On motion of Mr. GIBBS of Glenburn, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall this day at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Trustee of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate through its Secretary, signifying the concurrence of the Senate in the proposed Convention.

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

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. RAMSDELL of Piscataquis,

Messrs. Ramsdell of Piscataquis, Eaton of Waldo, Houghton of Eastport, Bradford of Turner, Adams of Wilton, Lamb of Carroll, and Goodenow of Wells, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Trustee of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes,	134
Necessary to a choice,	68
Benjamin P. Gilman had	134

The report was accepted, and BENJAMIN P. GILMAN was declared duly elected a Trustee of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of Knox, the Secretary of the Convention was directed to notify Benjamin P. Gilman of his election.

The purposes of the Convention having been accomplished it was dissolved, the Senate retired, and the House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Resolves extending an invitation to Gen. Oliver O. Howard to visit the Legislature, came from the Senate read and unanimously adopted, and were read and unanimously adopted.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Kennebec"; also

Bill "an act to authorize Eneas Wilcox to build and maintain a fish weir or weirs in the tide waters of Johnson's Bay," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and three times read, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Holbrooks Island Slate Company"; also

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland"; also

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company," approved February 11, 1865; also

Bill "an act in relation to the rules of evidence in addition to an act to amend section 83, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court," approved March 15, 1862, having each been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, were severally passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute"; also

Bill "an act making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the officers and members of Rockland Lodge"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sangerville Factory Company"; also

Bill "an act making valid the building of wharves in Richmond"; also

Bill "an act to authorize the sale of the Old Methodist Free Meeting-house in Bowdoinham"; also

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company," approved February 11, 1865; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the New Sharon Water Power Company"; also

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks"; also

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock"; also

Bill "an act to grant authority to Benjamin Fowler to build wharves and fish weirs in Johnson's bay, Lubec," having each been three times read, passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BROWN of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of the Maine Medical Association for the universal adoption of vaccination in this State, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Henry Tuttle of Bridgton, to be annexed to the town of Harrison, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of C. H. and T. J. Southard and others, for the incorporation of the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of the Searsport Bank, for extension of the time for taking up capital stock, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Louisa S. F. Mower for aid, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Androscoggin Land Company," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Resolve in favor of an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of land in this State, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Resolve in relation to the assumption of the State and municipal war debt by the general government, came from the Senate referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

The foregoing petitions, bills and resolves were severally referred in concurrence.



Order instructing the Committee on Banks and Banking to inquire into the expediency of altering chapter 316 of the public laws of 1862 ; also

Order instructing the Committee on State Lands and State Roads to investigate the claim of R. G. Kallock of Ashland, to two lots of land ; also

Order directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 83, sections 7, 8 and 9 of the revised statutes, relating to appeals from Trial Justices, came from the Senate read and passed, and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Thomas Butler and others, for a law to authorize plantations to tax lands in same.

Report of the same Committee on petition of the First Parish in Bluehill, for a law to make valid their doings.

Report of the same Committee on petition of J. W. Strout and others, for authority to build or repair the Methodist Meeting-house in Poland.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on petition of Jacob W. Robinson and others, concerning the standard weight of oats.

Report of the same Committee on petition of E. W. White and others of Topsham, for leave to lay an aqueduct.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties on petition of L. G. Smith and 94 others, to be set off from the county of Somerset and annexed to the county of Franklin.

The foregoing reports, each reporting leave to withdraw, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amending section 12, chapter 126 of the revised statutes, concerning frauds and conspiracies.

Report of the same Committee on order relating to amending chapter 80 of the revised statutes, relating to jails and jailers.

Report of the same Committee on order relating to amending section 71 of the school laws.

The foregoing reports, each reporting legislation inexpedient, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of citizens of Bangor and vicinity, for a law to prevent the taking of fish in Pushaw lake by nets, reporting reference to the Committee on Fisheries.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont, reporting reference to the Committee on the Library.

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act additional to chapter 17 of the revised statutes, relating to nuisances," reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Penobscot Delegation on petition of Campbell Batchelder and others, for increase of fees of County Commissioners of Penobscot county, reporting reference to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on Railroad, Ways and Bridges on petition of S. Nickerson and others, for a law to authorize the County Commissioners to lay out a highway across Passagassawakeag river, reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order reporting bill "an act relating to appeals in Probate Courts."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Errol Steamboat Company."

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of Henry M. Colbath and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Manufacturing Company."

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting bill "an act to extend the time for closing the concerns of the American Bank."

Report of the same Committee on petition of E. A. Holmes and others of Norway, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank."

Report of the same Committee on petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Lime Rock Bank, reporting bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank."

Report of the same Committee on petition of Henry Ingalls and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Wiscasset Savings Bank."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring that locomotives shall give notice before crossing streets in cities, towns and villages, by bell ringing instead of the steam whistle.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Newport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing section 10 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relating to demand on notes payable at a place certain.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Selectmen of Starks, for abatement of State tax for 1865, reported reference to the Committee on Finance.

The report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of the proprietors of Hinckley township in Washington county, for abatement of tax and reduction of valuation of the same, reported leave to withdraw.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on bill "an act additional to chapter 6 of the revised statutes, providing for the taxation of United States bonds," reported the same ought not to pass.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on order providing for the taxation of incomes received from government securities and other sources, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Special Committee on Rules and Orders of the House, reported the rules of the last Legislature, with addition to rule 3d, relating to the duties of the Clerk.

The foregoing reports were read, and on motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, laid on the table.

Mr. WEBBER, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act to incorporate the Tontogona Petroleum Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, and the bill was read twice, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FOSTER, from the same Committee, on petition of C. C. Barrett and others, reported bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum," approved April 1, 1836.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of John T. Smith, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company."

Mr. NICKELS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of John H. Lynde and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company."

Mr. FAIRBANKS, from the same Committee, on petition of Joseph B. Hall, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Working-men's Coöperative Association of Portland and vicinity."

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend chapter 495, private acts of 1865, setting off a part of Starks and annexing the same to Mercer," reported the same in a new draft.

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

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to the engrossment of bills, reported "resolves directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves and for preserving the same."

The report was read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. MILLER, the resolves were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, reported resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves; also

Resolve in favor of Horace Stilson.

The report was read and accepted, and the resolves were read once, and Wednesday of next week was assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway Company, and to enlarge the powers of said Company," was read twice, and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid on the table, and Tuesday next assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Newport Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company."

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."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Peat Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company and additional to the same."

Bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March 5, 1861.

The foregoing bills having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having had three several readings, were severally passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," was taken from the table by assignment and considered, and laid on the table again, on motion of Mr. HOLLAND of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to authorize Eneas Wilcox to build and maintain a fish weir or weirs in the tide waters of Johnson's bay"; also

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Kennebec," 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.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SMALL of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to the law of lien, reporting legislation inexpedient, came from the Senate the vote accepting the report reconsidered, and the same recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of S. D. Leavitt and others, that a certain lot of land in Eastport be exempted from taxation for ten years ; also

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of the proprietors of Union Wharf of Portland, for leave to inclose and extend their wharf, both reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act authorizing the inhabitants of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation," reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on petition of Calvin Chamberlain and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Central Park Association."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad,

reporting bill "an act to enable the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad to exercise the powers and to become subject to the duties of other railroads in this State."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of J. P. Churchill and others, reporting bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

A message from the Governor transmitting the Report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, came from the Senate read, and with the report referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and was read and referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Wm. R. Schroder and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill was read twice and Wednesday of next week assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Oxford County Delegation on the petitions of the Judge and Register of Probate of Oxford county, reporting bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for Oxford county," came from the Senate read and accepted, and bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the rules of the House were suspended, and the bill read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Webster and others of Orono, for repeal of an act passed July 13, 1847, restricting the powers of the County Commissioners in regard to the city of Bangor, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

*Ordered*, That a Committee of four, on the part of the House,

with such as the Senate may join, be raised to make arrangements for the reception of Major General O. O. Howard, who is expected to be in Augusta next Tuesday.

The order was read and passed, and Messrs. Granger of Calais, Shepley of Portland, Hopkins of Ellsworth, and Stevens of Augusta, were appointed the Committee on the part of the House, and the order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order providing that the town expenditures for public ways shall be subject to general rules and principles prescribed by law, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on "resolve in relation to the unoccupied lands of the United States," reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill "an act to enable the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to extend an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway," reported that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolves were ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of John H. Crandon and Wm. M. Dumphe of Columbia Falls, reported bill "an act to authorize Wm. M. Dumphe and John H. Crandon to construct a fish weir in the town of Jonesport."

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Simon T. Hart and others of St. George, reported bill "an act authorizing the construction of a marine railway at Tenant's Harbor, in the town of St. George."

Printed bill "an act for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade marks and names."

Printed bill "an act providing for the recording of certificates of



discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States."

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on Education, on bill "an act to change the name of the Lewiston Falls Academy," reported that the same ought to pass.

The reports were read and accepted, and the bills were read twice and Monday next assigned for their third reading.

Mr. HATHAWAY, from the Committee on Education, on bill an act to establish the Department of Public Instruction," reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was read and accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Workingmen's Coöperative Association of Portland and vicinity," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, was amended by striking out section 5, and as amended passed to be engrossed and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum," approved April 1, 1836; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company"; also

Bill "an act additional to and in amendment of chapter 495 of the private acts of 1865, setting off a part of Starks and annexing the same to Mercer"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Tontogona Petroleum Company," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having had three several readings, were severally passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Errol Steamship Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Wiscasset Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to extend the time of closing the concerns of the American Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Manufacturing Company";

Bill "an act relating to appeals in probate courts."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Limerock Bank."

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

Bill "an act making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years," came from the Senate, that branch having under suspension of the rules reconsidered the vote passing the same to be engrossed, and amended the same as per sheet "A," and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed.

The House, under suspension of the rules, reconsidered the vote passing the same to be enacted and to be engrossed, and adopted Senate amendment "A," and as amended passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, the report of the Special Committee on the Rules of the House ; also

Report of the Committee on Finance on petition of proprietors of Hinckley township ;

Were taken from the table and accepted.

Printed bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur bearing animals between the months of May and October," was read twice and Mr. FOSTER of Waterville, moved an amendment, pending which, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, the bill and amendment were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, who moved amendment "B," pending which the bill and amendment were laid on the table and ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," was taken from the table, considered, and on motion of Mr. BURBANK of Limerick, Thursday next at half past twelve o'clock was assigned for taking the vote on passing the same to be engrossed.

Mr. BROWN of Hampden, by leave of the House, laid on the

table bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in court in certain cases," which was laid over under the rules.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government"; also

Bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec," having had three several readings, 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.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston, the communication of Gov. Bradford of Maryland in relation to a Soldiers' Cemetery at Antietam, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. GRANGER of Calais, by leave of the House, laid on the table bill "an act to repeal section 3 of chapter 247 of the private acts of 1863, relating to tolls on the Milford and Princeton Turnpike," and on his motion the rules of the House were suspended, and the bill was read three times, and the question being upon passing the same to be engrossed, upon a return of the House there appearing not to be a quorum present, the House

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MOORE of Augusta.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Order instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire if any further legislation is required to enforce executions against the inhabitants of plantations organized for election purposes, came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Sidney Cook and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company."

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company," reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company," reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Franklin County Delegation on petition of B. F. Atkinson and others, reporting a "resolve increasing the salary of the Register of Probate of Franklin county"; also

"Resolve increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate of Franklin county."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Ephraim K. Smart and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company."

Report of the same Committee on petition of Ephraim K. Smart and others, reporting bill "an act to authorize Ephraim K. Smart and his associates and assigns to extend a marine railway and wharf into the tide waters of Camden Harbor."

Report of the same Committee on petition of E. M. Wood and others, reporting bill "an act to prevent obstructions in Camden Harbor and authorizing said Camden to choose a harbor master."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of J. H. Hilliard and others, reporting bill "an act to authorize Oldtown to grant aid to the Agricultural College."

Report of the same Committee on petition of the citizens of Orono, reporting bill "an act to authorize Orono to grant aid to the Maine Agricultural College."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills and resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Report of the Committee on Pensions on petition of Charles R. Kittridge, reporting a "resolve in favor of Charles R. Kittridge," came from the Senate, the report read and accepted, and the resolve read once and recommitted.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence and resolve recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Charles Otis and others, for bounty, reporting leave to withdraw, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in accepting the report, and recommitting the same.

The House receded and concurred.

Remonstrance of Dexter S. Morse and 7 others, against the petitions to set off a part of Thomaston and annex the same to Rockland, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Bill "an act to increase the fees of Clerks of the Judicial Courts," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing remonstrance and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That so much of the Treasurer's Report as relates to the bonds in his office authorized to be issued under resolve approved March 19, 1864, but which have not been negotiated, be

referred to the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Report, with instructions to cancel and destroy so many thereof as they may deem it expedient to cancel, and to make such record and report of their doings as is required to be made of like proceedings under resolve approved January 24, 1863.

On motion of Mr. WALTON of Mt. Vernon,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law that towns may be authorized to raise money by taxation or otherwise to pay additional bounties to the volunteers of 1861 and 1862.

Mr. COFFIN, from the Committee on Claims on petition of the inhabitants of Northport, reported a "resolve establishing the valuation of the town of Northport."

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Printed "resolves directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves and for preserving the same."

Printed bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk."

The foregoing resolves were read once, and the bill twice and to-morrow was assigned for the second reading of the resolves and third reading of the bill.

Mr. HATHAWAY, from the Committee on Education, on order reported "resolves for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters 325, 332, 339, 341, 350 and 370 of the resolves of 1864, in favor of the Academies of Limerick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle."

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve read once and Wednesday of next week assigned for its second reading, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in court in certain cases," was taken from the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States"; also

Bill "an act to change the name of the Lewiston Falls Academy"; also

Bill "an act to authorize Wm. M. Dumpshe and John H. Crandon to construct a fish weir in the town of Jonesport"; also

Bill "an act authorizing the construction of a marine railway at Tenant's Harbor, in the town of St. George"; also

Bill "an act for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade marks and names," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having each been three times read, were severally passed to be engrossed, and were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Central Park Association"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been three times read, were each passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read a third time, and amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed, and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Limerock Bank."

Bill "an act relating to appeals in probate courts."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Errol Steamboat Company."

Bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Oxford."

Bill "an making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years."

Bill "an act to extend the time of closing the concerns of the American Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Holbrooks Island Slate Company."

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the North Bank of Rockland."

Bill "an act relating to the rules of evidence, in addition to an act to amend section 83 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court," approved March 1862.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Wiscasset Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Shaw & Clark Sewing Machine Company," approved February 11, 1865.

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

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate:

Petition of Eben Webster and 41 others of Orono, for repeal of an act in addition to an act limiting the powers of the County Commissioners in regard to the city of Bangor, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referring the same to the next Legislature.

The House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on order relative to trawl fishing, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petitions of Benjamin Gray, F. A. Owen, Charles E. Hatch, Thomas Goss and B. A. Thompson, for deeds of land in Aroostook county, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee on petition of Ira Fish, reporting a "resolve authorizing the remission of settling duties in part on certain lots of land."



Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company," approved February 16, 1865, reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company," reporting that the same ought to pass.

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

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills and resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March 5, 1861, passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate amendment was adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Hiram Emery and 8 others, against the passage of a law to prevent the throwing of slabs, edgings and sawdust into the Penobscot river; also

Remonstrance of Messrs. Emery & Blake and 58 others, against the same; also

Remonstrance of J. W. Pearsons and 18 others, against the same; also

Remonstrance of Jacob Barker and 18 others, against the same; also

Remonstrance of James J. Norris and 33 others, against the same;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Resolves in favor of a Reciprocity Treaty between this country and the British Provinces, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The foregoing remonstrances and resolves were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide a fund for the payment of the war loan of 1861 at its maturity," was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be directed to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the powers and duties of the Railroad Commissioners of this State, and of so extending the same as to include the regulation of all lines of telegraph within the State.

On motion of Mr. GRANT of Prospect,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what law is necessary to enable any associated number of citizens in any city or town in this State to erect monuments to the memory of soldiers who fell in battle or deceased while in the military or naval service of the United States.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Hanover,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 12 of chapter 126 of the revised statutes, by inserting in the fourth line after the word "another," the words, "or to deprive another of his property," or words to that effect.

The foregoing orders were read and passed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. CHESLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Joseph Warren and others, for a law to prevent the killing of mink and muskrats, reported legislation inexpedient, the Committee having already reported a bill relating to the same matter.

The report was read and accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. SHEPLEY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Richard Palmer and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company."

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

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to cost in court in certain cases."

Bill "an act to extend the act entitled an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the European and North American Railway."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad."

Bill "an act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the surrender of their charters."

Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States.

The foregoing printed bills were each twice read, and printed resolve once read and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills and the second reading of the resolve.

Resolves directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves and for preserving the same, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, were read a second time and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Orono to grant aid to the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," having been three times read, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize Ephraim K. Smart and his associates and assigns to extend a marine railway and wharf into the tide waters of Camden harbor."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company."

Bill "an act to prevent obstructions in Camden harbor and authorizing said Camden to choose a harbor master."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to authorize Oldtown to grant aid to the Agricultural College."

Bill "an act to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company."

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

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur bearing animals between the mouths of May and October," was read a third time and amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, and the question being on adopting amendment "B," the bill and amendment on his motion were recommitted.

Bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read a third time, amended as per sheets "A," and "B," and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

Resolve establishing the valuation of the town of Northport, was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, laid on the table.

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company," reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was read a third time, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta moved amendment "A," and on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

Printed bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway and to enlarge the powers of said company," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and read a third time, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta moved amendment "A," pending which the bill and amendment were laid on the table on motion of Mr. HOLLAND of Lewiston.

Resolves increasing the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for Franklin county, were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and were read a second time, and re-committed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Peat Company";

Bill "an act extending the jurisdiction of the County Commis-

sioners of the county of Cumberland over tide waters near Martin's Point in said county";

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company";

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Central Park Association";

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company and additional to the same";

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company";

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank";

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company."

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

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at half-past three o'clock, for the purpose of receiving Major General Oliver O. Howard, an invited guest.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, signifying the concurrence of the House in the proposed Convention.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, the House adjourned to meet again this day at three o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be tendered to Major General Howard this evening, for the purpose of giving a lecture on the subject of the Freedmen.

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

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IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of Knox,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments, informing them that a Joint Convention of the Legislature is assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving Major General Oliver O. Howard, and that they be severally invited to be present.

The Secretary of the Convention was charged with the message, and he subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments were pleased to say that they would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Whereupon the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments came in.

Mr. STONE, from the Joint Select Committee of Arrangements, announced the presence of Major General Howard, and that he would forthwith attend the Convention.

Thereupon Major General Oliver O. Howard, attended by the Joint Select Committee of Arrangements of the two branches of the Legislature, came in and was welcomed by the President of the Convention, and by him was introduced to the Convention, which General Howard then addressed.

On motion of Mr. STONE of Franklin, the Convention took a recess of five minutes, at the expiration of which time the Convention was called to order, and General Howard and the Committee of Arrangements retired.

The Governor and Council and Heads of Departments then withdrew.

The Convention, having accomplished the purpose for which it was assembled, was dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER, and

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to aid in the construction of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

The House non-concurred and referred the same to the next Legislature.

Remonstrance of James P. Webb and 110 others of Bridgton, against the setting off a part of Bridgton and annexing the same to Harrison, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington," indefinitely postponed by the House, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House, amending section 1 in the third line by striking out the words "and fifty," and as amended passing the bill to be engrossed.

The House receded from its vote indefinitely postponing the bill, adopted the amendment of the Senate in concurrence and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on "resolve concerning postal and other communications between States," reporting the same in a new draft.

Report of the Committee on the Insane Hospital, reporting resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

Report of the Committee on State Prison, reporting resolve in favor of the State Prison ; also

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison ; also

Bill "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison."

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Robert Bradley and others, reporting bill "an act to regulate the inspection of flour."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills and resolves passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills were read twice and the resolve once, and to-morrow was assigned for the third reading of the bills and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolves, except the resolve concerning postal and other communications between States, which was assigned for to-morrow for its second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company," passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheets "A" and "B."

The Senate amendments were adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company," passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A."

The Senate amendment was adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of A. N. Folsom and others of Oldtown, against the passage of a law to prevent the throwing of slabs, edgings and sawdust into the Penobscot river; also

Remonstrance of J. L. Hunt and others of Oldtown, against the same; also

Remonstrance of E. O. Weed and others of Oldtown, against the same; also

Remonstrance of Henry Frye and others of Milford, against the same, were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of James G. Jordan of Lisbon, against setting off certain islands and annexing the same to Durham; also

Remonstrance of E. T. Little of Auburn, against the petition of Jeremiah Dingley, Jr. and others, were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Remonstrance of J. Stevens, Jr. and 98 others, against the repeal of the law relating to the porgy fishery; also

Remonstrance of Dexter Farrow and others, against the same, were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing remonstrances were sent to the Senate for concurrence.



On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any change is necessary in the laws of this State relating to ways.

Read and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY of Belfast, rules being suspended, presented bill "an act to authorize the trial of criminal cases at the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in and for the county of Waldo."

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

Mr. HIGHT, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of Rufus Robertson and others of the Veteran Reserve Corps, to be paid the same State bounty as has been paid to other volunteers, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. HERSEY, from the same Committee, on petition of F. G. Barker and others, that a bounty of two months pay be granted them as provided in the Ten Regiment Act, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on order to amend the laws in relation to school money belonging to plantations, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on order to amend the law so that towns may be authorized to raise money to pay additional bounties to the soldiers of 1861 and 1862, reported legislation inexpedient.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on bill "an act to provide for the payment of the war loan of 1861," reported that same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted and the bill was read twice, laid on the table and ordered to be printed under the rule.

Mr. KNIGHT, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. JONES, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HALL, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company," reported that same ought to pass.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of Seward B. Hume and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Company."

Mr. BURRELL, from the same Committee, on petition of Reuben B. Dunn, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 58 of the private laws of 1857, entitled an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company."

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of H. N. Bolster and others, reported "bill an act creating the South Paris Village Corporation."

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of inhabitants of Clinton Gore, reported bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of the county of Kennebec to appropriate money to rebuild a bridge over the Sebasticook river in Clinton Gore.

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

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bath to erect a monument in memory of the deceased soldiers of that city," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read a third time and amended as per sheet "A," and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, Mr. FOSTER of Waterville, moved amendment "A," pending which the bill and amendment were, on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in court in certain cases," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and three times read, was, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of Caroline A. Edwards, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and twice read,

was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed, and were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company," approved February 16, 1865.

Resolve authorizing the remission of settling duties in part on certain lots of land.

Bill "an act to enable the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad to exercise the powers and become subject to the duties of other railroads in this State."

Bill "an act additional to an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company."

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

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

Resolve in favor of Horace Stilson.

Resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves.

Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States.

Bill "an act to extend an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway."

Bill "an act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the surrender or expiration of their charters."

The foregoing bills and resolves were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the bills were read the third time and the resolves twice, and were severally passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and was read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended, was on motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third

Reading and read the third time, and on motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, was laid on the table.

Bill "an act additional to an act to establish the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum," approved April 1, 1863.

Bill "an act to authorize Ephraim K. Smart and his associates and assigns to extend a marine railway and wharf into the tide waters of Camden Harbor."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Newport Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Tontogona Petroleum Company."

Bill "an act additional to and in amendment of chapter 495 of the private acts of the year 1865, setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer."

Bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation."

Bill "an act to authorize the increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Workingmen's Coöperative Association of Portland and vicinity."

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

Resolve making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike, was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the question being upon passing the resolves to be engrossed, Mr. BROWN of Hampden, moved that when the question be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and pending the passage of the resolve to be engrossed the House

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1866.

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 R. H. Gardiner and others, for repeal of sections 53 to 62, inclusive, of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Order instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending section 10 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes, so as to authorize the jailer to administer the oath to any convict sentenced to pay a fine and costs, came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on petition of A. M. Robinson and 204 others, for a law to equalize the State bounties ; also

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Job Foster, asking that his land in Knox may be set off and annexed to Montville, both reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of the Portland Labor Reform Association for eight hours for a legal day ; also

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on petition of Lydia Nichols for payment of State bounty due estate of her husband, both reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Pensions on order relating to the recording of soldiers' discharges, asking to be discharged from its further consideration.

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

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Henry H. Clark and others of Tremont, reporting bill "an act to incorpo-

rate Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Marsh Creek"; also

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Miles Wilson, reporting bill "an act to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson against the county of Penobscot"; also

Report of the Committee on Education reporting resolve in favor of the Committee on Education, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills and resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Bill "an act providing for the recording of certificates of discharges of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States," passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended by striking out the words "Register of Deeds" and inserting the words "Clerk of Courts," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade marks and names," passed by the House to be engrossed, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate amendment was adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of H. D. Sprague and others of Portland, for the passage of a law providing that eight hours shall constitute a legal day's work, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. BROWN of Hampden, by leave laid on the table bill "an act additional to an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, in relation to the maintenance of guide-posts," and on his motion the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing petition and bill were sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. W. Veazie, against the petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Company, was presented by Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg, and on his motion laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Resolve for the preservation of flags, guidons and war trophies deposited with the State, was laid on the table by Mr. MILLER of Portland, and on his motion ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the expediency of defining the duties and fixing the pay of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Newport,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 51 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, that jailors may in all cases require creditors to secure or pay in advance the board of debtors committed to jail on mesne process or execution in civil suits.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee report if any additional legislation is expedient upon the provisions of chapter 270 of the public laws of 1864, relating to duties and salaries of Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire what further legislation may be necessary to protect the rights of creditors against the embezzlement of property by insolvent debtors or their administrators.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland,

*Ordered*, That the same Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of changing the law so that administrators shall sell and account for all personal property instead of having the power to hold it at the appraisal.

On motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire if any further legislation is necessary as to liabilities of common carriers for goods and merchandise left in their possession where no damage or claim for damage is made within a reasonable time by the owner of said merchandise after loss or damage claimed.

On motion of Mr. HIGHT of Scarborough,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law providing that no soldier incapacitated by injuries received in the discharge of his duty, while in military service, who shall require aid from any city or town, shall thereby become a pauper or be subject to any disability in consequence thereof.

The foregoing orders were read and passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SHEPLEY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill "an act additional to chapter 25 of the laws of 1855, in relation to railroads," reported the same ought not to pass.

Mr. DODGE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of William Tilley for bounty due his son, reported reference to the Governor and Council.

Mr. JEWETT, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of George D. Bacon and others of Unity plantation, that said plantation may be annexed to Unity, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. HAMBLIN, from the same Committee, on petition of Jos. Warren and others, that certain islands be set off from Lisbon and annexed to Durham, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on Education, on order inquiring into the expediency of making knowledge of political economy one of the qualifications for school teachers; also

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on the Reform School, on order relative to the expediency of the repeal of the law establishing the State Reform School, severally reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order authorizing the Land Agent to lot township No. 18, range 7, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Education, on order to amend school laws so as to allow towns to choose supervisors, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on Claims, on resolve in favor of David Y. Kallock, reported reference to the Governor and Council.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.



Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Elections, on petition of Timothy H. Hubbard of North Berwick for a seat in this House, presented the majority report, reporting leave to withdraw.

Mr. BRADBURY, from the same Committee, on same petition, made a minority report, reporting a resolve declaring the election of Timothy H. Hubbard.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, the reports were laid on the table, ordered to be printed, and Tuesday of next week assigned for their consideration.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to stoves as personal property, reported bill "an act relating to certain fixtures."

Mr. GARNSEY, from the same Committee, on order relating to the settlement of estates, reported bill "an act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates real and personal, and of lands held on mortgages and taken on execution."

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported bill "an act to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies in this State."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and the bills ordered to be printed under the rule.

Mr. HATHAWAY, from the Committee on Education, on petition of S. H. Willard and others, reported bill "an act respecting school district number 5 in Waterville."

Mr. BURBANK, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to confer certain powers in the city of Portland," reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of the County Commissioners and others of Somerset county, reported "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dead river in the county of Somerset."

Mr. FENDERSON, from the same Committee, on petition of Nathan Dennett and others, reported "resolve in aid of building mills in the east half of township number 2, range 5, in the county of Aroostook."

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

resolves were read once and Wednesday of next week assigned for their second reading.

Mr. NEWHALL, from Committee on Change of Names, on petitions, reported bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of R. B. Dunn and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Hotel Company."

Mr. JONES, from the Androscoggin County Delegation, on petition of George S. Woodman, reported bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Androscoggin."

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of George Warren and others, reported bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act to incorporate the Somerset Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Freeman Harding and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company."

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of the Selectmen of Starks, reported "resolves abating State tax of Starks and assessing the same upon the town of Mercer."

Mr. NEWHALL, from the Committee on Division of Counties, on petition of the Selectmen of Washington, reported "resolve relative to the valuation of the town of Washington and the town of Somerville."

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

Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, announced the presence on the floor of the House of Brevet Brig. Gen. Hill and other officers and men of the 11th Maine regiment, which has just returned to the State to be mustered out, and as a mark of respect to them and to give the members of the House an opportunity to greet them, he moved a recess of ten minutes, which was unanimously passed.

At the expiration of this time the House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Bill "an act creating the South Paris Village Corporation."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 58 of the private laws of 1857, entitled an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company."

Bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of the county of Kennebec to appropriate money to rebuild or repair a bridge over the Sebasticook river in Clinton Gore."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to regulate the holding of sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court for the trial of criminal cases."

Bill "an act to incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company."

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

Bill "an act to regulate the inspection of flour," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and read a third time, and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," was taken from the table by assignment, and the question being upon adopting amendment "A" moved by Mr. STETSON of Bangor, Mr. WALKER of Newport, moved an amendment to amendment "A," and the question then being upon adopting this amendment, Mr. MILLER of Portland, moved that when the question be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and being so taken the House refused to adopt the amendment to amendment "A," by yeas 17, nays 117.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Bennett, Bowler, Chesley, Davis, Eveleth, Fairbanks, Granger, Grant, Houghton, Messer, Shepley, Wagg, Wakefield, Webber, Weymouth, E. Wilson, Wingate—17.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. C. K. Adams, S. Adams, Bacon, Bailey, Bliss, J. H. Bradford, Brown, Bryant, Burbank, Burleigh, Burrell, Cargill, Chandler, S. H. Clark, J. R. Clark, Coffin, Colby, Comins, Com-

stock, Crosby, Cousens, Dawes, Decker, Dresser, Dyer, Estabrook, Estes, Farrington, Fenderson, J. B. Foster, Reuben Foster, Reuben B. Foster, Fowler, Fulton, Getchell, Goodspeed, Goodwin, G. C. Gordon, Greenwood, A. Hall, C. Hall, D. Ham, F. Ham, Hamblen, Hammond, Hanson, Haskell, Hathaway, Hersey, Hight, Hildreth, F. A. Hill, W. Hill, Hills, Holden, Holland, Hopkins, Hunt, Jackson, Jenkins, Jewett, Johnson, Jones, E. Jordan, Jr., E. Jordan, F. R. Jordan, Kenniston, Knight, Lamb, Lawler, Leach, D. Libbey, J. M. Libbey, Marble, Matthews, McKechnie, Merriam, Miller, Milliken, Minot, Moore, Morrill, A. J. H. Newhall, S. M. Newhall, Nickels, Nickerson, Otis, Page, Parlin, Payson, Pinkham, Pulsifer, Ricker, Robinson, J. W. Sanborn, J. H. Sanborn, C. C. Sawyer, Shaw, Small, Smith, Snell, Stilphen, Sturgis, Waite, Wakefield, Wall, Walton, Weeks, Wescott, Whitcomb, Williams, W. Wilson, Woodcock, Woodman, Worcester, Wyman, Yates—117.

Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, then moved and the House ordered the previous question. The question then being on adopting amendment "A," the House refused to adopt it. The question then being on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg, moved that when this question be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and being so taken the House refused to pass the same to be engrossed by yeas 21, nays 112.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. S. Adams, Bowler, Chandler, Eveleth, Fairbanks, Reuben Foster, Reuben B. Foster, Fulton, Grant, Holland, Houghton, Jackson, Jones, Eben Jordan, Jr., Messer, Milliken, Nickels, Shepley, Webber, Weymouth, Wyman—21.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Charles K. Adams, Bacon, Bailey, Bennett, Bliss, J. H. Bradford, Brown, Burbank, Burleigh, Burrell, Cargill, Chesley, S. H. Clark, James R. Clark, Coffin, Colby, Comins, Comstock, Crosby, Cousens, Davis, Dawes, Decker, Dresser, Dyer, Estes, Farrington, Fenderson, J. B. Foster, Fowler, Getchell, Goodspeed, Goodwin, G. C. Gordon, Granger, Greenwood, Haines, Alvin Hall, Calvin Hall, Darling Ham, Franklin Ham, Hamblen, Hammond, Hanson, Haskell, Hathaway, Hersey, Hight, Hildreth, Frederic A. Hill, Wm. Hill, Hills, Holden, Hopkins, Hunt, Jenkins, Jewett, Johnson, E. Jordan, Frederic R. Jordan, Kenniston, Knight, Lamb,

Lawler, Leach, Daniel Libbey, John M. Libbey, Marble, Mathews, McKechnie, Merriam, Miller, Minot, Moore, Morrill, A. J. H. Newhall, S. M. Newhall, Nickerson, Otis, Page, Payson, Pinkham, Pulsifer, Ricker, Robinson, John W. Sanborn, Joshua H. Sanborn, Charles C. Sawyer, Shaw, Small, Smith, Snell, Stilphen, Sturgis, Wagg, Waite, Wakefield, Walker, Wall, Walton, Weeks, Westcott, Whitcomb, Williams, Edmund Wilson, Wm. Wilson, Wingate, Woodcook, Woodman, Worcester, Yates—112.

Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, gave notice of his intention to move to-morrow a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to pass to be engrossed the foregoing bill and amendment "A" to the same.

Bill "an act to prevent obstructions in Camden harbor, and authorize said Camden to choose a harbor master."

Resolve authorizing the remission of settling duties in part, on certain lots of land.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act additional to an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company."

Bill "an act to authorize Orono to grant aid to the Maine Agricultural College."

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

Bill "an act to change the name of Lewiston Falls Academy."

Bill "an act authorizing the construction of a marine railway at Tenant's Harbor in the town of St. George."

Bill "an act to authorize Oldtown to grant aid to the Maine Agricultural College."

Bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March 5, 1861.

Resolve in relation to freedom of commerce and travel between States.

Bill "an act to enable the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad to exercise the powers and become subject to the duties of other railroads in this State."

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate, for the county of Washington."

Bill "an act to authorize Wm. M. Dumpshe and John H. Crandon to construct a fish weir in the town of Prospect."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company."

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

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. RANDALL of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Memorial of Edward P. Burnham of Saco, against taxing foreign insurance companies, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and was referred in concurrence.

Order directing the Committee on State Lands and State Roads to examine the condition of the settlement of Chesuncook Lake, for the purpose of determining whether aid should be granted to aid in the erection of mills in said settlement, came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of T. L. Jennison, for State aid ; also

Report of the same Committee on petition of Henry Hammond, agent of the town of Buxton, for reimbursement to said town for aid furnished the family of John Merrill ; also

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of Frederic Huntley and others of Cutler, for authority to build a fish weir in tide waters of Machias Bay ; also

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Isaac J. York and others, for aid to repair roads in the town of Grafton.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate all reporting leave to withdraw, and read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on order relative to amending section 3, chapter 23 of the revised statutes, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Stephen W. Hill, to be set off from the town of Kennebunkport and annexed to the city of Biddeford ; also

Report of the same Committee on petition of Wm. Buxton and others, for certain land to be set off from Cumberland and annexed to the town of North Yarmouth, both reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on an order relative to the claim of R. G. Kalloch, for two lots of land ; also

Report of the same Committee on petition of Joshua Christy and others of Washburn, for a lot of land to be deeded to Thomas Linton, both reporting reference to the Governor and Council.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on resolve making an appropriation for the continuance of the scientific survey of the State, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of Charles P. Kimball and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Portland File Company."

Report of the same Committee on petition of J. B. Besse and others, reporting bill an act to incorporate the Albion Manufacturing Company."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of H. M. Payson and others, reporting bill "an act additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages."

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Wm. W.

Quinby of Bucksport, for renewal of pensions, reporting "resolve in favor of Wm. W. Quinby of Bucksport.

Report of the same Committee on petition of Charles R. Kitridge, reporting "resolve in favor of Charles R. Kitridge."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Company."

Report of the Knox County Delegation on petition of the County Commissioners of Knox county, reporting bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills were read twice and to-morrow was assigned for third reading; the resolves were read once and Wednesday next was assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of A. D. Brown and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read twice, and on motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, Tuesday next was assigned for its third reading.

Remonstrance of H. C. Newhall and 64 others, against the passage of an act to prevent the throwing of slabs and edgings into the Kennebec river; also

Remonstrance of Henry Loring and 27 others, against the same;  
Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport asked and obtained leave to lay on the table the remonstrance of Samuel Pickard and others against the adoption of the 4th section of the bill to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway, and against the passage of an act for the consolidation of railroads in this State; also

Remonstrance of Henry M. Payson against the same.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to prepare a



Legislative Manual for 1866, containing the usual statistical matter, rules and diagram of the House, and cause the usual number of copies of the same to be published for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law with reference to the jurisdiction of Police and Municipal Judges.

Mr. McKECHNIE, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Louisa S. F. Mower, for an act to enable her to obtain State aid, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. COFFIN, from the same Committee, to which was recommitting the petition of Charles Otis and others for bounty, reported leave to withdraw.

Both reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CARGILL, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was recommitting bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk," reported the same in a new draft.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on order relating to drainage of salt marsh, reported bill "an act to regulate the drainage of salt marsh."

The reports were read and accepted, and the bills were ordered to be printed under the rule.

Mr. COMSTOCK, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to supply the inhabitants of Bangor, with pure water," taken from the files of last year, reported the same with amendments.

The report was read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor, the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of Charles B. Abbot, reported bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw Lake by nets."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of John May and others, reported bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds."

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill

"an act to make valid the doings of the town of Machias," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CHESLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Warren Brown and others, reported bill "an act to protect Union river from obstructions."

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Andrew Spring and others, reported bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company."

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Education, on matters pertaining to the State Normal School, reported a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land and timber to M. S. Drummond and David Fuller.

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. NICKELS, from the same Committee, on petition of Charles Spear and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Steam Navigation Company."

Mr. FOSTER, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. FAIRBANKS, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company of Ohio," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Printed bill "an act to provide for the payment of the war loan of 1861," was read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act to incorporate the Somerset Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Hotel Company."

Bill "an act to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson against the county of Penobscot."

Bill "an act respecting school district number 5, in Waterville."

Bill "an act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and were read the third time and severally passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Creek," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland, was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve relative to the valuation of the town of Washington, and the town of Somerville, was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion of Mr. HAINES of Nobleboro', was laid on the table.

Resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike, were taken from the table, considered, and on motion of Mr. JEWETT of Clinton, Tuesday next was assigned for taking the vote on passing the same to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, the report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of the Portland Labor Reform Association, for eight hours of labor to constitute a legal day, reporting leave to withdraw, was taken from the table, and on his motion the House non-concurred in accepting the report and re-committed the same, and it was returned to the Senate.

On motion of the same gentleman, the resolves of the State of New Hampshire, relative to fish ways, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Fisheries, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company."

Resolve in favor of Caroline A. Edwards.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company."

Bill "an act for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade marks and names."

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company," approved February 16, 1865.

Resolve directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves and for preserving the same.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and the resolves twice read, and having been 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 and the resolves finally passed, and each was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

The Clerk announced the absence of the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That during the absence of the Speaker, Col. James F. Miller of Portland, be Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. Miller of Portland, took the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SMALL of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of the Maine Medical Association, for a law requiring universal vaccination ; also

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of the Town Agent of Kennebunkport and others, for reduction of the valuation of said town, all reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on order to inquire if any further legislation is necessary to prevent the abuse of domestic animals, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report on order relating to the destruction of bonds which have not been negotiated

by the Treasurer of State, reporting that they have destroyed, by burning, bonds issued under resolve approved March 19, 1864, which have not been negotiated, amounting to one hundred fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars, being numbers 3,084 to 3,120 inclusive of one thousand dollars each, and numbers 3,152 to 3,380 inclusive of five hundred dollars each; that there now remain in the Treasurer's Office bonds of said loan amounting to sixteen thousand dollars which they deemed inexpedient to destroy as the same may be needed to meet the requirements of appropriations of the present Legislature; and that a record of their doings had been duly entered on the books of the Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of H. H. Johnson and others of Belfast, reporting bill "an act to enable the city of Belfast, to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters."

Report of the Franklin County Delegation on resolves establishing the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Franklin, reporting bill "an act establishing the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Franklin."

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Edward E. Shed, Selectmen and others of Eastport, reporting resolve in favor of Edward E. Shed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company," reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of Searsport Bank, reporting bill "an act additional to chapter 515 of the private and special laws approved February 24, 1865, entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch," reporting that the same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills and resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills were read twice and the resolves once, and Monday next was assigned for the third reading of the bills and second reading of the resolves.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on order relative to a

survey of unoccupied lands, reporting "resolve in favor of an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of unsettled lands in this State," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the resolve was read once and ordered to be printed.

Memorial of S. L. Goodale, Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture, relative to the cattle disease, was presented by Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor, and on his motion, the Joint Rules were suspended on the part of the House and the memorial was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. PAGE, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, on application of Mr. Bryant of Dover, reported recommending that he be excused from further attendance on the House at this session, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor, presented resolve in relation to the defence of the North Eastern Frontier, and on his motion the Joint Rules were suspended on the part of the House, and the resolve was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations and sent to the Senate.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of John A. Poor, for an act to authorize the European and North American Railway Company to construct a telegraph line on the line of their road, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the same Committee, on order to prevent railroad corporations from imposing prohibitory tariffs for the transportation of freights, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on Education, on petition of William Spear and 27 others, for an appropriation in aid of schools in Limestone, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Rodney Forsaith and others, for an appropriation to build a road in township number 3 and 4, range 2, Franklin county, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. HOLLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order

to amend section 1 of chapter 302 of the public laws of 1865, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of W. H. Cary and others, for an appropriation to aid in opening a road from Seven Islands to the Canada line, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order relative to enlarging the powers of the Railroad Commissioners, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Aretus Chapen and others, for an appropriation to complete the Canada road, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on memorial of George M. Weston, praying that the resolve of the Legislature approved March 19, 1860, relating to the payment of the Agent of Claims, may be repealed, reported reference to the next Legislature.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on order inquiring into the expediency of erecting marble slabs to the memory of Maine's gallant sons who have fallen in the late rebellion, and whose bodies are buried in the District of Columbia, reported legislation inexpedient.

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of the Selectmen of Newport, for reimbursement of State bounties, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was read, and on motion of Mr. WALKER of Newport, laid on the table.

Mr. McKECHNIE, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of the Selectmen of Smyrna, for reimbursement of money paid the State, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was read, and on motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, laid on the table.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of the Selectmen of Milford, for reimbursement of money, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was read, and on motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, laid on the table.

Mr. NICKERSON, from the Committee on State Library, on resolve in favor of the town of Seasmont, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CHESLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of David Storer and others, reported bill "an act to authorize the erection of a dam in the town of Harpswell.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and the resolve was read once and the bill was read twice, and Monday assigned for the second reading of the resolve and the third reading of the bill.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Mark Trafton and others, reported a "resolve in aid of a bridge at Fort Fairfield, over the Aroostook river."

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve was read once and Wednesday of next week assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Reform School, on order relating to juvenile offenders, reported bill "an act providing for the confinement of juvenile offenders against the laws of the United States in houses of refuge."

Mr. WALL, from the Committee on County Estimates, reported a "resolve laying a tax on the several counties in the State."

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order requiring locomotives to give notice before crossing streets by bell, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 228 of the public laws of 1864."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the report of the Railroad Commissioners, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes."

Mr. FOSTER from the Committee on the Judiciary, on various petitions, reported bill "an act to increase the fees of Jurors, Deputy Sheriffs, Witnesses and County Commissioners."

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad Company, reported bill "an act in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad."



The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and the resolve and bills ordered to be printed under the rule.

Mr. STURGESS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Sawpiel Gabrel, reported a "resolve in favor of Sawpiel Gabrel."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of Peol Sockis, reported a "resolve in favor of Peol Sockis."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of Joseph L. Orono, reported a "resolve in favor of Joseph L. Orono."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, the resolves were read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed and were sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of William Fitzgerald, was taken from the table, read twice, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates real and personal, and of lands held in mortgage and taken on execution"; also

Printed bill "an act relating to certain fixtures"; also

Printed bill "an act to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies in this State," were each read twice and Monday next assigned for their third reading.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company."

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on order relating to aid to soldiers' families, reported bill "an act explanatory of an act to provide support to the families of soldiers," passed February 24, 1865.

Mr. NEWHALL, from the Committee on Change of Names, on various petitions, reported bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

These reports were read and accepted, the bills were read twice and Monday next was assigned for their third reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Steam Navigation Company," reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, laid on the table.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mill Dam Company," was reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and read the third time, and on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages," was reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and read the third time, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, was laid on the table and Thursday of next week assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Knox," was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and read the third time, and on motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George, was laid on the table and Thursday of next week assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Marsh Creek," was reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and read the third time, and amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Albion Manufacturing Company"; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland File Company," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company."

Bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds."

Bill "an act to protect Union river from obstructions."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Machias."

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land and timber to M. S. Drummond and David Fuller.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw lake by nets."

Bill "an act to provide for the payment of the war loan of 1861."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company of Ohio.

Resolves abating State tax of Starks and assessing the same upon the town of Mercer.

Bill "an act to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company."

The foregoing bills and resolves having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the bills having been three times read, and the resolves having had two several readings, the bills and resolves were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to extend an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway."

Bill "an act to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson, against the county of Penobscot."

Resolve in favor of Horace Stilson.

Resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves.

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

Mr. WILSON of Rockland, asked to be and was excused from further service on the Committee on Reform School, and Mr. ESTABROOK of Oldtown was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. SHIEPLEY of Portland, and on his motion amended as per sheet "A," and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, further amended as per sheet "B," and laid on the table on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HARMON of Hallowell.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Education on petition of Timothy Fuller and others, for an appropriation in aid of Mattanawcook Academy at Lincoln.

Report of the same Committee on petition of Horatio G. Newton and others, for an act to incorporate the Maine Eclectic Medical Society.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on petition of J. W. Cloudman, for payment of additional bounty to surviving members and heirs of deceased members of Company D, First Regiment District of Columbia Cavalry.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Daniel Wasson and Son, for an act to extend the time allowed them to extend their wharf in the town of Brooksville.

The foregoing reports, all reporting leave to withdraw, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relative to a change of the law concerning the endorsements of writs"; also

Report of the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts on order relative to taking a new State valuation, each reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of John H. Williams and others, for incorporation of a Pawnors' Bank at Portland, reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of Charles

L. Dunning and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Warren Brown and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Union Boom Company."

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of S. E. Phipps and others, reporting bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Robert Wilder and others, reporting a "resolve making appropriations in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook."

Report of the Penobscot Delegation on bill "an act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot," reporting the same in a new draft.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of the Selectmen of the town of Avon in the county of Franklin, reporting bill "an act to legalize the records of the town of Avon."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills and resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills were read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading, the resolve was read once, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of the county of Kennebec to appropriate money to rebuild or repair a bridge over the Sebasticook river in Clinton Gore," passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate amendment was adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec, that gentleman was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that branch that in the absence of the Speaker, Mr. JAMES F. MILLER of Portland had been elected Speaker *pro tempore*.

On motion of Mr. HALL of Rockland, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a similar message to the Governor and Council.

A communication was received and read from the Secretary of State, transmitting an Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns of the Banks in this State.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table "resolve to provide for the payment of expenses incurred by the Committee on alleged frauds in the matter of enlistments," and on his motion the rules were suspended, and the resolve was read once, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, the rules were further suspended, and the resolve was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others of Shirley, for an appropriation to complete the Canada road from Moosehead Lake to the Canada line ; also

Petition of John H. Eveleth and others of Greenville, for the same, were referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. CHESLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp, reported bill "an act to authorize Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp to extend their wharf in the town of Boothbay."

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order providing for the assumption of debts incurred by towns in paying bounties to volunteers, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of the President of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company, for authority to extend said road to tide waters, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. SMALL, from the Committee on Education, on petition of S. Rich and others, Trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary for aid, reported reference to the next Legislature.

Mr. DYER, from the same Committee, on petition of the Trustees of North Yarmouth Academy for aid, reported leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Education, on order, reported that the Committee had visited the Normal School.

The report of the Committee was read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to the expediency of repealing sections 53 to 62 inclusive, of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was read and laid on the table on motion of Mr. OTIS of St. George.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Jonas Hagan and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company."

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships," reported the same in a new draft incorporating therein amendment "A," and recommended that amendment "B" be not adopted.

Mr. FAIRBANKS, from the Franklin County Delegation, on petition of Andrew C. Phillips, reported bill "an act to establish the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Franklin.

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

Printed bill "an act to supply the inhabitants of the city of Bangor with pure water"; also

Printed bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk"; also

Printed bill "an act to regulate the drainage of salt marsh," were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Printed resolve in favor of an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of unsettled lands in this State, the rules being suspended, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. FARINGTON of Fryeburg, was laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company."

Bill "an act explanatory of an act to provide support to the families of soldiers," approved February 24, 1865.

Bill "an act authorizing the erection of a dam in the town of Harpswell."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes, re-

lating to the distribution of estates real and personal, and of lands held in mortgage and taken on execution."

Bill "an act relating to certain fixtures."

Bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

The foregoing resolve and bills having been reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the resolve having been twice read and the bills three times read, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to extend the act entitled an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the European and North American Railway."

The vote whereby the House passed this bill to be enacted and to be engrossed were reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, the bill was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the surrender or expiration of their charters."

This bill was passed to be engrossed by the House and Senate, and came from the Senate, that branch having reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, and amended the same as per sheet "A." The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed and adopted Senate amendment "A," and as amended passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate the holding of sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court for the trial of criminal cases in Waldo county."

Bill "an act creating the South Paris Village Corporation."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the private laws of 1857, entitled an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing 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 severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker *pro tempore*, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. JOHNSON of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order directing the printing of the Report of the Agent of the Penobscot Indians, came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Order directing the Committee on Education to inquire into the expediency of granting to the Common School Fund a part or all of the unappropriated lands, came from the Senate, rules being suspended, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended read and passed.

The order was read, Senate amendment "A" adopted, rules suspended, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relative to authorizing minors to make wills.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to increasing the pay of Selectmen of towns.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to authorizing any associated number of citizens in any city or town to erect monuments.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to amending section 5, chapter 63, and section 13, chapter 64 of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to providing for the mutilation or destruction of counterfeit bank bills.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to amending section 7, chapter 94 of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to requiring bills of costs in civil actions to be certified to—all reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petition of the Selectmen of Warren for amendment of the law regulating town fisheries, reporting reference to the next Legislature with order of notice.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petitions of Emily F. Porter, John Butterfield and others, for deed of lots of land ; also

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on petition of J. H. Cloudman for allowance for service and disbursements in enlisting men, both reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee on bill “an act to amend an act concerning the militia,” approved February, 1865, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of E. A. Norton and others, reporting bill “an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company,” approved March 19, 1860.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of the Selectmen of Houlton, reporting leave to withdraw, came from the Senate read and recommitted.

The report was read and recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on order, reporting bill “an act to extend the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills,” came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and laid on the table on motion of Mr. BURLEIGH of Berwick.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That after to-morrow this House shall hold an afternoon session excepting on Saturdays, commencing at two and one half o'clock ; and the forenoon sessions shall be adjourned without

motion at quarter before one o'clock, by the Speaker, unless an earlier adjournment shall at any time be ordered by vote of the House.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, on petition of the Selectmen of Washington for abatement of State tax, reported leave to withdraw.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of the Selectmen of Oldtown, for abatement of State tax, reported leave to withdraw.

The reports were read and accepted.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of John H. Hanrahan and others, that a part of Thomaston be set off and annexed to Rockland, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the same Committee, on petition of S. P. Billings and others, to be set off from Brooksville, and annexed to Sedgwick, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. McKECHNIE, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Israel Putnam, Mayor of Bath, that the amount of aid expended by said city before March 8, 1862, be refunded, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. WALTON, from the same Committee, on petition of Albert Cushman, for compensation for loss of stock by contagious disease, reported reference to the next Legislature.

Mr. SHEPLEY, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on a resolve in relation to the crime of treason and the punishment of traitors, reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. FAIRBANKS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act to incorporate the Silver Spring Company," reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on order relative to taxing foreign insurance companies, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Henry Tuttle, to be set off from Bridgton and annexed to Harrison; also

Mr. HAINES, from the same Committee, on petition of the inhabitants of Washington and Somerville, for change of the town

lines ; each reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice.

Mr. COFFIN, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Adam Richardson, for compensation for loss of stock by contagious disease, reported reference to the next Legislature.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was recommitted the petition of the Portland Labor Reform Association, and petition of H. D. Sprague, in aid of same, reported leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Samuel Haley, reported bill "an act to establish the dividing line between the towns of Hollis and Waterborough"; also

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of the Selectmen of Scarborough, reported bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to set off part of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham."

These reports were read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, were laid on the table.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, presented a minority report on order relating to foreclosure of railroad mortgages ; also

Bill "an act relating to foreclosure of railroad mortgages," and on his motion the report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. NEWHALL, from the Committee on the Library, on order relating to exchange of State documents with the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, reported a resolve in relation to exchanging State documents with the province of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BROWN, from the Joint Special Committee on petition of R. H. Patten and others, for a court of reconciliation, reported bill "an act providing for jury trials before trial justices and prescribing their mode of procedure and jurisdiction."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on same petition, reported bill "an act relating to jury trials."

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the amelioration of the condition of indigent soldiers, reported bill "an act authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen."

Mr. SHEPLEY, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to National Affairs, reported "resolves in relation to equality of civil and political rights."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolve were ordered to be printed under the rules.

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Education, on petition of William Day and others, reported a resolve authorizing the inhabitants in township number 8 in the county of Hancock, to use certain funds for the erection of a school-house.

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve was read once and Wednesday of next week was assigned for its second reading.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to the duties and salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, reported bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court."

Mr. WOODMAN, from the same Committee, on petition of Elwell Costellow and others of Dresden, reported bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dresden dividing school district number 6 in that town."

Mr. WILSON, from the same Committee, on order, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 256 of the public laws of 1864."

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of David Spratt, reported bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of David Spratt from the town of Etna, and annex the same to Carmel."

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on resolves in relation to the assumption of the State and municipal war debts by the general government, reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. CARGILL, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the me-

memorial of the Board of Agriculture, reported a "resolve in regard to cattle disease."

Mr. PAGE, from the Committee on the Library, on order relating to the Adjutant General's Report, reported a "resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864 and 1865."

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to a soldiers' monument, reported "resolve relating to a soldiers' monument."

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of the Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company, reported bill "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Merchants' Marine Insurance Company."

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

Bill "an act to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies in this State," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch."

Resolve in favor of Edward E. Shed.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 515 of the private and special laws, approved February 24, 1865, entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank."

Bill "an act establishing the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate of Franklin county."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company."

Bill "an act to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide water."

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company," amended as per sheet "A."

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bath to erect a monument

in memory of deceased soldiers of that city," amended as per sheet "A."

Resolve for the preservation of flags, guidons and war trophies, deposited with the State.

The foregoing bills and resolve, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the bills having been three times read, and each amended as per sheet "A," and the resolve having been twice read, each were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike, were taken from the table on motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais, and read the second time, and the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, Mr. JONES of Lewiston, moved that when the question be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and being so taken the resolves were passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 68, nays 48.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. S. Adams, Bliss, Bowler, Bradbury, Burleigh, Burrell, S. H. Clark, Coffin, Davis, Dawes, Dodge, Dresser, Dyer, Eveleth, Fairbanks, Fenderson, John B. Foster, Reuben Foster, Reuben B. Foster, Fulton, Garnsey, Getchell, Goodwin, Granger, Grant, Haines, Alvin Hall, Calvin Hall, Darling Ham, Hammond, Hersey, Hight, F. A. Hill, Hills, Holland, Hopkins, Houghton, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, F. R. Jordan, Lawler, Leach, John M. Libbey, McKechnie, Messer, Miller, Nickels, Nickerson, Page, Parlin, Ricker, J. W. Sanborn, Franklin, Sawyer, Shaw, Shepley, Small, Stevens, Waite, Wakefield, Walker, Williams, Edmund Wilson, Wm. Wilson, Wingate, Woodcock, Woodman, Wyman—68.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Charles K. Adams, Bennett, J. H. Bradford, Phillips Bradford, Brown, Chandler, Chesley, Colby, Crosby, Cousens, Decker, Farrington, Fowler, A. C. Gordon, G. C. Gordon, Franklin Ham, Hamblen, Haskell, Holden, Jewett, Eben Jordan, Jr., Elliot Jordan, Kenniston, Knight, Lamb, Marble, Matthews, Merriam, Minot, Moore, Newcomb, James Newhall, S. M. Newhall, Otis, Parsons, Payson, Pinkham, Pulsifer, Robinson, Snell, Stilphen, Sturgis, Wall, Weeks, Wescott, Weymouth, Whitcomb, Yates—48.

Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, moved a reconsideration of this vote, and the question being taken the House refused to reconsider the same.

Mr. SAWYER of Raymond, by leave laid on the table "resolve in relation to the compensation of the engrossing clerks employed in the Secretary of State's office during the present session of the Legislature."

Mr. FOSTER moved and Thursday was assigned for the consideration of bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money."

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ADAMS of Gorham.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of insurance companies, came from the Senate and was read.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relative to amending sections 5 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to requiring foreign insurance companies to hold property within this State to indemnify the insured of this State.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to repealing section 10, chapter 32 of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to amending the law regulating appeals from Trial Justices.

Report of same Committee on order relative to amending chapter 70 of the revised statutes.



Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to medals for soldiers.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on order relating to common carriers and their liabilities.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on resolves in relation to the defence of the Northeastern Frontier.

The foregoing reports severally reported legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of C. H. Dow and others of Waterville, for a change in the pauper law.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of B. H. Hawes, for reimbursement for stumpage paid for timber cut upon proprietors' land.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on petition of Henry Boynton, for payment of expenses for raising troops in 1861.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Hiram Johnson and others, to be set off from Waterborough and annexed to Hollis.

The foregoing reports severally reported leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Samuel D. Reed, for reform in the judiciary, reporting reference to the Joint Select Committee on Courts of Reconciliation.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to amending the law in relation to the sale of spiritous liquors, reporting reference to the Committee on the Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on resolves relating to the Reciprocity Treaty, reporting that they ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of the municipal authorities of Glenburn, to have a school district organization separate from the town of Kenduskeag, reporting reference to the next Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on remonstrance of Thomas Simmons and others, against being annexed to Friendship, reporting that the prayer be granted.

The final report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The final report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The final report of the Committee on Manufactures.

All of the foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Waldo County Delegation, reporting bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Waldo."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of W. H. Hemmenway and others, reporting bill "an act additional to chapter 30 of the acts of the Legislature," approved March 3, 1840, relating to obstructions in Machias river.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petition of William Porter and others of Orneville, reporting bill "an act to prevent the destruction of fish in ponds and streams in the town of Orneville."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Warren Brown and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Union River Dam Company."

Report of the same Committee on petition of the Sebec Mills Company, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company."

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of John W. Caswell and others, reporting bill "an act to set off a part of the town Bridgton and annex the same to Harrison."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petition of Hiram Ricker and others, reporting bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Range and Tripp ponds and their tributaries in the town of Poland," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw Lake by nets," passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted Senate amendment "A," and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds," passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted Senate amendment "A," and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That all matters upon the Speaker's table not specially assigned and not giving rise to debate, shall be taken up each morning and disposed of immediately before passing to the orders of the day; and that so much of rule number 26 of this House as is inconsistent herewith is hereby suspended for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Waterville,

*Ordered*, That Isaac N. Pinkham be excused from further attendance on this House during this session of the Legislature, and that the Committee on Pay Roll make up his pay to the end of this session.

Mr. HOLLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Newburg," reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. COLBY, from the Committee on Sanitary Necessities, reported bill "an act additional to provide for vaccination."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills were ordered to be printed.

Mr. BRADFORD, from the Committee on Pay Roll, on order, reported a "resolve in favor of James Newhall."

The report was read and accepted, and the rules were suspended and the resolve was read twice and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. GARNSEY, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of Alexis Cyr of Grant Isle, against the right of David Page of Fort Kent to a seat in this House, reported a resolve de-

claring the election of Alexis Cyr, and on his motion the report and resolve were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HATHAWAY, from the Committee on Education, on petition of the Trustees of Gorham Seminary for aid to enable them to educate gratuitously the children of soldiers who have fallen in battle, reported leave to withdraw.

The report was read, and on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, recommitted with instructions to report, if they deem it expedient, some provision for the education at the expense of the State of poor and destitute children of deceased and disabled soldiers of this State.

The report was sent to the Senate.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of citizens of Hudson, reported bill "an act relating to public highways in the cities of this State."

The report was read and accepted, and on his motion the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GRANGER, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Gold Mining Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, by leave laid on the table resolves in reference to the restoration of the lately insurgent States, and on motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, they were ordered to be printed.

Resolve in relation to the compensation of the Engrossing Clerks employed in the Secretary of State's office during the present session of the Legislature, was read twice, rules being suspended, on motion of Mr. SAWYER of Raymond, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to legalize the records of the town of Avon."

Resolve in favor of William W. Quinby of Bucksport.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

Bill "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union River Boom Company."

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield."

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

Bill "an act to supply the inhabitants of Bangor with pure water," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and three times read, was on motion of Mr. COMINS of Eddington, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 256 of the public laws of 1864."

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Franklin."

Bill "an act to regulate the drainage of salt marsh."

Bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dresden in dividing school district number 6, in that town."

Resolve in relation to exchange of State documents of the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Resolve in aid of building mills in the east half of township number 2, range 5, in the county of Aroostook.

Resolve authorizing the inhabitants in township number 8, in the county of Hancock to use certain funds for the erection of a school-house.

Resolve in regard to cattle disease.

Bill "an act amend an act to incorporate the Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of David Spratt from the town of Etna and annex the same to the town of Carmel."

The foregoing bills and resolves, having been reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the bills having been three and the resolves twice read, were severally passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Androscoggin

Land and Petroleum Company," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company"; also

Bill "an act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education, having been reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the bills having had three and the resolve two several readings, were each passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of Charles R. Kitridge of Winthrop.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge over the Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dead river, in the county of Somerset.

Bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk."

The foregoing resolves and bill were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the resolves were read the second time, and the bill the third time, and on motion, they were severally laid on the table and to-morrow was assigned for their further consideration.

Resolve for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters 325, 332, 339, 341, 350 and 370 of the resolves of 1864, in favor of the Academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle, was read twice and to-morrow was assigned for its further consideration.

Resolves relating to the assumption by the general government of the war debt of loyal States and towns.

Bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court."

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot."

The foregoing resolves and bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the resolves were read

the second time and the bills the third time, and on motion, were severally laid on the table and to-morrow afternoon at half past two o'clock was assigned for their further consideration.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March 19, 1860, was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time, and on motion of Mr. MESSER of Portland, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended on his motion was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate :

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of Joseph Maddox and others, reporting bill "an act to protect menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine"; also

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company," reporting bill "an act to enlarge the powers of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company and for other purposes," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, introduced the following order, which on motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, was laid on the table:

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Elections be directed to inquire whether any person claiming a seat in this House is disqualified from holding the office of Representative to the State Legislature by reason of his acceptance of office under the Federal Government.

Resolve in favor of Sawpiel Gabrel.

Resolve in favor of Edward E. Shed.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land and timber to M. S. Drummond and David Fuller.

Resolve to provide for the payment of expense incurred by the Committee on the alleged frauds in the matter of enlistments.

Resolve in favor of Joseph L. Orono.

Resolve in favor of William Fitzgerald.

Resolve abating State tax of Starks and assessing the same upon the town of Mercer.

Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis,

Bill "an act to incorporate the Albion Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to extend an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the European and North American Railway."

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company."

Bill "an act establishing the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate of Franklin county."

Bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch."

Bill "an act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland."

Bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act to incorporate the Somerset Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860.

Bill "an act respecting school district number 5 in Waterville."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland File Company."

Bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Kennebec to appropriate money to rebuild or repair a bridge over the Seabasticook river in Clinton Gore."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Marsh Creek."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Machias."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company."

Bill "an act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the surrender or expiration of their charter."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 515 of the private and special laws, approved February 24, 1865, entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank."

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Hotel Company."

The foregoing resolves having been read twice and the bills three



times, severally passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the resolves were passed finally and the bills were passed to be enacted, and were each signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike, having been twice read and passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed—the question being on passing the same finally—Mr. DODGE of Oxford moved the previous question and the House seconded the call, and the main question was ordered to be put, and Mr. OTIS of St. George moved that when the question be taken it be taken by yeas and nays, and the House so ordered, and being so taken the resolve was passed finally, by yeas 74, nays 48 :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. S. Adams, Bliss, Bowler, Bradbury, Burleigh, Burrell, Cargill, S. H. Clark, Coffin, Comins, Davis, Dawes, Dodge, Dresser, Dyer, Eveleth, Fairbanks, Fenderson, J. B. Foster, Reuben Foster, Reuben B. Foster, Fulton, Garnsey, Getchell, Goodwin, Granger, Grant, Greenwood, Haines, A. Hall, C. Hall, Hammond, Hanson, Hersey, Hight, F. A. Hill, Hills, Holland, Hopkins, Houghton, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lawler, Leach, John M. Libbey, McKechnie, Messer, Miller, Milliken, J. Newhall, S. M. Newhall, Nickels, Nickerson, Page, Parlin, Pulsifer, J. W. Sanborn, F. Sawyer, Shaw, Shepley, Small, Stevens, Wagg, Wakefield, Walker, Williams, E. Wilson, W. Wilson, Wingate, Woodcock, Woodman, Wyman—74.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. C. K. Adams, Bailey, Bennett, J. H. Bradford, P. Bradford, Brown, Chandler, Chesley, Colby, Crosby, Cousens, Decker, Estes, Farrington, Fowler, A. C. Gordon, G. C. Gordon, D. Ham, F. Ham, Hamblen, Haskell, Hildreth, Holden, Jewett, E. Jordan, Jr., Kenniston, Knight, Lamb, Marble, Matthews, Minot, Moore, Newcomb, A. J. H. Newhall, Otis, Parsons, Payson, Pinkham, Robinson, Smith, Snell, Stilphen, Sturgis, Wall, Weeks, Wescott, Weymouth, Yates—48.

Mr. GRANGER of Calais moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby this resolve was passed finally, and the question being put the House refused to reconsider.

The resolve was then signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order directing the Committee on Alleged Frauds in the matter of enlistments, to report on or before Saturday, the 17th instant, if in the opinion of the Committee such report be not inconsistent or incompatible with the object of the investigation ; also

Order directing the Secretary of State to cause 300 copies of the report of the Inspector General of Fish to be printed, came from the Senate read and passed and were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relative to amending section 10, chapter 135 of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to amending the law relative to embezzlement of property so as to protect the rights of creditors.

Report of the same Committee on petition of R. H. Gardiner and others, for repeal of sections 53 to 62 inclusive, of chapter 31 of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to amending section 51 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to amending section 12 of chapter 126 of the revised statutes.

Report of the same Committee on order relative to changing the law regulating the administration of estates.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings on order relative to increasing the pay of the night watch.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petition of Joseph H. Hammond and others, for the passage of a law to protect their rights in catching smelts in the Damariscotta river.

The foregoing reports severally reported legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of the Selectmen of Frankfort for abatement of State tax ; also

Report of the same Committee on petition of O. B. Cheney and others, and James Dingley and others, for an act to unite the town of Auburn and the city of Lewiston, each reporting reference to the next Legislature with order of notice.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of the Selectmen of Houlton, for repayment of money paid to the State by said town August 9, 1864, for soldiers' bounty ; also

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of the Maine Medical Association for universal vaccination of the State, each reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of Thomas W. Gamage and others, reporting bill "an act to authorize Thomas W. Gamage to build a bridge in the town of Bristol."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices, reporting bill "an act in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices."

Report of the same Committee on order relating to testimony, reporting bill "an act in relation to evidence."

Report of the same Committee on order relating to making valid the doings of towns, reporting bill "an act to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Thos. S. Lang, reporting bill "an act to authorize Thomas S. Lang and Charles Osborne to extend their wharf into tide waters."

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into the tide waters of the Damariscotta river," reporting that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee on petition of John W. Dresser and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Castine-Marine Railway Company."

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of A. S.

Holden and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Boot and Shoe Company."

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on order, reporting bill "an act amendatory of the statute in relation to the representation of county agricultural societies in the State Board of Agriculture."

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to a Soldiers' Cemetery at Antietam, reporting "resolve in favor of the Antietam National Cemetery Association."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Amos M. Roberts and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Oldtown Association."

Report of the Committee on State Library, reporting a "resolve to provide for the yearly expenses of the State Library"; also reporting "resolve for the purchase of books for the State Library."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted and the bills and resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills were read twice and to-morrow was assigned for their third reading; the resolves were read once and Wednesday next assigned for their second reading.

The final reports of the Committees on Division of Towns, Incorporation of Towns, State Prison, Interior Waters, Agriculture, and Public Buildings, came from the Senate read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October," amended as per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in amendment "A" and amending the bill as per sheet "B," and as amended passed the same to be engrossed.

The House non-concurred in Senate amendment "B," and insisted upon its former vote.

The SPEAKER announced the Joint Select Committee on the part of the House on the State Liquor Commissioner's Report, agreeably to an order of this House of January 11th, as follows:

Messrs. Hersey of Belfast, Worcester of Portland, Hathaway of

Skowhegan, Woodcock of Searsmont, Jordan of Cape Elizabeth, Pulsifer of Poland, and Otis of St. George.

The order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. WILLIAMS, by leave, laid on the table bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1866, amounting to \$1,239,-062.14," and on his motion the rules were suspended, and the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 228 of the public laws of 1864."

Printed bill "an act in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad."

Printed "resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State."

Printed bill "an act to increase the fees of Jurors, Deputy Sheriffs, Witnesses and County Commissioners."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes."

Printed bill "an act authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen."

Printed "resolves in relation to equality of civil and political rights."

Printed bill "an act relating to jury trials."

Printed "resolve for the purchase of books of reference for the Normal School at Farmington."

The foregoing bills were twice read, and the resolves once read, and to-morrow was assigned for the third reading of the bills and the second reading of the resolves.

Mr. WEBBER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of the Penobscot Indians for a law that the rent of the shores of their island shall be distributed among them; also

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petition of same tribe for an appropriation to repair their church, reported on each leave to withdraw.

The reports were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. STURGIS, from the same Committee, on order, reported "resolve in relation to the duties of Indian Agents."

Mr. DECKER, from the same Committee, on credentials of Representatives of the Penobscot Indians, reported "resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

The reports were read and accepted, and the resolves were read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WEBBER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on various petitions of the Penobscot Indians, reported a "resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on petitions of the Penobscot Indians, reported a "resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians."

Mr. STURGIS, from the same Committee, on petition of the Passamaquoddy Indians, reported a "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians."

Mr. HILL, from the same Committee, on petition of the Passamaquoddy Indians, reported a "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Education, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the State Normal School at Farmington, reported a "resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Farmington."

These reports were read and accepted, and the resolves were read once and Wednesday of next week was assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WEBBER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported finally.

The report was read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, concerning ways."

Mr. DYER, from the Committee on Education, to which was re-committed petition of the Trustees of Gorham Seminary, reported a "resolve in behalf of the gratuitous instruction to the children of fallen and disabled heroes of the State."

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order to repeal chapter 150 of the laws of 1862, reported bill "an act to repeal chapter 150 of the laws of 1862."

Mr. GRANGER, from the same Committee, on order relating to parishes and religious societies, reported bill "an act amending section 17 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies."

Mr. GARNSEY, from the same Committee, on order, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies."

Mr. WILSON, from the same Committee, on order, reported bill "an act to regulate the liabilities of towns for damages caused by defective ways."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on order, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolve were printed under the rule.

Mr. SHEPLEY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on order in relation to the lease of the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad Company, reported and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to amending chapter 40 of the public laws of 1858, relating to reviews in civil actions, reported legislation inexpedient.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on order, reported bill "an act amending section 3, chapter 78 of the acts and resolves of 1861, establishing the Police Court of the city of Rockland."

These reports were read and accepted, and the bill was read twice and to-morrow was assigned for its third reading.

Printed resolve making appropriations in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864 and 1865, was read a second time, and amended by striking out the word "five" in the tenth line and inserting instead thereof the word three, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing resolves were sent to the Senate.

Mr. MILLER, by leave, laid on the table a resolve for the appointment of Commissioners to the World's Fair in Paris.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union River Boom Company."

Bill "an act explanatory of an act to provide support for the families of soldiers'" approved February 25, 1865.

Bill "an act authorizing the erection of a dam in the town of Harpswell."

Bill "an act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company."

Bill "an act relating to certain fixtures."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company."

Bill "an act to legalize the records of the town of Avon."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates real and personal and of lands held in mortgage and taken on execution."

Bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

Bill "an act to provide for the payment of the war loan of 1861."

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield."

Bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company."

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.

Resolve in favor of William W. Quinby of Bucksport.

Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education.

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

Bill "an act extending the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, and the report was accepted, and under suspension of the rules the bill was read three times, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and on motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, the bill was further amended as per sheet "B," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.



The hour of adjournment having arrived, the House was adjourned by the SPEAKER.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, bill "an act to establish the dividing line between the towns of Hollis and Waterborough," was taken from the table, read a third time, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SHEPLEY of Portland, bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company," was taken from the table, read a third time, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, "resolve for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters 325, 332, 339, 341, 350 and 370 of the resolves of 1864, in favor of the academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle, was taken from the table, and the question being upon passing the same to be engrossed, was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway," was taken from the table, having been three times read, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch," was taken up on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, and the vote passing the same to be enacted reconsidered, also the vote passing the same to be engrossed, and the bill was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dead river in the county of Somerset," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot

Mill Dam Company," was on motion of Mr. GARNSEY of Bangor, taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, bill "an act concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Steam Navigation Company," was on motion of the same gentleman, taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to an act to set off part of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham," was on motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, taken from the table, read the third time and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to protect Union River from obstructions"; also

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1866, amounting to one million two hundred thirty-nine thousand sixty-two dollars and fourteen cents, having been three times read, each 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.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Petition of Jonathan Darling and others, for the incorporation of the Eskutassis Dam Company, came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of the Presumpscot Land and Water Power Company, for amendment of charter ; also

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Franklin Simmonds, for divorce, both reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Penobscot Delegation on bill "an act to establish the salary of Register of Probate for Penobscot county," reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order to provide for enforcement and collection of executions against plantations, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others, and various other petitions and remonstrances, in relation to a law to prevent the obstruction of the Penobscot river by refuse matter ; also

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Benjamin F. Charles and 31 others, for the removal of James Tibbetts of Rome from the office of Trial Justice, both reporting reference to the next Legislature with order of notice.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of the Overseers of the Poor of Portland, reporting bill "an act relating to the introduction of foreign paupers."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and indefinitely postponed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read twice and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, laid on the table.

Report of the same Committee on order and petitions, reporting bill "an act relating to hawkers and peddlers."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, the bill read twice, amended as per sheets "H," "I," "J" and "K," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed as amended by the Senate.

The final reports of the Committees on Claims, Education and Railroads, Ways and Bridges, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order, reporting bill "an act relating to guide posts," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, and the bill was ordered to be printed.

Report of the Committee on Education on order, reporting a "resolve in relation to the Eastern Normal School," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the resolve was read once, and to-morrow was assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on bill "an act to prevent the catching of trout and pickerel in the Piscataquis river and its tributaries," reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Harriet Williams, reporting a "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to the widow and children of a deceased soldier."

Report of the same Committee on petition of J. H. Chandler, reporting a "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a parcel of land to J. H. Chandler."

Report of the same Committee on petition of Joshua N. Dinsmore, reporting a "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Joshua N. Dinsmore."

Report of the same Committee on sundry petitions, reporting a

"resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows and children of deceased soldiers."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill and resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read twice and to-morrow was assigned for its third reading, and the resolves were read once and Wednesday of next week was assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of John Benson, reporting a "resolve in favor of John Benson," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolve read twice, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the resolve was read once and Wednesday of next week was assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

*Ordered*, That the Senate concurring, that the Legislature adjourn finally on Friday, the twenty-third day of February current, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and that so much of the order which passed the House January 5, 1866, as fixed an earlier day for such final adjournment be rescinded.

This order was read and passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, gave notice that on to-morrow he should move a suspension of the 49th rule of this House, which requires resolves appropriating money or lands to have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following the first reading, so that such resolves may have their second reading in conformity to the rule governing the third reading of bills.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN of Wells,

*Ordered*, That, the Senate concurring, the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report forthwith to this Legislature upon the bill entitled "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," referred to that Committee.

This order was read and passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act relating to appointment and removal of certain officers in cities," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, and the bill was ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act to enlarge the powers of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company, and for other purposes," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and three times read, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and three times read, was, on motion of Mr. COMINS of Eddington, laid on the table and to-morrow at ten o'clock was assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve in relation to equality of civil and political rights, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read the second time.

Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, moved amendment "A," pending which the House adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of the "resolves in relation to equality of civil and political rights."

Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, moved amendment "B," which, on motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed, together with amendment "A."

On motion of Mr. COMINS of Eddington, the vote whereby bill "an act to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon," was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its consideration, was reconsidered, and the bill amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, concerning ways."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways."

Printed bill "an act additional in relation to the Reform School."

Printed bill "an act relating to public highways in the cities of this State."

Printed bill "an act additional to provide for vaccination."

Printed bill "an act to repeal chapter 150 of the laws of 1862."

Resolve for the appointment of Commissioners to the World's Fair in Paris.

The foregoing bills were each read twice, and resolve once, and to-morrow was assigned for the third reading of the bills and the second reading of the resolve.

Printed resolves in reference to restoration of the lately insurgent States, were once read and Tuesday next assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, the report of the Committee on Elections was taken up and accepted. Also the resolve reported by said Committee declaring the election of Alexis Cyr as a member of the House, was read once and adopted.

Mr. BRADBURY announced the attendance of Alexis Cyr, representative elect from Fort Kent, and 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 the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. BRADBURY subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him and that Alexis Cyr had been duly qualified. Mr. Cyr thereupon took his seat as a member of this House.

Printed bill "an act relating to jury trials," was read the third time and on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, was laid on the table.

Resolve for the purchase of books for reference for the Normal School at Farmington, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, laid on the table.

Bill "an act authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen," was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, was laid on the table and Monday next assigned for its consideration.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Boot and Shoe Company."

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Waldo."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company."

Bill "an act to authorize Thomas S. Lang and Charles Osborn to extend their wharf into tide waters."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Oldtown Association."

Bill "an act to authorize Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp to extend their wharf in the town of Boothbay."

Bill "an act to authorize Thomas W. Gamage to build a bridge in the town of Bristol."

Bill "an act in relation to evidence."

Bill "an act in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices."

Bill "an act to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into the tide water of the Damariscotta river."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union River Dam Company."

Bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to Harrison."

Bill "an act to prevent the destruction of fish in ponds and streams in the town of Orneville."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Castine Marine Railway Company."

Bill "an act amendatory of the statute in relation to the representation of County Agricultural Societies in the State Board of Agriculture."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 30 of the acts of the Legislature approved March 3, 1840, relating to obstructions in Machias river."

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

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Range and Tripp ponds and their tributaries in the town of Poland," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and three times read, Senate amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Gold Mining Company."



Bill "an act amending section 3 of chapter 78 of the acts and resolves of 1861, establishing the Police Court of the city of Rockland."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 228 of the public laws of 1864."

Bill "an act in relation to the Reform School."

Bill "an act in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad."

Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State.

Resolve in relation to the duties of Indian Agents.

Resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

The foregoing bills and resolves having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, the bills were read the third time and the resolves the second time, were severally passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to protect menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, was read the third time, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and further amended as per sheets "B," "C" and "D," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to increase the fees of Jurors, Deputy Sheriffs, Witnesses and County Commissioners," was read the third time, and pending amendments "A," "B" and "C," was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. DAWES of Harrison,

*Ordered*, That Benjamin T. Holden, a member of this House, be excused from any further attendance at this session of the Legislature, as he and his family are sick, and that he be paid for the full session.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of David Page to the end of the session.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CALDWELL of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

The final report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Order relating to the final adjournment of the Legislature, came back from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and as amended read and passed.

Amendment "A" was adopted, and as amended the order was passed in concurrence.

Resolve of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Hiram B. Conner and others, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company."

Report of the same Committee on order reporting bill "an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, 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, Justices of the Peace and Quorum, Trial Justices and Notaries Public."

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on bill "an act to amend an act incorporating the Norway Savings Bank," reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass."

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, reporting bill "an act to define the duties of Superintendent of Public Buildings, and fixing his pay."

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and passed, and the bills read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Report of the Committee on Education on order reporting a "re-

solve in aid of the permanent school fund," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the resolve was read once and Monday was assigned for its second reading.

Resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864 and 1865, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the House amendment "A," amending the resolve as per sheet "B," and as amended passing it to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SAWYER of Raymond, the resolve was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That after Monday the morning session of this House shall commence at 9 o'clock, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of the same gentleman,

*Ordered*, That the 49th rule of this House, requiring resolves appropriating money or lands to have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following their first reading, be suspended from and after this day for the remainder of this session, and that such resolves have their second reading in conformity to the rule concerning the third reading of bills.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway, and to enlarge the powers of said company," was taken from the table, and Mr. WILLIAMS withdrew his amendment.

Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, moved amendment "A," and on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, the bill and amendment were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, bill "an act to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company," was taken from the table, Senate amendment "B" adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Waterville, bill "an act to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad," was taken

from the table and amendment "A" adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed and was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, "resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital" was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on the Liquor Commissioner's Report, on order relative to amending the law regulating the sale of spirituous liquors, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act extending the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills."

Bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw lake by nets."

Bill "an act authorizing any city or town to erect a monument in memory of deceased soldiers."

Bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds."

Bill "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison."

Resolve in relation to the compensation of the Engrossing Clerks employed in the Secretary of State's office during the present session.

Resolve for the preservation of flags, guidons, and war trophies deposited with the State.

Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education.

The foregoing bills having been three times read and the resolves twice read, and 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, and the resolves were finally passed, each was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Washington County Delegation, on petition of the inhabitants of Harrington, reported a "resolve relating to the valuation of the town of Harrington."

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve was read once and indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act amending the 17th section of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies," was read twice and Monday was assigned for its third reading.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies," was read twice and Monday was assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," was taken up and read a third time, and on motion of Mr. WEEKS of Jefferson, was laid on the table.

Bill "an act additional to provide for vaccination," was taken from the table and read the third time, and on motion of the same gentleman was laid on the table.

Resolve in behalf of the gratuitous instruction of the children of fallen and disabled heroes of this State, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland, laid on the table.

Mr. KNIGHT, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the report of the Penobscot Indian Agent, reported a "resolve in relation to the Penobscot Indians."

The report was read and accepted, and the resolve was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act relating to public highways in the cities of this State," was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. MESSER of Portland, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes concerning ways," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and three times read, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve for the appointment of Commissioners to the World's Fair in Paris, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and twice read, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to prevent the catching of trout and pickerel in the Piscataqua river and its tributaries," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and three times read, was to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States," was on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, taken from the table, Senate amendment adopted, and further amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act extending the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills," passed by the House to be enacted, came from the Senate, that branch having reconsidered the votes whereby it passed the bill to be enacted and engrossed, and amended the bill as per sheet "C," and as amended passed the same to be engrossed.

The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be enacted and to be engrossed, and adopted Senate amendment "C," and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to enlarge the powers of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company and for other purposes."

Bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of David Spratt from the town of Etna and to annex the same to the town of Carmel."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company."

Bill "an act to establish the dividing line between the towns of Hollis and Waterborough."

Bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dresden in dividing school district number 6 in that town."

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Franklin."

Bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 256 of the public laws of the year 1864."

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mill Dam Company."

Resolve making appropriations in aid of the road and bridges in the county of Aroostook.

Resolve in relation to exchanging State documents with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Resolve in favor of James Newhall.

Resolve authorizing the inhabitants of township number 8 in the

county of Hancock to use certain funds for the erection of a school-house.

Resolve in relation to the cattle disease.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," was read a third time, Senate amendments "A" and "B" adopted, and further amended as per sheet "C," and pending amendment "D," moved by Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, the House

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. JOHNSON of the House.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Order directing the printing of 3,000 additional copies of the Adjutant General's Report for the years 1864 and 1865.

Order directing the Librarian, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to sell all useless documents now in the State Library.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act to increase the fees of the Clerks of the Supreme Judicial Courts."

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act additional to chapter 6 of the revised statutes providing for the taxation of shares of stockholders in National Banking Associations."

Report of the same Committee on "resolve in relation to taxing public stocks."

Report of the same Committee on "resolves in relation to taxation of United States Bonds."

These reports, each reporting that the bill ought not to pass, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on "resolves relating to United States Bonds and assumption of war debt," reporting that they ought not to pass, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and laid on the table on motion of Mr WILSON of Thomaston.

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October," came from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote.

The House voted to adhere to its former vote.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on the resolves of the State of New Hampshire, relative to fish ways, reporting reference to the next Legislature; also

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on order, reporting "resolve in favor of a fresh water basin for iron clads at Portland," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the resolve was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order, reporting bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and recommitted.

The report was read and accepted, and the bill read twice and laid on the table on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden.

Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States, passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted upon its former vote.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 228 of the public laws of 1864," passed by the House to be engrossed, came from the Senate



amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate amendment "A" was adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Stevens and Sayward came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

By leave of the House :

Mr. WILSON of Rockland laid on the table bill "an act to revive chapter 68 of the public laws of 1859"; also

Mr. WILSON of Thomaston laid on the table bill "an act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company"; also

Mr. MILLER of Portland laid on the table bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Water Company"; also

Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport laid on the table bill "an act to incorporate the Fairbanks Manufacturing Company"; also

Mr. MILLER of Portland laid on the table bill "an act to incorporate the National Consolidated Patents Company"; also

Mr. JONES of Lewiston laid on the table bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Petroleum and Mining Company"; also

Mr. HATHAWAY of Skowhegan laid on the table bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Excelsior Works"; also

Mr. FOSTER of Bangor laid on the table bill "an act to incorporate the Carmel Mutual Insurance Company."

The hour of adjournment having arrived the House was Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a minority report on order relating to the taxation of United States bonds and coupons, reporting "resolves relative to taxation of United States securities and shares in National Banks"; and on his motion the report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed with the resolves.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of the

Penobscot Mill Dam Company, reporting bill "an act in relation to the Penobscot Mill Dam Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill read twice and to-morrow was assigned for its third reading.

Printed bill "an act to regulate the liabilities of towns for damages caused by defective ways"; also

Printed bill "an act relating to appointments and removals of certain officers in cities," were read twice and to-morrow was assigned for their third reading.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies," was read the third time and laid on the table.

Bill "an act to revive chapter 68 of the public laws of 1859," was, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland, taken from the table and, under suspension of the rules, was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in aid of the permanent school fund.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864."

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company."

Bill "an act to define the duties of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and fixing his pay."

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 228 of the public laws of 1864," came from the Senate read twice and amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate amendment was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the Penobscot Tribe of Indians; also

Bill "an act amending section 17, chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies," having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the bill

was read the third and the resolve the second time, and both were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway and to enlarge the powers of said Company," amended as per sheet "A," was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "act amendatory of the statute in relation to the representation of county agricultural societies in the State Board of Agriculture."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company."

Bill "an act to authorize Thomas W. Gamage to build a bridge in the town of Bristol."

Bill "an act to prevent the distruction of fish in ponds and streams in the town of Orneville."

Bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to Harrison."

Bill "an act in relation to evidence."

Bill "an act to authorize Everett W Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into the tide waters of the Damariscotta river."

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway."

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Range and Tripp ponds and their tributaries in the town of Poland."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union River Dam Company."

Bill "an act to prevent the catching of trout and pickerel in the Piscataqua river and its tributaries."

Bill "an act to extend the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 30 of the acts of the Legislature, approved March 3, 1840, relating to obstructions in Machias river."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Boot and Shoe Company."

Bill "an act to authorize Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp to extend their wharf in the town of Boothbay."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Castine Marine Railway Company."

Bill "an act to authorize Thomas S. Lang and Charles Osborne to extend their wharf into tide waters."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Oldtown Association."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Steam Navigation Company."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon."

Bill "an act to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company."

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Waldo."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company."

Bill "an act additional to an act to set off a part of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham."

Bill "an act additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages."

Bill "an act in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices."

Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dead river, in the county of Somerset.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

Resolve in aid of building mills in the east half of township number 2, range 5, in the county of Aroostook.

Resolve for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters 325, 332, 339, 341, 350 and 370 of the resolves of 1864, in favor of the academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle.

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

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais,

*Ordered*, That no member shall speak more than ten minutes at any one time on any subject without the unanimous consent of the House, and that after this day the House hold evening sessions to commence at seven o'clock.

On motion of Mr. YATES of Bristol,

*Ordered*, That Erastus F. Weeks, Representative of Jefferson in this House, be excused from further attendance during this session, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be authorized to make up his pay to the close of the session.

Resolve in behalf of the gratuitous instruction of the children of fallen and disabled heroes of the State, was on motion of Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg taken from the table, amendment "A" was moved, pending which, on motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston, the resolve and amendment were laid on the table, and the amendment was ordered to be printed and Wednesday assigned for its consideration.

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," was taken up and to-morrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock was assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "an act relating to highways in the cities of this State," was, on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, taken from the table, read a third time, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in court in certain cases," was, on motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY of Belfast, the rules were suspended and the vote passing to be engrossed bill "an act to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters," was reconsidered and the bill amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Increase Blake, came from the Senate, read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order, reporting bill "an act in addition to chapter 64 of the revised statutes in relation to foreign wills."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on order, reporting "resolve in aid of building mills at Chesuncook Lake in the county of Piscataquis."

Report of the Committee on Reform School on order, reporting "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Reform School."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on order, reporting bill "an act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township number 4, range 4, W. E. L. S."

Resolve in favor of employment of disabled or injured soldiers who are of sober, temperate and moral habits.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bills and resolves were read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

A communication was received from the Adjutant General transmitting the amount of bounties paid by cities, towns and plantations for soldiers under the different calls of the President.

The communication was read, and on motion of Mr. HERSEY of Belfast, was laid on the table and 2,000 copies were ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying papers.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be authorized and directed to furnish to this House one copy of the revised statutes.

Bill "an act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Carmel Mutual Trade Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Excelsior Works."

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Patent Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fairbanks Mill Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Petroleum and Mining Company."

Bill "an act to supply the people of Portland with pure water."

The foregoing bills, yesterday laid on the table by leave, were read twice and to-morrow was assigned for their third reading.

Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to the expediency of altering the law relating to damages in cases of tort, reported legislation inexpedient.

The report was read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Stevens and Sayward.

Bill "an act in relation to the Penobscot Mill Dam Company."

Bill "an act relating to guide-posts."

Resolve in favor of a fresh water basin for iron-clads at Portland.

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

Bill "an act relating to appointments and removals of certain officers in cities"; and

Resolve establishing the valuation of the town of Northport, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and the bill having been three times and the resolve twice read, were each passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves in reference to restoration of the lately insurgent States; also

Resolve in relation to equality of civil and political rights, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and

twice read, were, on motion of Mr. PAYSON of Westbrook, laid on the table and Wednesday evening assigned for their further consideration.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order for the protection of forests from destruction by fires, reporting legislation inexpedient; also

Report of the same Committee on resolves relating to United States bonds and assumption of war debt, reporting that the same ought not to pass, were taken from the table and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance on order to provide for the taxation of incomes, reporting legislation inexpedient; also

Report of the same Committee on act additional to chapter 6 of the revised statutes, and providing for the taxation of the incomes from United States bonds, reporting that the same ought not to pass, were taken from the table and accepted.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on petition of the Selectmen of Newport, for reimbursement of State bounty, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relative to the expediency of repealing sections 53 to 62 inclusive, of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of the Selectmen of Smyrna, for reimbursement of money paid the State, reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee on petition of the Selectmen of Milford, for reimbursement of money, reporting leave to withdraw.

These reports were taken from the table, accepted and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk," was taken from the table and amended as per sheets "A," "B" and "C," and indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, bill "an act to authorize the consolidation of railroads in this State," was taken from the table and amended as per sheet "A," and laid on the table and to-morrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock was assigned for its further consideration.



On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," was taken from the table and read three times, rules being suspended, Senate amendments "H" and "I" adopted, and further amended as per sheets "M," "N" and "O," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed "resolve in aid of the permanent school fund," was reconsidered, and the resolve was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and was sent to the Senate.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Augusta, by leave laid on the table a resolve appropriating money for war purposes; the rules were suspended and the resolve was read once and to-morrow was assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," reported legislation inexpedient, and on his motion the report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox," was, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Rockland, taken from the table, and pending the passage of the bill to be engrossed the House

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox," and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," was taken from the table by assignment, and the question being upon adopting amendment "D," the House refused to adopt it, amended the bill as per sheet "E," and passed it to be engrossed, and the bill was sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, and amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal section 3 of chapter 247 of the private acts of 1863 relating to tolls on the Milford and Princeton Turnpike," was, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, taken from the table, and amended as per sheets "A" and "C," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act to regulate the drainage of salt marsh."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 228 of the public laws of 1864."

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine."

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank."

Bill "an act providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States."

Bill "an act amending section 3 of chapter 78 of the special acts of 1861 establishing the Police Court of the city of Rockland."

Bill "an act additional in relation to the Reform School."

Bill "an act in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Gold Mining Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, entitled an act requiring the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of Courts in the several counties a list of all persons commissioned and qualified as Justices of the Peace, Justices of the Peace and Quorum, Trial Justices and Notaries Public."

Resolve for the appointment of Commissioners to the World's Fair in Paris.

Resolve in relation to the duties of Indian Agents.

Resolve in relation to the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

The foregoing bills having been read three times and the resolves read twice, and each passed to be engrossed, and having severally been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and

strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted and the resolves were passed finally, and each was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The House adjourned.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate the inspection of flour," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the fees of Jurors, Deputy Sheriffs, Witnesses and County Commissioners," was, on motion of Mr. GOODWIN of Wells, taken from the table and amended as per sheets "A," "B," "C" and "D," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," was, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to regulate the liabilities of towns for damages caused by defective ways," was, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, taken from the table, read the third time, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. DODGE of Oxford,

*Ordered*, That Eliphalet Morrill, a member of this House from Sumner, be excused from further attendance at this session, and that the Committee on Pay Roll make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Lubec,

*Ordered*, That Francis A. Bacon, a member of this House, be excused from further attendance, and that the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

Bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," was, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, taken from the table, and the question being on the motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused this bill a passage to be engrossed, the House refused to reconsider and the bill was sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, presented by leave a minority report on bill "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass, and on his motion it was laid on the table and ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying bill.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CALDWELL of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

The final reports of the Committees on Pensions, on Federal Relations, on Fisheries, on State Lands and State Roads, on Division of Counties, and on Library, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States, passed by the House to be engrossed, came from the Senate, that branch adhering to its former vote indefinitely postponing the resolve.

The resolve was laid on the table on motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta.

Resolve relating to the valuation of the town of Harrington in the county of Washington, indefinitely postponed by the House, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to supply the inhabitants of the city of Bangor with pure water," passed by the House to be engrossed, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Education on petition of Reuben Higgins and others, reporting bill "an act to provide for ascertaining the variations of the compass in this State"; also "resolve in relation to the variations of the magnetic needle."

The report came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill and resolve read twice, and the bill indefinitely postponed, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the resolve was read once and to-morrow was assigned for its second reading; the bill was read once and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Reform School on the Report of the Trustees of the Reform School, reporting "resolve in favor of the State Reform School"; also

Report of the same Committee on the Report of the Trustees of the Reform School, reporting "resolve in favor of the State Reform School," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted, and the resolves were read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Petition of Joseph Clark and others of Somerset county, for an appropriation to repair the Canada road; also

Petition of James H. Varney and 28 others, members of Bristol Lodge of Masons for an act of incorporation, were referred to the next Legislature and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, the Report of the Committee on Elections on remonstrance of Timothy H. Hubbard against the right of John H. Hammond to a seat in this House, was taken from the table, and 3½ o'clock this day was assigned for its consideration.

Resolve in relation to the valuation of the town of Washington and the town of Somerville was, on motion of Mr. NEWHALL of Washington, taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge over the Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield, was on motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, taken from the table and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Orders severally excusing the following named gentlemen from further attendance at this session, and directing the Committee on Pay Roll to make up their pay to the end of the session, were passed, viz: Joseph Granger of Calais, G. W. Haskell of Hodgdon, Seth H. Clark of Tremont, Arnold Goodspeed of Pittston, and A. J. H. Newhall of Washington.

On motion of Mr. BURBANK of Limerick,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of the Legislature commemorating in some manner in this year of peace, 1866, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, to report before the adjournment this morning.

Messrs. Stevens of Augusta, Jones of Lewiston, Foster of Bangor, Burbank of Limerick, and Wakefield of Bath, were appointed this Committee on the part of the House, and the order was sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to the rule of damages in actions of tort," came from the Senate read twice, and amended as per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed.

The bill was read twice, and on motion of Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MILLER of Portland, by leave, laid on the table bill "an act to amend chapter 389 of the private laws of 1860."

The rules were suspended, and the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed, and was sent to the Senate.

Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table bill "an act to enable the city of Bangor to receive and hold certain trust funds."

The rules were suspended, and the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. JORDAN of Danville, by leave, laid on the table bill "an act to establish the annual allowance of the Superintendent of Common Schools for travelling expenses."

Mr. BRADBURY of Hollis, by leave, laid on the table bill "an

act to incorporate the Colorado River Navigation and Mining Company."

Mr. FOSTER of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table bill "an act to incorporate the Fryeburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

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

The final report of the Committee on Change of Names was read and accepted.

Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Farmington.

Bill "an act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company."

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Carmel Mutual Trade Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fairbanks Mill Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Patent Company."

Resolve for the expenditure of money for war purposes.

Bill "an act to supply the people of Portland with pure water."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Petroleum Company."

Resolve in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Excelsior Works."

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

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 64 of the revised statutes in relation to foreign wills."

Resolve in relation to the Eastern Normal School."

Resolve in aid of building mills at Chesuncook Lake in the county of Piscataquis.

Resolve in favor of Increase Blake.

Bill "an act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township number 4, range 4, W. E. L. S."

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Joshua N. Dinsmore.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to the widow and children of a deceased soldier.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Reform School.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a parcel of land to J. H. Chandler.

Resolve to provide for the yearly expenses of the State Library.

Resolves in favor of the Antietam National Cemetery Association.

Resolve in favor of John Benson.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows and children of deceased soldiers.

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

Resolve relating to a soldiers' monument, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and twice read, was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed and was sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of employment of disabled soldiers, having been reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading and twice read, Senate amendment adopted, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee appointed under the order relative to expediency of the observance by the Legislature of Washington's Birth-day, reported that the same was expedient and also a programme for such observance.

The report was read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to jury trials," was taken from the table and was under consideration when the House

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of bill "an act relating to jury trials." The bill was amended as per sheets "A," "B" and "C," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.



Resolve in favor of Stevens & Sayward.

Bill "an act relating to guide posts."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway and to enlarge the powers of said Company."

Bill "an act in relation to the Penobscot Mill Dam Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company."

Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State.

Bill "an act to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters."

Bill "an act to extend the time of the location of the Aroostook Railroad."

Bill "an act to revive chapter 68 of the public laws of 1859."

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox."

Bill "an act to define the duties of Superintendent of the Public Buildings and fixing his pay."

Resolve for a fresh water basin for iron clads in Portland.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes concerning ways."

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

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta,

*Ordered*, That the present order of this House providing for three sessions per day, be so changed that when this House adjourns this afternoon it be to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Resolve in behalf of the gratuitous instruction of the children of fallen and disabled heroes of the State, was taken from the table and to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon was assigned for its further consideration.

The report of the Committee on Elections on the remonstrance of Timothy H. Hubbard, against the right of John H. Hammond

to a seat in this House, as a Representative to this Legislature from the classed towns of North Berwick and Berwick, reporting leave to withdraw, was taken from the table by assignment, considered and accepted.

Bill "an act relative to the introduction of foreign paupers," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Resolve for the purchase of books of reference for the Normal School at Farmington, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Timothy H. Hubbard to the end of the session.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BAILEY of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum," came from the Senate amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The bill was read twice and three o'clock was assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order, reporting bill "an act additional to chapter 61 of the revised statutes, and the laws additional thereto, relating to married women," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice, amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill, the rules being suspended, was read three times, Senate amendment "A" was adopted, amendment "B" non-concurred in, and further amended as per sheet "C," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Report of the same Committee on order, reporting bill "an act to amend chapter 102 of the public laws of 1859, relative to the competency of witnesses," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

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

Report of the Committee on Reform School, reporting bill "an act to amend an act additional to chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School," came from the Senate read and accepted, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act to increase the fees of Jurors, Deputy Sheriffs, Witnesses and County Commissioners," came back from the Senate read twice, House amendments "A," "B," "C" and "D" adopted, further amended as per sheet "E," and as amended passed to be engrossed. The Senate amendment was adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," came from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former vote adopting amendments "J," "K" and "L," adopting House amendments "M," "N" and "O," and as amended passing the bill to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

Mr. BRADFORD, from the Committee on Pay Roll, reported "resolve on the Pay Roll of the House of Representatives"; also "resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate."

The report was read and accepted, and the resolves were, under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed, and were sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a parcel of land to J. H. Chandler.

Resolve in favor of John Benson.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to the widow and children of a deceased soldier.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows and children of deceased soldiers.

Resolve in favor of Increase Blake.

Resolve in favor of the Antietam National Cemetery Association.

Resolve for the purchase of books for the State Library.

Resolve in aid of the permanent school fund.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Joshua N. Dinsmore.

Resolve relative to the Penobscot Indians.

Resolve to provide for the yearly expenses of the State Library.

Resolve in relation to the Eastern Normal School.

Resolve relating to the valuation of the town of Harrington in the county of Washington.

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate.

Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives.

Resolve in aid of building mills at Chesuncook lake, in the county of Piscataquis.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Reform School.

Resolve establishing the valuation of the town of Northport.

Bill "an act relating to public highways in the cities of this State."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 389 of the private laws of 1860."

Bill "an act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township number 4, range 4, W. E. L. S.

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 64 of the revised statutes, in relation to foreign wills."

Bill "an act to enable the city of Bangor to receive and hold certain trust funds."

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot."

Bill "an act to change the name of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike."

Bill "an act to regulate the inspection of flour."

Bill "an act amending section 17 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies."

The foregoing resolves having had two and the bills three several readings, and each passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the resolves were finally passed and the bills were passed to be enacted, and all were signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. GARNSEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 485 of the special laws of 1852, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Kenduskeag."

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

The following gentlemen, members of this House, were excused from further attendance this session, and the Committee on Pay Roll were ordered to make up their pay to the end of the session, viz: P. Parker Dresser, James Newhall, John Johnson, John D. Lawler, Alexander Fulton, Edward Payson, and J. G. Hamblen.

Bill "an act to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies in this State," was taken from the table, considered, and indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GRANGER of Calais, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," reporting legislation inexpedient, was taken from the table and was under consideration, when the hour having arrived which was assigned by the Joint Select Committee for the commemoration of the birth-day of Washington, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

### IN CONVENTION.

The Governor and Council, and Heads of Departments, upon invitation, came in, and the Governor took the Chair and addressed the Convention.

In response to the invitation of the Governor, the following gentlemen addressed the Convention, viz: Messrs. Hersey of Belfast, Smith of Washington, Payson of Westbrook, and the Speaker of the House.

The Convention having accomplished the purposes for which it was assembled, it was dissolved, and the Governor, Council and Senate retired, and the House was called to order by the SPEAKER, and

Adjourned.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of bill "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," and the bill was referred to the next Legislature and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to regulate the liabilities of towns for damages caused by defective highways," passed by the House to be engrossed, came from the Senate read twice and indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred with the Senate.

Bill "an act to establish the annual allowance of the Superintendent of Common Schools for travelling expenses," was read a third time and indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in relation to the variations of the magnetic needle.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

These resolves having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having been twice read, were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Colorado River Navigation and Mining Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fryeburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

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

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, was read twice under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed and was sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, bill "an act providing for jury trials before Trial Justices and prescribing their mode of procedure and jurisdiction," was taken from the table, and on his motion referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies."

These bills having previously had three several readings, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States, passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate, that branch adhering to its former vote indefinitely postponing the resolve.

The House reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed; the resolve was then amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 150 of the laws of 1862," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to provide for vaccination," was indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

Resolves relating to the assumption by the General Government of the war debts of loyal States, cities and towns, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Charles R. Kitridge of Winthrop was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. GARNSEY, from the Committee on Elections, reported finally, reporting the following persons as legally elected members of this House:

#### COUNTY OF ANDROSCOGGIN.

Auburn,	Oscar D. Bailey.
Danville,	Eben Jordan, Jr.
Durham,	James H. Eveleth.
Leeds,	Greenwood C. Gordan,
Lewiston,	Abial M. Jones.
do.	Daniel Holland.
Poland,	John R. Pulsifer.
Turner,	Phillips Bradford.

#### COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK.

Easton,	Emmons Whitcomb.
Grant Isle,	Alexis Cyr.
Hodgdon,	George W. Haskell.
Houlton,	John H. Bradford.
Limestone,	Daniel Libby.
Smyrna,	Franklin Ham.

#### COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Brunswick,	Samuel R. Jackson.
Cape Elizabeth,	Frederick R. Jordan.
Falmouth,	Alvin Hall.
Freeport,	Gershom Bliss.



## COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, (CONTINUED.)

Gorham,	Benjamin P. Sturgis.
Gray,	John M. Libby.
Harpwell,	Thomas A. Estes.
Harrison,	John Dawes.
Otisfield,	Benjamin T. Holden.
Portland,	J. Frank Miller.
do.	George F. Shepley.
do.	Frederick G. Messer.
do.	George Worcester.
Raymond,	Franklin Sawyer.
Scarborough,	Horatio Hight.
Standish,	Eliakim Wescott.
Westbrook,	Edward Payson.
Yarmouth,	Elbridge G. Wagg.

## COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Chesterville,	John W. Sanborn.
Farmington,	Joseph W. Fairbanks.
Phillips,	George A. Smith.
Strong,	Albion Dyer.
Wilton,	Charles K. Adams.

## COUNTY OF HANCOCK.

Bluehill,	Alexander Fulton.
Bucksport,	Theodore C. Woodman.
Castine,	Samuel Adams.
Deer Isle,	Ambrose C. Gordon.
Ellsworth,	John D. Hopkins.
Gouldsborough,	Nathan Shaw, Jr.
Penobscot,	Uriah B. Leach.
Tremont,	Seth H. Clark.
Waltham,	Elliott Jordan.

## COUNTY OF KENNEBEC.

Albion,	Robert Crosby.
Augusta,	Joseph H. Williams.
do.	John L. Stevens.
Belgrade,	John S. Minot.

## COUNTY OF KENNEBEC, (CONTINUED.)

Clinton,	Charles Jewett.
Gardiner,	Henry B. Hoskins.
Hallowell,	Ariel Wall.
Litchfield,	Charles H. Robinson.
Mt. Vernon,	John Walton.
Pittston,	Arnold Goodspeed.
Vassalborough,	Thomas S. Lang.
Waterville,	Reuben Foster.
Winthrop,	David Cargill.

## COUNTY OF KNOX.

Camden,	Abel Merriam.
Rockland,	William Wilson.
do.	Calvin Hall.
South Thomaston,	James Newhall.
St. George,	Ebenezer Otis.
Thomaston,	Edmund Wilson.
Washington,	A. J. H. Newall.
Warren,	Moses R. Matthews.

## COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

Bristol,	Gideon M. Yates.
Boothbay,	William Kenniston.
Dresden,	Francis Stilphen.
Jefferson,	Erastus F. Weeks.
Nobleborough,	Joseph L. Haines.
Waldoborough,	William W. Parsons.
Wiscasset,	James M. Knight.

## COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Albany,	P. Parker Dresser.
Dixfield,	William W. Waite.
Fryeburg,	Enoch C. Farrington.
Hanover,	Reuben B. Foster.
Lovell,	John G. Hamblen.
Oxford,	William S. Dodge.
Paris,	Samuel M. Newhall.
Rumford,	Francis A. Bacon.
Sumner,	Eliphalet Morrill.

## COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT.

Alton,	George H. McKechnie.
Bangor,	John B. Foster.
do.	Thomas H. Garnsey.
do.	Isaiah Stetson.
Carroll,	Bemas Lamb.
Charleston,	John Johnson.
Corinna,	Elam P. Burrill.
Eddington,	George S. Comins.
Exeter,	E. Augustus Chandler.
Glenburn,	Wingate E. Gibbs.
Hampden,	David Brown.
Levant,	Lorenzo A. Bowler.
Lincoln,	William H. Chesley.
Newburg,	Seth Newcomb.
Newport,	Elliott Walker.
Oldtown,	David N. Estabrook.
Orrington,	Horace J. Nickerson.
Passadumkeag,	James M. Comstock.

## COUNTY OF PISCATAQUIS.

Dover,	G. E. S. Bryant.
Greenville,	Henry T. Hildreth.
Sebec,	Theodore Wyman.

## COUNTY OF SAGadahoc.

Bath,	Reuben S. Hunt.
do.	James Wakefield.
Bowdoinham,	James A. Decker.
Richmond,	George W. Colby.
Woolwich,	Benjamin F. Marble.

## COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

Fairfield,	Albert N. Greenwood.
Madison,	Joshua Snell.
New Portland,	Isaiah Jenkins.
Norridgewock,	Seth Parlin.
Pittsfield,	Russell Bennett.
Skowhegan,	George W. Hathaway.

## COUNTY OF SOMERSET, (CONTINUED.)

St. Albans,	Franklin R. Webber.
Lexington,	Isaac N. Pinkham.

## COUNTY OF WALDO.

Belfast,	Philo Hersey.
Belmont,	Daniel Weymouth.
Burnham,	Elias Milliken.
Northport,	Vinal Hills.
Prospect,	Timothy B. Grant.
Searsmont,	William H. Woodcock.
Searsport,	J. C. Nichols.
Unity,	James Fowler, Jr.
Winterport,	E. H. Small.

## COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

Baileyville,	John D. Lawler.
Calais,	Joseph Granger.
Cherryfield,	George Wingate.
Eastport,	Partman Houghton.
Harrington,	John B. Coffin.
Lubec,	E. Adams Davis.
Machias,	Frederick A. Hill.
Machiasport,	Arthur Moore.
Marshfield,	Thomas G. Getchell.
Pembroke,	Jonathan Reynolds, Jr.

## COUNTY OF YORK.

.Biddeford,	William Hill.
do.	James R. Clark.
Buxton,	Samuel Hanson.
Hollis,	Henry K. Bradbury.
Kennebunk,	James M. Stone.
Kennebunkport,	Enoch Cousens.
Kittery,	Joshua H. Sanborn.
Lebanon,	William A. Ricker.
Limerick,	Horace H. Burbank.
Newfield,	Darling Ham.
North Berwick,	John H. Hammond.

## COUNTY OF YORK, (CONTINUED.)

Parsonsfield,	Ivory Fenderson.
Saco,	Charles C. Sawyer.
South Berwick,	John H. Burleigh.
Wells,	George Goodwin.

The report was read and accepted.

Resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864 and 1865, passed by the House to be engrossed as amended, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in the House amendment and amending the resolve as per sheet "B," and as amended passing the same to be engrossed.

The House receded and adopted amendment "B," and further amended as per sheet "C," and as amended the resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of unsettled lands in this State, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GRANT of Prospect,

*Ordered*, That seven hundred extra copies of House documents number 53, relating to enlarging the powers and duties of Trial Justices, be printed for gratuitous circulation among members.

Bill "an act in relation to the rule of damages in actions of tort," was read a third time, Senate amendment "A" was adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,

*Ordered*, That, the Senate concurring, the Legislature adjourn finally on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, February 24, 1866, and that so much of an order passed by this Legislature on Friday, February 15, 1866, as fixed an earlier day for such final adjournment, be rescinded.

The order was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Gardiner.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following gentlemen, members of the House, were excused from further attendance at this session, and the Committee on Pay Roll was directed to make up their pay to the close of the session, viz : George H. McKechnie, Franklin Ham, H. T. Hildreth, J. B. Coffin, Bemas Lamb, Nathan Shaw, Alexis Cyr, George Wingate, Ephraim H. Small and E. P. Burrell.

Resolve abating State tax of town of Harrington, under suspension of the rules was read twice, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve abating State tax of the town of Northport, was, under suspension of the rules, read twice, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to provide for the education of children of deceased and disabled soldiers and seamen from this State," was laid on the table by Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg, and the rules were suspended and the bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies."

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October."

Bill "an act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company,"

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Colorado River Navigation and Mining Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Carmel Mutual Trade Company."

Bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers."

Bill "an act to increase the fees of Jurors, Deputy Sheriffs, Witnesses, County Commissioners, Selectmen and Assessors."

Bill "an act authorizing pensions for soldiers and seamen."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Petroleum Company."

Bill "an act to supply the people of Portland with pure water."

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

Resolve for the purchase of books of reference for the Normal School at Farmington.

Resolve in favor of Charles R. Kitridge of Winthrop.

Resolve abating State tax of the town of Harrington.

Resolve relating to the assumption by the general government of the war debt of loyal States, cities and towns.

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.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fairbanks Mill Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fryeburg Mutual Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Excelsior Works."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 102 of the public laws of 1859, relating to the competency of witnesses."

Bill "an act relating to the appointments and removals of certain officers in cities."

Bill "an act in relation to the rule of damages in actions of tort."

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Patent Company."

Resolve in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in relation to valuation of the town of Washington and the town of Somerville.

Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Farmington.

Resolve in relation to the magnetic needle.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, for educational purposes.

Resolve for the expenditure of money for war purposes.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

Resolve in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 61 of the revised statutes and to the laws additional thereto, relative to married women."

• The foregoing bills having been read three times, and the resolves having had two readings, and each having been passed to be engrossed, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bills were passed to be enacted and the resolves were passed finally, and were severally signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in behalf of the gratuitous instruction of the children of fallen and disabled heroes of the State, was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum," was read a third time, Senate amendments "A" and "B" were adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER of Bangor,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk cause the usual number of copies of the Journal of this House to be printed under his supervision, and that the same be deposited with the State Librarian for the usual distribution.

Petition of William H. Shaw and others, for a law regarding salmon fisheries, was referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 485 of the special laws of 1852 entitled an act to incorporate the town of Kenduskeag," was read the third time and passed to be engrossed, and was sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend an act additional to chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School," was read the third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order directing the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report and other documents by the State Librarian, came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company, passed in the year 1848," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed.



The bill was read twice, and referred to the next Legislature, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in court in certain cases," passed by the House to be engrossed, came from the Senate read twice and indefinitely postponed.

The House adhered to its former vote, and the bill was sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to provide for vaccination," indefinitely postponed by the House, came from the Senate read twice and amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendments "A" and "B," and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Resolve relating to a soldier's monument, passed to be engrossed by the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House non-concurred with the Senate, and reconsidered its former vote and referred the resolve to the next Legislature; and the resolve was sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Trustees and Pew-holders of the Methodist Meeting-house in Monmouth," came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Moses H. Tibbetts and others, in favor of setting off the town of Woolwich from the county of Sagadahoc and annexing the same to the county of Lincoln, came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, and was referred in concurrence.

Resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864 and 1865, came back from the Senate, that branch having receded from its former vote and adopted House amendment "C," and further amended the resolve as per sheet "D," and as amended passed the resolve to be engrossed.

The House adopted Senate amendment "D," and as amended passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations, relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other purposes," came from the Senate read twice, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The bill was read three times, under suspension of the rules, amendment "A," adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order directing the Secretary of State to furnish the members and officers of the Senate and House with a copy of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1866, came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide for the education of children of deceased and disabled soldiers and seamen from this State," passed by the House to be engrossed, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and as amended indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted upon its former vote, and Messrs. Farrington of Fryeburg, Goodwin of Wells, and Holland of Lewiston, were appointed a Committee of Conference on the part of the House, and the bill was sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court," was read a third time and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," under suspension of the rules, was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in relation to the interior fisheries of Maine, under suspension of the rules, was read twice and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN of Wells,

*Ordered*, That the Adjutant General furnish the Legislature at the commencement of the next ensuing session a schedule or exhibit, containing the number of men credited to the quota of each city, town and plantation in this State during the rebellion, and the period of his term of enlistment, with the amount of town and State bounties paid each man, as ascertained by him from the several municipalities during the vacation.

The order was sent to the Senate.

Resolve abating State tax of the town of Northport.

Bill "an act to amend an act additional to chapter 142 of the revised statutes relating to the Reform School."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 485 of the special laws of 1852, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Kenduskeag."

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

The Report of the Joint Special Committee on alleged frauds in the matter of enlistments, came from the Senate read and accepted and was read and accepted in concurrence, and is as follows :

The Joint Special Committee to which was referred the following order,

WHEREAS, sundry rumors have been circulated to the effect that frauds have been committed in the matter of enlistments and credits to towns, during the years 1863 and 1864, by persons amenable to the State ; and whereas the people are desirous of a full investigation into the matter of frauds committed upon the property of the State by any of its citizens, or upon the National Government during the progress of the late rebellion by any citizens of our State ; therefore,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to investigate the subject and report the facts as they may be found to exist ; and said Committee is authorized to send for persons and papers, and clothed with all the power of this Legislature to collect evidence in all directions, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to sit during the recess of the Legislature, if necessary, and to employ all the clerical or other aids necessary to accomplish the end in view, and to report to this or the next Legislature.

Have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to Report, that immediately upon entering upon their duties, they caused to be published in most of the newspapers of this State a notice, of which the following is a copy :

#### NOTICE.

The Committee of Investigation into the alleged frauds in enlistments, will meet in the Senate Chamber on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at seven o'clock. All persons having knowledge of any

facts connected with the subject matter of the inquiry are hereby requested to communicate the same to the Chairmen, or to appear before the Committee.

GEO. W. WOODMAN, }  
GEO. F. SHEPLEY, } Chairmen.

The Committee have carefully interrogated all persons whose testimony they supposed might furnish any information of value upon the subject matter of the order. They have also examined such papers in the possession of His Excellency the Governor, or of the Adjutant General, as they supposed might throw any light upon the subject of this investigation. They have fully conferred with the Governor, with the Adjutant General, and other Heads of Departments, all of whom have evinced a disposition to furnish any information called for by the Committee, and freely to exhibit any documents in their possession. The Committee are unable to discover any evidence that any fraud has been committed by the State, or any of its officers, or by any citizens of the State, upon the National Government, in the matter of enlistments or credits to the State, during the progress of the late rebellion. After the fullest investigation they have been enabled to make into the matter of enlistments and credits to towns, they are fully satisfied, and accordingly report, that the evidence before them does not tend to implicate any officer of the State in any transaction, in connection with enlistments or credits to the State, or any district or sub-district in the State, inconsistent with his official duty.

The Committee have not considered it within the scope of their duties under the order, to investigate the fraudulent acts of substitute brokers, or agents to fill the quotas of towns, where there was no allegation of any knowledge or complicity on the part of any officer of the State.

The testimony of the witnesses examined by the Committee has been reduced to writing, and is herewith submitted.

GEO. W. WOODMAN,  
J. M. MASON,  
J. H. RAMSDELL,  
G. F. SHEPLEY,  
CHAS. C. SAWYER,  
EDMUND WILSON,  
JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS,  
THEO. C. WOODMAN,  
WM. S. DODGE,  
WM. H. CHESLEY.

Resolve approving the action of our Senators in Congress, came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read twice, the rules being suspended, and amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in relation to equality of civil and political rights, was taken from the table, and having been twice read was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum."

Bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court."

Resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864 and 1865.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations, relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other purposes."

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

Bill "an act additional to provide for vaccination," having been three times read and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and being upon its passage to be enacted, was indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve approving the action of our Senators in Congress, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in adopting amendment "A," and adopting amendment "B," and as amended passing the same to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred with the Senate in passing the resolve amended as per sheet "A" to be engrossed.

The order passed by the House directing the Adjutant General to furnish to the next Legislature information relative to the amount of bounties paid by cities, towns and plantations to volunteers during the rebellion, came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature.

The House receded and concurred with the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland,  
*Ordered*, That when this House adjourns it adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

Adjourned.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk*.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Resolve approving the action of our Senators in Congress; also resolve in relation to the equality of civil and political rights, having been twice read and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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. BOYNTON of Somerset, informing the House that the Senate had disposed of all matters before it requiring concurrent action, 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. Barker of Penobscot, Smith of Washington, and Wells of York, appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Shepley of Portland, Williams of Augusta, Fairbanks of Farmington, Hopkins of Ellsworth, Wilson of Thomaston, Hersey of Belfast, and Woodman of Bucksport, were joined to the Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. SHEPLEY, from this Committee, subsequently 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 thereupon received from the Governor through the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the acts and resolves signed by him, numbering 222 acts and 77 resolves, and signifying that he had no further communication to make.

Mr. DODGE of Oxford, introduced the following resolve, which was unanimously adopted :

*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. WILSON of Thomaston, rose and said :

Mr. CLERK :—I ask leave to lay upon your table a resolve.

*Resolved*, That the members of this House tender to Col. JAMES M. STONE their sincere thanks for the great ability, uniform courtesy and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of Speaker of this House.

Mr. Clerk :—It is with no ordinary feeling that I rise on this occasion to offer this resolution. We are parting for the last time to return to our several duties and cares of life. The manly and genial countenance of our Speaker we shall not all meet here again. May those blessings of life attend him which he so justly deserves. To the members of this House each and all I tender my best wishes.

Mr. MILLER of Portland, said :

Mr. CLERK :—I arise to second the resolution of the gentleman from Thomaston, and to pay my tribute of thanks to the Speaker for the urbanity, amiability, dignity and impartiality which have characterized his career in the chair of this House. I will indulge in no fulsome words of laudation, and yet I am happy to say that the extraordinary unity of the session now rapidly closing is due in no small measure to the gentleman who has given direction to our procedure. In saying this I feel assured that I am but echoing the universal sentiment of this body, and expressing the conviction of my head and doing justice to my heart.

Among the pleasant and interesting remembrances which will cling to us in the future, and which will come to us by association

whenever these shall be reviewed in our minds, will be our agreeable relations with the gentleman referred to in this resolution.

The resolve was unanimously adopted.

The SPEAKER then addressed the House as follows :

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

We have at length reached the closing hour of the forty-fifth Legislature of Maine. It is not my purpose to detain you by speech, either from your duties, or your homes, but I cannot at this moment fail to feel the full strength and power of those ties which we have here been insensibly forming. I thank you gentlemen for the kind and generous words with which you have borne witness to the manner in which I have discharged my official duties. Such success as I have had here, is largely due to yourselves ; and I tender you all, political friends and opponents alike, my grateful acknowledgements for the uniform consideration and courtesy which I have received at your hands. The session which is just closing is the shortest regular session which we have had in the State for the last fifteen years, while the amount of business upon which you have acted has been unusually large, and the number of bills finally passed greater than usual, even in sessions of the ordinary length. This fact attests the diligence and fidelity with which you have labored more strongly than can any words of mine. I think also, that your work will be found to have been faithfully and carefully done, and I trust that it may receive the approbation of those whose representatives you are.

It is not my purpose, gentlemen, to speak to you on political topics, or to say more than that I perceive enough in the present condition of public affairs to create apprehension and awaken solicitude. Of necessity we cannot all view these things alike. Men change, disappear and pass away, while principles remain, eternal and immutable. Let us all invoke that charity "which suffereth long and is kind." In one purpose at least, we can all agree, that liberty, law, civilization and the Republic, shall receive no detriment at our hands. Gentlemen, I wish you a safe return to your friends and homes, and now bid you an affectionate farewell.

On motion of Mr. MILLER of Portland, the House of Representatives of the Forty-Fifth Legislature then adjourned without day.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*



## TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1866.

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### 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 increase the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Hancock.
- to amend section three of chapter thirty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks.
- to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Kennebec.
- to increase the salaries of the judge and register of probate for the county of Kennebec.
- in relation to the rules of evidence in addition to "an act to amend section eighty-three of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court," approved March, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.
- to increase the salaries of the judge and register of probate for the county of Oxford.
- relating to appeals in probate courts.
- to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Washington.
- for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade marks and names.
- to regulate the holding of sessions of the supreme judicial court for the trial of criminal cases.
- to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks, after the surrender of their charters.

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- An act establishing the salaries of the judge and the register of probate of Franklin county.
- to provide for the payment of the war loan of eighteen hundred and sixty-one.
- relating to certain fixtures.
- additional to chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates, real and personal, and of lands held in mortgage and taken on execution.
- explanatory of "an act to provide support to the families of soldiers," approved February twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.
- to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Androscoggin.
- to authorize any city or town to erect a monument in memory of deceased soldiers.
- relating to the discipline of the state prison.
- to amend chapter two hundred fifty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred sixty-four.
- in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships.
- to establish the salary of the county attorney for the county of Franklin.
- extending the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills.
- additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages.
- amendatory of the statute in relation to the representation of county agricultural societies in the state board of agriculture.
- in relation to the jurisdiction of trial justices.
- in relation to evidence.
- to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Waldo.
- to regulate the taking of menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine.
- providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States.
- to amend chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes.
- additional in relation to the reform school.
- to regulate the drainage of salt marsh.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the public laws of eighteen 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, justices of the peace and quorum, trial justices and notaries public."

to amend chapter two hundred and twenty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

to define the duties of the superintendent of public buildings and fixing his pay.

to revive chapter sixty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

to amend chapter eighteen of the revised statutes concerning ways.

relating to guide posts.

to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Knox.

to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Penobscot.

to regulate the inspection of flour.

amending seventeenth section of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies.

authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township number four, range four, W. E. L. S.

in addition to chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes in relation to foreign wills.

relating to public highways in the cities of this state.

authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen.

relating to appointments and removals of certain officers in cities.

relating to hawkers and pedlers.

in relation to the rule of damages in actions of tort.

additional to chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes and to the laws additional thereto, relating to married women.

to amend chapter one hundred and two of the public laws of eighteen hundred fifty-nine, relative to the competency of witnesses.

- An act to increase the fees of jurors, deputy sheriffs, witnesses and county commissioners, selectmen and assessors.
- to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October.
  - to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer, and tenancies.
  - to amend an act additional to chapter one hundred forty-two of the revised statutes, relating to the reform school.
  - to increase the salaries of the justices of the supreme judicial court.
  - to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other purposes.

#### PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

- An act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company.
- to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia.
  - additional to an act approved February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company."
  - to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association.
  - additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company, approved February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.
  - to incorporate the trustees of Wilton Academy.
  - authorizing the construction of a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland.
  - to authorize George W. Gorham to extend his wharf into Passamaquoddy bay.
  - to incorporate the Sabattis River Manufacturing Company.
  - to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company.
  - to change the name of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company.
  - to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company.
  - to incorporate the Winthrop Mills Company.
  - to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company.
  - to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templars.

An act in addition to and in amendment of the act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of an act in addition thereto, approved March fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute.  
to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company.

additional to "an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company," approved February eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank.

to incorporate the New Sharon Water Power Company.

to incorporate the Sangerville Factory Company.

to grant authority to Benjamin Fowler to build wharves and fish weirs in Johnson's bay in Lubec.

to incorporate the officers and members of Rockland Lodge.

to authorize the sale of the old Methodist Free Meeting-house in Bowdoinham.

making valid the building of wharves in the town of Richmond.

additional to "an act to incorporate the city of Bath."

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

to authorize Eneas Wilcox to build and maintain a fish weir, or weirs, in the tide waters of Johnson's bay.

making valid the doings of the town of Princeton, in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years.

to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company," approved February eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland.

to incorporate the Holbrook's Island Slate Company.

to incorporate the Richmond Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Wiscasset Savings Bank.

to incorporate Errol Steamboat Company.

to extend the time for closing the concerns of the American Bank.

to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank.

to incorporate Norway Savings Bank.

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An act to incorporate the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company.  
extending the jurisdiction of the county commissioners of the county of Cumberland over tide waters, near Martin's Point, in said county.

to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company and additional to the same.

to incorporate the Brunswick Peat Company.

to incorporate the Piscataquis Central Park Association.

to incorporate the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company.

to incorporate the Newport Savings Bank.

to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company.

additional to, and in amendment of chapter four hundred and ninety-five of the private acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer.

additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum, approved April first, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

to incorporate the Workingman's Co-operative Association of Portland and vicinity.

to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation.

to authorize Ephraim K. Smart and his associates and assigns to extend a marine railway and wharf into the tide waters of Camden harbor.

to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company.

to incorporate the Tontogona Petroleum Company.

to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company.

to extend the provisions of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

to authorize Orono to grant aid to the Maine Agricultural College.

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- An act to authorize William M. Dumphe and John H. Crandon to construct a fish weir in the town of Jonesport.
- to change the name of the Lewiston Falls Academy.
- authorizing the construction of a marine railway at Tenant's harbor, in the town of St. George.
- additional to "an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company."
- to enable the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad, to exercise the powers and to become subject to the duties of other railroads in this state.
- to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company.
- to authorize Oldtown to grant aid to the Agricultural College.
- to prevent obstructions in Camden harbor and authorizing said Camden to choose a harbor master.
- to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company," approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.
- to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company.
- additional to an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.
- to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company.
- to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson against the county of Penobscot.
- to incorporate the Eastport Gas Company.
- to incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company.
- creating the South Paris Village Corporation.
- to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company.
- to amend chapter fifty-eight of the private laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled "an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company."
- to incorporate the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company.
- to incorporate the Albion Manufacturing Company.
- to incorporate the Portland File Company.
- to incorporate the Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Marsh Creek.

- An act to incorporate the Waterville Hotel Company.  
respecting school district number five in Waterville.  
to incorporate the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company.  
to confer certain powers on the city of Portland.  
to extend the provisions of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Somerset Railroad Company," approved March nineteenth, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty.  
additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company.  
to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company.  
to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company.  
additional to chapter five hundred fifteen of the private and special laws, approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, entitled "an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank."  
to amend "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company."  
to extend the act entitled "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway."  
to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Kennebec to appropriate money to rebuild or repair a bridge over the Sebacicook river in Clinton Gore.  
to make valid the doings of the town of Machias.  
to change the names of certain persons.  
to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company of Ohio.  
to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company.  
authorizing the erection of a dam in the town of Harpswell.  
to change the names of certain persons.  
to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company.  
to legalize the records of the town of Avon.  
additional to an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield.  
to incorporate the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company.



- An act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- to incorporate the Union River Boom Company.
- for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, amounting to one million two hundred thirty-nine thousand sixty-two dollars fourteen cents.
- to protect Union river from obstructions.
- to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch.
- to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw lake by nets.
- for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds.
- additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mill-dam Company.
- to set off the homestead farm of David Spratt from the town of Etna and annex the same to the town of Carmel.
- to make valid certain doings of the town of Dresden dividing school district number six in that town.
- to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company.
- to enlarge the powers of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company, and for other purposes.
- to establish the dividing line between the towns of Hollis and Waterborough.
- to incorporate the Bangor and Oldtown Association.
- to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon.
- to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway.
- to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into the tide waters of the Damariscotta river.
- to prevent the destruction of fish in ponds and streams in the town of Orneville.
- to authorize Thomas W. Gamage to build a bridge in the town of Bristol.
- to authorize Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp to extend their wharf in the town of Boothbay.
- to set off part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to Harrison.

An act to authorize Thomas S. Lang and Charles Osborne to extend their wharf into tide waters.

additional to chapter thirty of the acts of the legislature approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty, relating to obstructions in Machias river.

to incorporate the Castine Marine Railway Company.

to incorporate the Union River Dam Company.

to incorporate the Casco Boot and Shoe Company.

to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company.

to incorporate the Penobscot Steam Navigation Company.

to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company.

to amend an act to incorporate the Merchants Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

additional to an act entitled "an act to set off part of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham."

to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company.

to prevent the catching of trout and pickerel in the Piscataqua river and its tributaries.

to regulate the taking of fish in the Range and Tripp ponds and their tributaries in the town of Poland.

in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad.

to incorporate the State of Maine Gold Mining Company.

amending section three of chapter 78 of the acts and resolves of eighteen hundred sixty-one, establishing the police court of the city of Rockland.

to amend "an act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank."

to incorporate the International Telegraph Company.

to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters.

to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company.

to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad.

to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway and to enlarge the powers of said company.

in relation to the Penobscot Mill Dam Company.

to change the name of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.

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- An act to enable the city of Bangor to receive and hold certain trust funds.
- to amend chapter three hundred eighty-nine of the private laws of eighteen hundred and sixty.
- to incorporate the Fairbanks Mill Company.
- extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company.
- to incorporate the Colorado River Navigation and Mining Company.
- additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March nineteen, eighteen hundred and sixty.
- to incorporate the Lewiston Petroleum and Mining Company.
- to incorporate the Skowhegan Excelsior Works.
- to incorporate the Carmel Mutual Trade Company.
- to incorporate the National Patent Company.
- to supply the city of Portland with pure water.
- to incorporate the Fryeburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
- to amend chapter four hundred eight-five of the special laws of eighteen hundred fifty-two, entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Kenduskeag."
- to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

## TITLES OF RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1866.

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- Resolve authorizing the secretary of state to purchase revised statutes for the use of the state.  
in favor of Augusta Bank.  
authorizing the remission of settling duties in part on certain lots of land.  
in relation to freedom of commerce and travel between states.  
in favor of Caroline A. Edwards.
- Resolves directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves and for preserving the same.
- Resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves.  
in favor of Horace Stilson.
- Resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.
- Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis.  
authorizing the land agent to convey certain lots of land and timber to M. S. Drummond and David Fuller.  
to provide for the payment of expenses incurred by the committee on alleged frauds in the matter of enlistments.  
in favor of William Fitzgerrald.  
in favor of Edward E. Shed.  
in favor of Sawpiel Gabrel.  
in favor of Joseph L. Orono.
- Resolves abating state tax of Starks and assessing the same upon the town of Mercer.
- Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont.  
in favor of William W. Quinby of Bucksport.  
in favor of the joint standing committee on the state prison.  
in favor of the committee on education.  
for the preservation of flags, guidons and war trophies deposited with the state.  
in favor of the state prison.

**Resolve** making appropriations in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook.

in relation to the compensation of the engrossing clerks employed in the secretary of state's office during the present session of the legislature.

authorizing the inhabitants in township number eight in the county of Hancock, to use certain funds for the erection of a school-house.

in favor of James Newhall.

in regard to cattle disease.

in relation to exchanging state documents with the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

in aid of building a bridge over Dead river in the county of Somerset.

in favor of the insane hospital.

in aid of building mills in the east half of township numbered two, range five, in the county of Aroostok.

for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters three hundred and twenty-five, three hundred and thirty-two, three hundred and thirty-nine, three hundred and forty-one, three hundred and fifty and three hundred and seventy of the resolves of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, in favor of the academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle.

in relation to the duties of Indian agents.

for the appointment of commissioners to the World's Fair in Paris.

in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

laying a tax on the several counties in this state.

in favor of a fresh water basin for iron clads at Portland.

in favor of Stevens and Sayward.

in aid of the permanent school fund.

relating to the valuation of the town of Harrington in the county of Washington.

establishing the valuation of the town of Northport.

**Resolves** in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

**Resolve** authorizing the land agent to convey a parcel of land to J. H. Chandler.

authorizing the land agent to convey a lot of land to the widow and children of a deceased soldier.

authorizing the land agent a lot of land to Joshua N. Dinsmore.

Resolve in favor of Increase Blake.

in favor of building mills at Chesuncook lake in the county of Piscataquis.

in relation to the Eastern Normal School.

Resolves in favor of the Antietam National Cemetery Association.

Resolve in favor of John Benson.

for the purchase of books for the state library.

to provide for the yearly expenses of the state library.

authorizing the land agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows and children of deceased soldiers.

in favor of the joint standing committee on state reform school.

in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

for the expenditure of money for war purposes.

in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

in favor of the state normal school at Farmington.

in aid of building a bridge over Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, for educational purposes.

relative to the valuation of the town of Washington and the town of Somerville.

for the purchase of books of reference for the normal school at Farmington.

in relation to the variations of the magnetic needle.

in favor of the state reform school.

in favor of the state reform school.

in favor of Charles R. Kitridge of Winthrop.

directing the treasurer of state to notify cities, towns and plantations of the amount of state aid, when the same is ready for distribution.

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relating to the assumption by the general government of the war debts of loyal states, cities and towns.

abating state tax of the town of Northport.

relating to the distribution of the adjutant general's report for eighteen hundred sixty-four and five.

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