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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 15, 1878. }

ORDERED, That the Clerk of the House is hereby directed to have printed the Journal
of the House.

Read and passed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.

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AUGUSTA,
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2, 1878. }

Pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State, the members of the House of Representatives elect assembled in the Hall of the House, and were called to order by Oramandal Smith, Clerk of the House of 1877.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The following communication from the Secretary of State was read by the Clerk : •

STATE OF MAINE.

In compliance with section 21, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, I hereby certify the following are the names and residences of the Representatives elect to the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council, under date of November 9th, 1877, and Dec. 7th, 1877.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of this State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

(Signed)

SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE,
Secretary of State.

The certified roll of Representatives elect was called by the Clerk, and one hundred and forty-five members elect responded to the call, and a quorum found to be present.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,

Messrs. Strickland of Bangor,
 Jones of Lewiston,
 Murray of Pembroke,
 Bliss of Washington,
 McLaughlin of Portland,
 Dickey of Fort Kent,
 Hill of Bucksport,

were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives elect were assembled in the Representatives' Hall, and request his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Strickland subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty, and the Governor was pleased to say he would forthwith attend upon the Representatives elect for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

Thereupon the Governor, attended by the Council, came in, and administered to the members elect, and they subscribed, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

The Governor and Council then retired. •

On motion of Mr. BOWERS of Saco,

Messrs. Bowers of Saco,
 Woodbury of Houlton,
 Weeks of Augusta,
 Bodwell of Hallowell,
 Feyler of Waldoboro',
 Phinney of Jay,
 Talbot of East Machias,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker of the House.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. BOWERS, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	141
Necessary for a choice.....	71
Hon. Henry Lord had.....	91
Hon. John M. Adams.....	50

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. HENRY LORD declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the current political year.

The SPEAKER was conducted to the Chair by Mr. ADAMS of Deering, and addressed the House as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

Grateful for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me as your presiding officer, and sincerely thanking you for the same, I assume the duties of the position, realizing that with the responsibilities attending it, my success will depend largely upon your sympathy, forbearance and co-operation, all of which I trust I shall receive. I shall endeavor to perform the duties impartially, faithfully, and in a manner that shall be satisfactory to you. And, gentlemen, giving expression to the wish that the session now before us may be a pleasant one for all, and that our labors here may be productive of such legislation only as shall be for the best interests of the respective sections and the State at large. I am ready to proceed with the business of the House.

On motion of Mr. BUCK of Orland,

Messrs. Buck of Orland,
Cutler of Bangor,
Wadsworth of Gardiner,
York of Nobleboro',
Talbot of East Machias,
Taylor of Bridgton,
Weed of Veazie,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Clerk of the House.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. BUCK, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	136
Necessary to a choice	69
Oramandal Smith had	92
Charles B. Morton.....	43

The report was read and accepted, and Oramandal Smith declared duly elected Clerk for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. BIRD of Rockland,

Messrs. Bird of Rockland,
Pratt of Guilford,
Blunt of Skowhegan,
Smith of Litchfield,
Moore of Thomaston,
True of Paris,
Hinckley of Surry,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. BIRD, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes	134
Necessary for a choice	68
Edwin C. Burleigh had	89
G. M. Goodwin	45

The report was read and accepted, and Edwin C. Burleigh declared elected Assistant Clerk of the House for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. BOWERS of Saco, that gentleman conveyed a message to the Governor informing him of the organization of the House, by the election of Hon. Henry Lord as Speaker, and Oramandal Smith, Esq., as Clerk.

The same information was conveyed to the Senate by Mr. BRIGGS of Auburn.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton, that gentleman, conducted the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Governor to take and subscribe the necessary oaths to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Woodbury subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and Oramandal Smith, Clerk, and Edwin C. Burleigh, Assistant Clerk, had taken and subscribed the oaths required to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Thereupon the Clerk and Assistant Clerk appeared and entered upon the discharge of their official duties.

ATTEST : ORAMANDAL SMITH,
Clerk of the House of 1877.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Nealley of Penobscot, informing the House of the organization of that branch by the election of Hon. Warren H. Vinton as President, and Samuel W. Lane, Esq., as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston,

Ordered, That J. R. Prescott be Messenger, Charles H. Gatchell First Assistant and Asbury F. Haynes Second Assistant Messenger of the House; Lyman L. Fogler be Folder of the House, and that the Speaker appoint Pages.

The SPEAKER then appointed George S. Brooks of Augusta, and Fred S. Furbish of Fryeburg, as Pages of the House.

On motion of Mr. WADSWORTH of Gardiner,

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

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause to be prepared for the use of the members, a catalogue containing the names, alphabetically arranged, with the residence, post-office address, boarding-place, occupation, politics, number of seat, and a diagram of the House, and the usual number of copies be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield,

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

On motion of PARKHURST of Maysville,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Clerk of the House one copy of Worcester's Quarto Dictionary, one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, one copy of the Holy Bible, one copy Cushing's Manual, and one copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer.

On motion of Mr. BRIGGS of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to furnish each member, officer and chaplain of the House, one copy of the Kennebec Daily Journal, and one other paper printed in the State, such as each member, officer or chaplain may elect.

On motion of Mr. MOULTON of Scarboro',

Ordered, That the House hold one session each day, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., except Saturdays, when it shall meet at 9 o'clock, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,

Ordered, That all petitions or orders for legislation, except those for redress of wrongs and grievances, which may be presented to this Legislature after Friday, January 18th inst., be referred to the next Legislature, and this order be published in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Daily Eastern Argus, Bangor Daily Whig, Daily Commercial, and Lewiston Evening Journal, Bath Daily Times, and Portland Daily Press, and this order shall not be suspended or reconsidered except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

On motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, the order was amended by striking out "Friday" and inserting "Tuesday;" also by striking out "18th" and inserting "22d," and passed and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee on Elections, as follows :

Messrs. Woodbury of Houlton,
Curran of Calais,
Pierce of Portland,
Browne of Bowdoinham,
Wadsworth of Gardiner,
Porter of Burlington,
Brackett of Cornish.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting returns of votes for Representative from the towns of South Thomaston, Vinalhaven and North Haven, in place of Nathaniel Bassick, resigned ; also transmitting returns of votes for Representative from the towns of Sedgwick, Penobscot, Brooklin and Long Island plantation, to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Nelson Herrick.

The communication was read, and on motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. Robie in the chair, for the purpose of considering the said returns.

After which, the Committee rose, and reported through its Chairman the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That George R. Allen of Brooklin, is entitled to a seat in this House.

Resolved, That Bushrod H. Clay of South Thomaston, is entitled to a seat in this House.

The report was read and accepted, and George R. Allen of Brooklin, and Bushrod H. Clay of South Thomaston, declared elected members of the House.

Mr. BUCK of Orland, announced their attendance, and conducted them to the Governor and Council, where they took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon their official duties.

Subsequently the members appeared and took their seats in the House.

Communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting returns of votes for Representatives, was read and the returns referred to the Committee on Elections.

Remonstrance of John B. Farrell, against the right of Alexis Cyr to a seat in this House, was referred to the Committee on Elections.

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

1st Division	Buck of Orland.
2nd	" Webb of Windham.
3d	" Reynolds of Lubec.
4th	" Hill of Exeter.
5th	" Parkhurst of Maysville.
6th	" Mayo of Eden.
7th	" Browne of Bowdoinham.
8th	" Seiders of North Yarmouth.

Papers from the Senate.

A communication from the Secretary of State was received from the Senate, transmitting returns of votes for Governor ; also the following order :

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the current

political year be referred to a Joint Select Committee 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. Bailey of Cumberland,
Prince of Androscoggin,
Rogers of Sagadahoc,
Martin of Knox,
Learned of Waldo,
Sumner of Washington,
Davis of Penobscot,

appointed on part of the Senate.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Briggs of Auburn,
Porter of Caribou,
Wilson of Raymond,
Phinney of Jay,
Buck of Orland,
Vickery of Augusta,
Moore of Thomaston,
Partridge of Whitefield,
Hall of Oxford,
Weymouth of Oldtown,
Burgess of Dover,
Kimball of Bath,
Parlin of Anson,
Woods of Belfast,
Coffin of Harrington,
Lord of Kennebunk,

were joined on part of the House.

Mr. WOODS of Belfast, announced the attendance of Mr. Simpson of Searsport, and conducted him to the Governor and Council, where he took and subscribed the oath required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon his official duties.

Mr. Simpson subsequently appeared and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ECOB of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate adjourns it be to meet Tuesday at 2 o'clock, P. M.

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

Petition of N. B. Turner of St. Albans, against the right of Sullivan Lothrop to a seat in this House, was referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Caribou,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when the House adjourns it be to meet Tuesday next at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham, the order was amended by striking out "2 o'clock" and inserting "4 o'clock," and passed, and sent to the Senate.

The order came back concurred.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, came from the Senate read and accepted in concurrence, and is as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	102,038
Necessary for a choice	51,030
Selden Connor had.....	53,585
Joseph H. Williams.....	42,247
H. C. Munson.....	3,770
John C. Talbot.....	736
Joseph Williams.....	64
Samuel J. Anderson.....	40
Henry C. Munson.....	1,521
Selden Connor.....	15
J. C. Talbot.....	11
R. C. Munson.....	2

Joshua L. Chamberlain.....	30
Bion Bradbury	4
Charles W. Roberts, Marcellus Emery and Martin V. Delaus, 3 each.....	9
F. A. Williams, W. K. Shurtleff and Joseph H. Titcomb, 2 each	6
Scattering.....	18

and Selden Connor having a majority of all the votes returned, is duly elected for the current political year.

The following order came 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 Hon. Selden Connor, and inform him he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Phillips of Penobscot,
Totman of Somerset,
Martin of Knox,

appointed on part of the Senate.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Winslow of Portland,
Reynolds of Lubec,
Cutler of Bangor,
Morrill of Sebec,
Kimball of Bath,

were joined on part of the House.

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

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Lane, its Secretary, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, this day, forthwith, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering to Hon. Selden Connor, Governor elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, and

receiving from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

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

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

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HAYNES of Kennebec,

Messrs. Haynes of Kennebec,

Totman of Somerset,

Weeks of Augusta,

Pierce of Portland,

Strickland of Bangor,

were appointed a Committee to wait upon Hon. Selden Connor, Governor elect, to inform him that the two branches of the Legislature were in Convention assembled in the Representatives' Hall, and ready to administer to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, and receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Mr. Haynes 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.

Whereupon, Hon. Selden Connor, Governor elect, attended by the Executive Council and heads of Departments, came in, and in presence of both branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Hon. S. J. CHADBOURNE, Secretary of State, then made the following

PROCLAMATION.

The votes for Governor, which have been returned to the office of Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature, who have declared that a majority thereof were given to Selden Connor, and that he is duly elected, and he having in

the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I therefore declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that SELDEN CONNOR is *Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine*, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his lawful acts and commands as such.

God save the State of Maine.

The Governor then communicated to the Convention, by address, information upon the affairs and condition of the State, as follows :

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

As the new year opens before us, we may well pause for a moment, before confronting the grave responsibilities it brings to us, to give a thought of grateful recognition to the Divine Hand that has led our State safely and prosperously through the year that has closed. While nature has been benignant in bestowing healthful seasons, and abundant crops, and in withholding her destructive agencies, the influences that effect the complex relations of individuals and society to each other have all been tending to the improved condition of both. However slow their action may appear, the forces are at work that will attach our people more strongly to their State, restore the activities of industry and trade, give plentiful occupation to labor, tenant deserted homesteads, and cause new homes to arise on our soil. I do not use the language of thoughtless compliment in expressing my belief that all the offices of the State have been faithfully administered during the year. Every department and institution has diligently and prudently performed the duties incumbent on it.

I will first call your attention to

THE STATE TREASURY.

The receipts of the Treasury in 1877 were	\$1,207,738 27
Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1877, was	394,422 27
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	\$1,602,160 54

Expenditures for the year 1877, were.....	\$1,371,627 64
Cash on hand Dec. 31st, 1877, was.....	230,532 90
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	\$1,602,160 54

The receipts were derived from the following sources :

State taxes.....	\$871,888 49
County taxes.....	9,132 61
Tax on savings banks.....	246,106 44
Tax on railroads.....	29,098 52
Tax on insurance companies.....	18,339 89
Land Agent.....	16,691 48
Miscellaneous sources	16,490 84

The difference between the amount of cash on hand on the first day of January and the amount on hand December 31st, shows that the receipts for the year were not sufficient to meet the expenses for the year by the sum of \$163,889.37. This result is accounted for by the reduction of the rate of State tax from four mills in 1875 to three and three-fourths mills in 1876, a decrease of \$32,878.89 in receipts from the tax on deposits in savings banks, and of \$24,543.24 in receipts from tax on railroad companies, from the receipts of the previous year. The tax on insurance companies yielded \$5,367.04 more than in 1876. Last year \$46,500 of the State debt matured and was paid. The sum of \$25,000 of the State debt is required to be paid this year. There is a very small amount of State taxes in arrears, and the unusually large amount of \$49,000 of the tax of 1877 has been paid and is included in the amount of cash reported on hand in the treasury.

Assuming that the receipts for the current year will be equivalent to the amount of the tax levied for 1877, \$675,173.53, and that the receipts from all other sources will be the same as last year, namely, \$335,859.78, we have, including the amount of \$230,532.90, cash on hand, as our total resources for meeting the expenses of the current year, \$1,241,566.21, or \$130,061.43, less than the expenditures for 1877.

This bare statement of the condition and prospects of the treasury is enough without argument to prove that rigorous economy must be practised in all departments and institutions of the State; that appropriations must be restricted to positive requirements and pressing needs; that the rate of State tax, which was

three mills in 1877, should be increased to three and three-fourths mills, and that ample authority should be given the treasurer to procure a temporary loan in cases of exigency.

The gross State debt on the first of January, 1877, was \$5,920,400. It has been reduced since by the payment at maturity of \$46,500, and is now \$5,873,900. The sinking fund has been increased \$120,142.23, and now amounts to \$911,436.04. The deduction of the sinking fund leaves the net indebtedness \$4,962,464.

After March 1st of this year, when \$25,000 will mature, no part of the public debt is due until August 15th, 1880, when \$307,000 will mature. An act approved February 25th, 1875, directs the Treasurer to extend and renew the bonds maturing at the latter date—among others—by substituting therefor bonds bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars in 1890, and to the same amount each year thereafter. The new bonds are to be "executed and issued only as they can be substituted for at least an equal amount of the outstanding and uncanceled bonds which they are intended to renew and extend."

It is somewhat uncertain whether the act requires that the exchange shall be made according to the par value or the market value of the bonds. I recommend that the act referred to be so amended as to make the rate of interest payable on the bonds to be issued five per centum per annum, instead of six per centum, and to direct the substitution of the new bonds at their market value for the maturing bonds at their par value.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

The volunteer militia force of the State was increased the past year by the admission of the Richards Light Infantry of Gardiner, and is now composed of the First Regiment of Infantry, three unattached companies of infantry, and a battery of light artillery.

It gives me pleasure to express my gratification at the fine appearance of these organizations on the occasion of the encampment at Augusta, in the month of August last. They exhibited a high degree of proficiency in discipline, drill and the performance of camp duties; such as can be attained only when officers and men are thoroughly imbued with an earnest, soldierly spirit, and

the purpose to profit to the utmost by their opportunities for improvement.

The good condition of the militia is attributable in great measure to the fact that most of the officers and many of the rank and file have been taught in the sternest school of soldiership, and know what constitutes the essential instruction of a soldier, and that the object of a military establishment is not holiday pageantry.

The encampment was in every respect a successful one. The intense heat that prevailed during the entire period of its continuance, combined with the hard work of drill and camp duties, tested the fortitude of the command and lent to the occasion something of the character of actual service. Good order was maintained, and the few cases of disorderly conduct that occurred were promptly punished. It is hardly necessary for me to declare that I consider the Volunteer Militia a credit to the State, valuable in itself, and as a means of acquiring that knowledge of arms which a free people should possess, and worthy to be well maintained and provided with every reasonable facility for improvement.

An addition has been made to the Cadet organizations by the formation of a company from the boys of the high school at Augusta. It was a wise act on the part of the State to authorize the formation of these companies and the issue of arms to them. Restricted to the students of colleges and high schools, as it has been deemed advisable they should be, they serve a double purpose as auxiliaries of school instruction, by promoting physical strength and manly bearing, and the good habits of attention and prompt obedience, and also as a means of extending and diffusing a knowledge of the military art.

Several cadet companies were present during the encampment, in response to the conditional invitation extended to all of them, that the State should be at no other expense on their account than that of rations, and received justly earned praise for their good conduct and their skill in the exercises of the drill.

The Adjutant General was authorized by a resolve approved February 23d, 1876, "to collect diaries, or obtain copies of them, letters, personal accounts and incidents of the battlefield, camp and hospital, or any other interesting and valuable material for

army history," and to suitably arrange all such matter. The resolve implies an appeal to the soldiers of Maine in the war of the rebellion, and the friends of deceased soldiers to donate to the State any of the specified papers and material they may have. All who respond to the appeal may rest assured that their contributions will be gladly received and sacredly preserved. The literary character of the productions is of little consequence. A few hurried lines written on a scrap of paper on the eve or at the close of a great battle, will be of more interest than the most polished and elaborate article. The history of the volunteers of Maine in the great war is yet to be written, and the materials for it cannot be obtained too soon. Every citizen of the State should take pride in helping to accumulate them.

Eight companies of the Volunteer Militia were by law entitled to new uniforms in 1876. The legislature of that year made an appropriation of ten thousand dollars, to be expended at the discretion of the Governor and Council, for the purchase of uniforms, or in the repair of the old ones and the necessary expenses of a muster. In the exercise of their discretion the latter alternative was chosen. At the same time the militia law was amended, changing the time of supplying clothing from once in three years to once in five years, reckoning from April first, 1873. Accordingly, twelve companies are to be supplied with clothing this year, and I recommend an appropriation of the amount estimated by the Adjutant General to be necessary for the purpose.

The claim of the State for an allowance by the United States of arms and ordnance stores to the amount of \$13,959 29, which had been pending for several years and awaiting satisfactory proof of the proper disposition of the arms and stores which had been issued to the State, has been substantiated by the required evidence and the amount has been placed to the credit of the State.

The Adjutant General, acting as Quartermaster General, has been instructed to call in, for sale or for storage, as may be deemed best, the large amount of military property in the hands of citizens, where it is of no use to the State and liable to deterioration and loss. All persons responsible for such property have been or will be required to return it, or account for it satisfactorily.

The State exercises a just beneficence, and honors itself in

bestowing aid on those soldiers who have been incapacitated by disabilities incurred in its service from supporting themselves by their own labor, and on the dependent relatives of the fallen.

The appropriation for pensions last year was twenty-five thousand dollars, and was nearly if not entirely exhausted by the applications that were allowed. The number of applications made and the number granted were each slightly in excess of the corresponding number in the preceding year. There is every reason to infer that the applications the present year will be as numerous and deserving as in the year past, and I therefore recommend the appropriation of the customary amount for pensions.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

The Attorney General reports that the suit brought by him in 1876, for the recovery of the State tax assessed upon the Maine Central Railroad Company for 1875, and argued upon an agreed statement of facts before the Supreme Judicial Court of the State, has been decided in favor of the State by that court, and that the cause has been carried by the company to the Supreme Court of the United States on a writ of error. The case cannot be reached, if the regular order of the docket be observed, in less than two years. Under a statute of the United States permitting the preferment on the docket of a case to which a State is a party, upon showing sufficient reason, motion has been entered and argued for an earlier hearing and the counsel for the company has expressed his willingness that it should be had. The motion now awaits the action of the court. It is plain that the Attorney General has done all in his power to bring this suit to an end, and that the counsel for the company has generously seconded his efforts.

Actions have been brought against the Atlantic and St. Lawrence and the Newport and Dexter railroad companies to recover the arrearages of the State taxes assessed them, and it is presumed that both cases will be argued and determined at the next law term.

Three trials for murder have occurred within the year. Ianthé Morgan and her sister, Mrs. Sophronia J. Libby, were found guilty of murder in the second degree for taking the life of the infant child of Iapthe Morgan, and sentenced to imprisonment for life. Isaac N. Cox, fourteen years of age, was found guilty of man-

slaughter for killing his father, and sentenced to six years imprisonment. Edward M. Smith was found guilty of murder in the first degree for the murder of Melissa T. Thayer at Bucksport in October, 1876. In the latter case a motion in arrest of judgment was argued at the June law term, and the decision has not yet been rendered.

In the two cases first mentioned the character and condition of the guilty persons and the circumstances attending their acts were such that indignation must be tempered with pity in the minds of all acquainted with the facts. The murder at Bucksport was undoubtedly an act of unrelieved atrocity. I will not undertake to discuss the relations of the law abolishing the death penalty to crime, but I desire simply to express anew my firm belief in the humanity and wisdom of that law. Since the passage of the law there has been but a single instance of conviction of crime in which the penalty is affected by it.

The recommendations of the Attorney General are entitled to your consideration as the results of the experience of an officer whose connection with the subjects to which he refers, gives him the best claim to be heard. I am compelled, however, with great deference to his opinion, to withhold my approval of his proposition to do away with coroner's inquests, and to substitute therefor some other mode of investigation. In addition to the primary functions which the coroner's inquest performs in ascertaining the guilty and causing their immediate apprehension, and, incidentally, in exonerating those upon whom suspicion is cast by the community, the spectacle of a public, formal and instant inquiry into the manner of a death supposed to have been caused by violence, exercises a most salutary moral influence. It affords palpable evidence of the care of the State for the lives of its citizens and of the promptness and zeal with which it seeks to discover and punish the guilty, and tends thus to heighten respect for human life and to deter from the crime of taking it. The Attorney General also refers to the great cost of "expert testimony" in criminal trials, and raises the question whether economy and the purpose for which such testimony is given, cannot both be subserved by providing by law for the impartial selection of a single expert witness in any trial where the testimony of a witness of that character is desirable. It is for you to consider whether such a

limitation is expedient and in accordance with the liberal spirit of the constitution towards the accused.

LAND OFFICE.

The Land Agent paid into the treasury for the year ending November 30, 1877, on account of permanent school fund \$8,800.52, on general account \$6,800.46, on account of reserved lands \$503.76. During the same period 20,300.66 acres of land were conveyed, 11,970.41 acres were contracted to settlers, and seventy-seven islands sold by him. The number of acres under contract to actual settlers at the close of the year was 112,805.04. The number of acres of settling lands remaining unsold was 19,567.39.

The original plans and field notes of early surveys of various portions of the State, for many of which the State is greatly indebted to Hon. A. W. Paine, who obtained them from the State officials of Massachusetts, have been carefully mounted and substantially bound in volumes so indexed as to make their contents readily accessible. These plans have great historical value and interest, and are of permanent practical use in determining questions of title and preventing litigation. It is a matter for congratulation that they have been rescued from destruction and oblivion, and put in order for preservation and reference. The Land Agent has employed no clerical aid the past year. By direction of the Governor and Council he engaged a gentleman, skilled in this specialty, to assist him in mounting and preparing the plans and field notes for binding, and he had the services of the messenger of the Governor and Council from time to time. The duties devolving upon the Land Agent are still many, multifarious and difficult, and will undoubtedly remain so for some years. It is probable, however, that they would continue to be well discharged and that a saving of expense to the State would be secured in process of time, if not immediately, if the office should be abolished as a separate department and its duties imposed on some constitutional officer of the State. It has been the object of the legislature for some years to effect this consummation at the earliest practicable moment, and the efforts of the executive department have been steadily directed towards hastening it. If it be your pleasure to discontinue this office, I respect-

fully suggest that the Secretary of State appears to be the proper officer to be invested with authority to conduct its business. That officer is required by the constitution to perform any duty that may be imposed on him by law, and he may therefore be required to perform that duty. If the other business of the land agency could now be brought to a close, the custody of the records would devolve by right on the Secretary as the constituted guardian of the records of the State. His appointment at the present time would therefore be in part but the anticipation of a result which would be reached in the ordinary course a few years hence. If you should adopt this suggestion and merge the land agency in the office of the Secretary of State, an additional clerk would be required by that office for the present year at least.

It has been an important part of the business of the Land Office for many years to attend to the obligations imposed upon the State by the treaty of Washington, in regard to settlers on the disputed territory. The Legislature of last year referred the question of the duty of the State towards settlers whose claims have not been quieted, to the Attorney General for investigation, with direction to report to the present Legislature.

SAVINGS BANKS.

It appears by the report of the Bank Examiner that the number of savings banks in the State remains the same as last year. Of the sixty-four banks in existence at the beginning of the year, four were then in process of closing their affairs and are now in the hands of receivers; three others that had been reported insolvent have since been reinstated by the court. But one bank has been discovered to be insolvent the past year, and that to a comparatively slight extent, so that it will undoubtedly be authorized to reduce its credits to depositors to a sufficient amount to balance the shrinkage in value of its investments, and continue business.

The deposits of the sixty banks in operation on the fifth day of November last amounted to \$25,092,872.65. The total decrease of their deposits the past year was \$1,633,298.07, and was caused to a large extent by the withdrawal of deposits of over \$2,000.00, upon which the payment of dividends is prohibited by the new law. Other depositors of large sums were no doubt induced, by the limitation of dividends to two and a half per cent. semi-

annually, to withdraw their deposits and seek more profitable investments elsewhere. These facts should not be left out of sight in accounting for the decrease. The law has virtually compelled and induced the withdrawal of a class of deposits which has no claim to the protection of the savings bank.

The year has been so unfavorable to the depositors of small amounts, the surplus earnings of their labor, that so far from adding to their deposits they have been obliged by the hardships of the time to consume the accumulations of former years. The decrease of deposits in periods of stagnation in business and inactivity in those pursuits upon which labor is dependent, indicates clearly that savings banks are confined to their legitimate objects, and, as the Examiner justly remarks, illustrates their beneficent office more vividly than the increment in prosperous days.

The sound condition of the banks manifested by their detailed statements, the increasing care exercised by them in the choice of investments, and the immunity from "runs" they have enjoyed at a time of popular distrust of these institutions throughout the country, demonstrate that they have been ably and faithfully managed, and are eminently worthy of the confidence reposed in them. Even the reverses they have sustained have turned to a profitable account in stimulating to a heightened vigilance and caution, thus affording an additional guaranty of their trustworthiness and stability.

The act of last year revising and consolidating the laws relating to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings, meets with general approval. Although the act was carefully drawn and considered, it is not to be wondered at if experience has disclosed the propriety of amending it in some particulars. I concur in the recommendations of the Examiner, in respect to amendments, with the exception of those proposing that the required reserve be increased to ten per cent., and that the State tax on deposits be reduced. I am not aware of any reasons that can be urged for the proposed alteration of these important features of this law, that were not in existence and did not receive due consideration when the law was made.

I also recommend that section 35, of the act relating to Savings Banks, approved February 9th, 1877, be so amended as to superadd to the powers thereby conferred on the justices of the supreme judicial court, authority to dissolve attachments and to fix a limit

of time for the presentation of claims to the receivers. It is not clear that such authority is included in the general powers with which the justices are invested by the section referred to.

THE SCHOOLS.

One of the first and most conclusive tests that are applied to a State to determine its general quality and the degree of progress it has arrived at,—is the inquiry into the measures it adopts to promote and diffuse education, and the amount of the public contribution towards the support of schools. The wise and liberal policy pursued by our own State may well cause the test to be invited rather than avoided.

Leaving the management and control of the schools to their respective communities, the State yet exercises a strengthening and healthful influence upon them in many ways. Even by the simple and just requirement of vouchers for the lawful use of the aid it supplies, it incidentally produces an important and beneficial effect in that it compels care, method and accountability in the conduct of the affairs relating to schools. A wide and legitimate field of usefulness is before it in providing for a better quality of instruction. The fact has long been apparent to all conversant with the subject, that the difficulty of procuring competent teachers is the chief hinderance to the improvement of the common schools. The State has attempted to meet the want by the institution of two normal schools for training teachers; but their inadequacy is evident when their capacity is compared with the army of teachers required. The Superintendent of Common Schools advocates, as an expedient for ensueing the employment of a better class of teachers, the establishment by law of boards of examination in each county, whose certificate shall be indispensable to every teacher. He proposes that the members of the several boards shall be appointed by the Governor and Council, and shall not be entitled to compensation from the State, but shall be authorized to exact in return for their services, the payment of a small fee by each person examined as to his qualifications for a teacher. Well-qualified teachers would gladly hail the opportunity to procure credentials from such a body, and municipal officers would welcome a device that would lessen the risk of employing incompetent instructors.

The Superintendent also recommends the holding of Normal Institutes at convenient places, to continue not less than four weeks each. The Teachers' Institutes of former years held sessions of such brief duration that they could do little more than inspire their attendants with the desire to fit themselves more thoroughly for the profession of teaching. Normal Institutes, conducted according to the plan suggested, would not only awaken the desire for improvement, but supply the means of gratifying it. Their estimated annual cost is two thousand dollars. Both the County Boards of Examination and the Normal Institutes seem eminently worthy of adoption as instrumentalities for remedying an evil that seriously affects the character of our schools.

The present plan of distributing the moneys contributed by the State towards the support of schools according to the number of scholars in each city, town or plantation—is just in principle, but has no other recommendation. The Superintendent has made calculations to test the question in all its bearings, and has reached the conclusion, that an apportionment on the basis of the aggregate number of days attendance would be as just as the method now in force, and would be an improvement on the present system, inasmuch as it would induce a fuller attendance. The prospect of accomplishing such a result by so slight a modification of the law, warrants the change, if only as a matter of experiment.

The Free High Schools were about the same in number the past, as in the preceding year. It is not probable that any increase of the appropriation for them will be necessary. I am still of the opinion expressed by me on a former occasion, that the State should exercise some supervision over these schools by means of agents appointed by the State Superintendent to inspect them. The High Schools would be benefited no less than those of lower grade by the elimination of incompetent teachers that would be effected by the proposed county board of examination.

The Eastern Normal School and the Western Normal School are both in a prosperous condition and are doing good service to the State. An annual appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars from the school fund has been made for their support. An inspection of the Eastern Normal School building by a competent

architect at the instance of the trustees, has led to the making of repairs on the building, and the strengthening of some portions of it. The balance remaining from the last appropriation will probably defray the expenses of the work.

THE INSANE HOSPITAL.

The reports of the trustees and officers of the Insane Hospital give a highly gratifying statement of the affairs of that institution. I am confident that the Superintendent is amply justified in the declaration he makes that "at no period since the institution was open for the reception of patients has it been in a more prosperous and satisfactory condition than at the present time." It contained four hundred and five patients at the commencement of the year. One hundred and ninety-four were admitted during the year, and one hundred and eighty-three discharged. The daily average number of inmates was a fraction over four hundred and eleven, thirteen in excess of the average of the preceding year. Seventy-two of those discharged are reported as recovered.

The value of the hospital property has been greatly increased, and the capacity of the institution for usefulness, judiciously promoted by the many improvements made the past year. The water-works have been thoroughly completed, the main building has been provided with an approved system of flues for ventilation, and the laundry has been rebuilt and refurnished. The entire cost of these improvements, including the construction of the water-works in 1876, was \$22,620.23, all of which has been paid from the income of the hospital. The farm has been improved by laying underdrains and making roads, and the grounds around the main building have been graded. The productiveness of the farm has been largely augmented within a few years, and the entire estate is in the way to reach the highest possible state of cultivation and profitability.

The price of board has been reduced by the trustees from \$4.00 to \$3.75 per week. It is believed that this reduced rate will support the hospital without lowering the dietary of the patients, or trenching in any degree upon their customary comforts and privileges, and leave a sufficient balance, with the funds now on hand, to make such improvements as are now and may be from time to time required.

I am constrained to invite your attention to the necessity which I believe exists for another hospital for the insane. You will perceive by the tabulated history of the hospital contained in the Superintendent's report, that the daily average number of patients leaped from one hundred and sixty-seven in the year 1855-6 to two hundred and four the following year, and that from that time it has steadily increased from year to year, almost without exception, until it reached four hundred and eleven the past year, more than double the daily average number of twenty years ago, and the highest in the history of the institution. While this marked increase in the number of the insane admitted to the hospital has been going on, the population of the State has remained without material change. Although, as the trustees inform you, no applications for admission have been denied, it is evident that the capacity of the hospital has been continually strained to the utmost to meet the demands upon it, notwithstanding the care taken to comply with the restrictions of the law in regard to the class of patients entitled to admission and treatment. It is the opinion of good authority that the maximum number of patients that can be well cared for in an institution of this kind, and under one supervision, is four hundred, and that it is desirable in every respect that the number should not exceed three hundred and fifty.

Be that as it may, our hospital has reached the limit of its accommodations, and it behooves the State to anticipate the time when the need of another institution will become too pressing to be denied. The present number of patients has been reached by such gradual approaches as to leave no room for the argument that it is due to temporary and exceptional causes. Even allowing that it represents the full probable proportion requiring treatment for mental disorder, it still remains necessary to provide for the proportion due to the natural increase of the population of the State. Besides, experience may prove that the law of 1874, requiring the discharge of idiotic and incurable inmates who may, in the judgment of the Superintendent, be discharged with safety to themselves and the public, has caused the discharge of some who ought to have been retained.

The Superintendent may be under the necessity of advising discharges, about the propriety of which he has misgivings, in order to make room for more pressing cases. Furthermore, I venture to express my opinion that considerations of economy

and philanthropy impose upon the State the duty of supporting in part, at least, and under its own supervision, the class of unfortunates which it now excludes from the hospital.

THE STATE PRISON.

On the thirtieth day of November, 1876, the State Prison contained one hundred and seventy-one convicts. The prediction of the Warden that the number would be increased to two hundred at the corresponding date of the following year, has been more than verified. On the thirtieth day of November last the number of convicts was two hundred and seven. The event amply justifies the action of the legislature of last year in making an appropriation for the enlargement of the main building of the prison. The extension was indispensably necessary to relieve the overcrowded condition of the prison and ensure the safe keeping of criminals. It has been built in a thorough manner, and is now completed with the exception that about one-half the cells have not been provided with doors. It contains sixty-two cells, thirty of which are already occupied. The State Prison now affords ample accommodations for two hundred and fifty convicts; and in plan and appointments leaves nothing to be desired. It is to be hoped, on all accounts, that its capacity will suffice for many years. At the close of the present year it has been estimated that there will be two hundred and twenty-one criminals within its walls. This estimate is based upon the presumption that the number of commitments the present year will be the same as last year, and that sixty prisoners will be discharged during the year. Thirty-eight prisoners were discharged last year; forty-three the year before. If the commitments do not exceed the estimate, the number of prisoners will begin to diminish after this year. The statistics of the prison and jails show a lessening tendency to crimes of the worst kinds. Of the sixty-four persons received by the prison in 1876, twenty-three were under sentence for crimes against the person. Of the seventy-four received in 1877, but fourteen were sentenced for such crimes. Four more persons were in the confinement of the jails at the close than at the beginning of the year. I have not had an opportunity to refer to the statistics which the Attorney General's report undoubtedly contains, but I am confident that an examination of them will disclose the fact that the number of persons in jails would have diminished

largely during the year, but for the increased number of commitments for violation of the laws in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors, consequent upon the heightened stringency of those laws effected by the amendatory act of last year.

The officers of the prison find themselves again obliged to ask the State to supply the financial deficiencies of the institution. The appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars for the extension was found insufficient, although the materials for the building were purchased at very low rates and the work was carried on in the most prudent manner. The deficiency on this account, and the cost of ordinary repairs of the buildings, amount to four thousand and four hundred dollars. The deficiency on the general account is nine thousand eight hundred and ten dollars. The income from the sale of manufactured articles and from other sources has failed by that amount to meet the expenses of the institution. A part of the deficiency is due to the decrease in value of the articles on hand at the close of the year. In some respects the business of the year was very successful. The sales of carriages amounted to forty-seven thousand and seven hundred dollars, an increase of twelve thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars over the sales of the previous year. The sales of harnesses amounted to eleven thousand dollars, six thousand dollars of which amount were for sales without the State. The officers of the prison have taken no unusual measures to effect sales, and have had no exceptional advantages therefor over former years. It may, consequently, be fairly inferred from their success—and the inference is a highly acceptable one—that a general revival of business has begun to manifest itself. When the conditions affecting business everywhere, the peculiar advantages which a prison necessarily labors under in conducting a manufacturing business, and the benefit to the State which does not appear in the balance sheet, are all taken into consideration, the exhibit made by the prison is a satisfactory one. The manufacture of harnesses proves to be so profitable and is so valuable a trade to be taught prisoners, that it is proposed to extend it. In order to do so, the building in which it is conducted will have to be enlarged, and it is estimated that the sum of two thousand dollars will be required for the purpose. I commend the proposition to your favorable notice.

THE REFORM SCHOOL.

This is a well conducted institution, and accomplishes the purpose to which it is devoted as fully as could reasonably be expected. If there is any degree of failure to reform vicious boys, it is due to the system and not to the school. The boys are so classified as to protect the well-disposed as far as possible from those whose influence is evil, and a kindly spirit is shown in the treatment of all of them. The school has one hundred and forty-seven boys in charge. An appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars was made for it last year; thirteen thousand dollars for ordinary expenses and two thousand dollars for painting the exterior of the building. It is advisable that there should be a small amount appropriated by you to fit a large unoccupied room in the basement for a workshop, to take the place of the badly lighted room now in use.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The Maine General Hospital was assisted at its foundation by the bounty of the State, and annually since has been the recipient of a contribution towards its support from the public treasury. It is a noble charity, and the State will do well in continuing to uphold it.

The Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath and the Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, are both meritorious institutions, entitled to receive aid for the service they do the State.

The State has paid for the year just elapsed \$8,217.23 towards the support of forty-two pupils at the American Asylum, Hartford; of thirteen pupils at the Perkins Institute for the Blind, at South Boston, \$3,625.00; of two pupils at the Clarke Institute, Northampton, \$425.00, and \$481.75 for the tuition of ten pupils at the School for Deaf Mutes recently established at Portland.

MAINE STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MECHANIC ARTS.

The sum of fifteen thousand two hundred and eighteen dollars was appropriated last year "for the purpose of paying existing debts, for instruction, building farm-house and contingent expenses" of this institution, "the same is to be in full for any and all expenditures by the State, on account of said college, for the current year." There can be, therefore, no deficiency for the year which the State can be properly called upon to meet.

The college has one hundred and eighteen students, fifty-eight of whom were admitted to the several classes in the course of the year. It is doing as good service to the State as the facilities at command enable it to do. I repeat to you the recommendation made by me to the fifty-sixth Legislature, for the establishment of work-shops at the college, on what is known as "the Russian plan." I regard that system as affording the best, if not the only means for giving to instruction in the mechanic arts, that practical character which was in view at the foundation of the college. The system has been well tested in this country, and receives the heartiest commendation from all who have seen it in operation and know what can be accomplished by it. I trust that an opportunity may be offered you sometime in the course of the session to become fully acquainted with the methods and details of the system.

THE FISHERIES.

Among the most important subjects that will engage your attention, is that of the protection of fish and game. The Legislature of last year authorized by a resolve the appointment of a commission, to consist of five persons, "to codify, amend or add to the laws relating to game, to fisheries, the protection and propagation of fish, and to determine what legislation is necessary to give effect to chapter 40, section 26 of the revised statutes, in relation to opening fishways through dams and other obstructions, to the end that all portions of the State, so far as practicable, may be benefitted by the culture and propagation of fish, and report the same to the next Legislature." The result of the labors of the commission appointed under the resolve, will be presented to you.

The belief that the prosperity of the State does not lie in the concentration of the energies of its people on special pursuits and industries, but in the multiplication of channels for their employment, and in the utilization of every advantage, has been gaining ground of late years and is very general and earnest. As an outgrowth, in part, of this sentiment, a strong desire prevails throughout the State for the adequate protection by law of our food fishes and game, and the encouragement of their increase. The code of laws prepared and submitted to you by a commission representing knowledge of the law, and a thorough acquaintance with the subjects referred to it, affords a basis of action and will greatly assist

your labors. Every influence and condition seems to favor the enactment of a judicious and comprehensive law that will effectually guard and foster an important public interest.

The duty to profit by every occasion to develop and strengthen any available resource of the State, is at all times incumbent upon those who make and execute its laws, and becomes specially urgent when the facilities and industries on which its people have relied, prove insufficient for their needs. It has been justly reckoned first among the positive functions of government to make the means of subsistence more easy and more sure to each individual. The American system of protection to home industries is a notable instance of the recognition of this obligation. Our State has not always been properly heedful of its duty in this respect. Among its shortcomings it has unwisely tolerated the practical annihilation of its river fisheries, and by consequence, the serious injury of the deep sea fisheries of the coast; for, we are informed by the best authority, the number of food fishes which inhabit the waters of our shores is proportionate to the quantity of subsistence afforded them by the migratory fishes on their way to and from the mouths of our rivers. The obstructions in the rivers therefore serve to deprive the dwellers on the seaboard of the bounty which nature bestows on them, as well as to intercept her gifts to the inhabitants of the interior

A few years ago the State undertook to rectify the mistake which had been committed in leaving the fisheries uncared for. The annual report of the Commissioners of Fisheries which will be presented to you, is numbered the eleventh. As the immediate and tangible result of their labors and expenditures during the indicated period, the Commissioners refer to the unusual productiveness the past season of the fisheries of those rivers which had been restocked by them and provided with suitable fishways. Prospectively the benefit to the fisheries will be permanent if the present conditions of unobstructed way and needed protection shall be continued. An important branch of this service has been the introduction of the Sebago salmon and the black bass into many lakes and ponds in different sections of the State. The Commissioners earnestly advise all who are pecuniarily or otherwise interested in maintaining the attractiveness of the lakes which have become popular resorts for fishing, to follow a good example and take the necessary measures for supplying the waters of their

respective localities with an abundance of fish. Their advice is worthy of the attention of those concerned.

I respectfully recommend the usual appropriation for salaries of the Commissioners and wardens, and a reasonable appropriation for the propagation of fish, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioners.

THE INDIAN TRIBES.

The recommendations of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, that authority be granted for leasing the shores belonging to the tribe for a shorter term than five years, on the expiration of the present leases; that the public farm on Orson island be allotted for tillage to members of the tribe, and that the small unexpended balance of the income of trust funds be applied to repairing the Chapel—all have my approval.

The Agent, in behalf of his charge, protests against charging the income of the property of the tribe with expenses which the treaty stipulations bind the State to pay. The State should faithfully observe all the obligations imposed by the treaty, and not confound justice with charity.

The Agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe has been obliged to expend four hundred dollars more for the support of the poor of the tribe than the amount of appropriation for that purpose, which was sixteen hundred dollars. I recommend his reimbursement and the appropriation of at least two thousand dollars for the relief of the poor of the tribe for the current year. The reasons for the slight increase recommended, are obvious. The tribe numbers nearly six hundred members. Thirty-three of the number are widows, several of whom are entirely dependent on the poor fund. Improvidence is a well-known characteristic of the race. The employments upon which many of them have relied, are denied them in consequence of the stagnation of business. There is little sale for the wares they manufacture. Sickness prevails among them to a great extent, incapacitating not only the sufferers but the friends attending them, from doing anything to earn a subsistence. The Agent has exercised the utmost frugality consistent with humanity, in the expenditures he has made the past year for the benefit of the destitute and suffering, and it is fair to presume

his outlay to be the measure of the appropriation required for the support of the poor of the tribe this year.

It is an encouraging indication of their advancement that both tribes gave more attention than usual to the cultivation of the soil last season, and raised very good crops.

STATE COMMISSIONERS.

The reports of the Railroad Commissioners and the Insurance Commissioner will be laid before you. I have no comment to make in regard to them. Both offices are of great utility. The Commissioners of Pharmacy, appointed under an "act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries," make their first annual report. The law is regarded by them as generally satisfactory and effective.

INTERNATIONAL PRISON CONGRESS.

I have the honor to communicate to you the invitation extended to the State, by the President of the Commission, to furnish a representative to the International Prison Congress which has been convoked at Stockholm, in August next. The declared object of the Congress is to study "how to reduce crime to a minimum, by saving the young from a first fall, and by bringing the fallen to a better mind and a better life."

The prevention of crime and the punishment and reformation of criminals are questions which most nearly and urgently concern the State. A due regard for the public well-being, and that ever progressive spirit of humanity which characterizes a Christian people, compel attention to them and demand that there shall be constant and patient endeavor to discover and remove the causes of the crimes that afflict society, and to combine the punishment of wrong-doers with all consistent encouragement of their better impulses. It is reasonable to expect that the interchange of information and opinions this Congress will call forth, will be productive of results from which the whole civilized world may profit.

I recommend, therefore, as an act of comity, and in order that the State may bear a part in an undertaking for the common good,

that you make provision for the appointment of a delegate to the Congress.

ANTIETAM NATIONAL CEMETERY.

The Congress of the United States, by act of March 2, 1877, authorized the Secretary of War to pay the outstanding indebtedness of the Board of Trustees of the Antietam National Cemetery, and appropriated money therefor, adding a proviso that payment of such indebtedness shall not be made until the legal title to the property shall be vested in the United States. It appears that the title of this property is vested in the State of Maryland, as Trustee for the several States that contributed towards its establishment and maintenance, and before the title thereto can be transferred to the United States the consent of those several States to such transfer must first be obtained.

The State of Maine is one of the contributing parties, and, at the request of the Secretary of War, I call your attention to this matter, and recommend that you authorize the State of Maryland to convey to the United States the interest of this State in the land occupied by the Antietam National Cemetery.

STATUE OF GENERAL WILLIAM KING.

In response to the invitation of Congress to all the States "to provide and furnish statues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services, such as each State may deem worthy of this national commemoration," to be placed, when so furnished, in the old hall of the House of Representatives, in the Capitol of the United States, the Legislature of 1874 authorized the Governor and Council by resolve "to contract with some suitable person, a native of Maine, for a statue of General William King, in marble, to be placed in the national statuary hall at Washington." Pursuant to the resolve a contract was made with Mr. Franklin Simmons to make the statue and place it in position in the hall of its destination, for eight thousand dollars. One-half of that sum has been paid under the terms of the contract. I am informed by Mr. Simmons that he has completed his

contract, and I therefore recommend an appropriation for the balance due him.

GOVERNOR KENT.

On the nineteenth day of May last occurred the death of Edward Kent, who was Governor of this State for the year 1838, and again for the year 1840. It is not my purpose to undertake to pronounce his eulogy. Worthy tribute to his great services to the State and country in the many honorable trusts which he received from them, has already been paid by friends and associates, who could most fitly estimate their value. Men who enjoyed his companionship through much of his long and beautiful life, have feelingly expressed their love and admiration for him. Their words are inscribed among the public records in perpetual memory of one of the noblest men who ever honored or was honored by the State. But standing here where he has stood, clothed with the authority which he exercised so wisely and beneficially, I feel that I should not suffer to pass unnoticed, with no token of remembrance, the close of a life that was so useful to his State and so dear to his fellow men among whom it was passed.

CONCLUSION.

Gentlemen, the wish of those among us—and who are not of that number?—who love our State and desire to see it grow rapidly in all that makes a State great and prosperous, is apt to outrun the slow development which circumstances for the time impose upon it, and to become impatient. We should rather take heart and hope from all the gain we see when there is least reason to expect it. Even in these days I think it would appear, if we had the means to accurately know what is going on in all the wide extent of the State, that there is a healthful growth. Our people are more and more inclined to the belief that it is better to stay in the State than to challenge fortune in some far off part of the country—better to seek the sure rewards of the farm than to trust to the uncertainties of the crowded towns for a livelihood.

Why should Maine prefer to call herself a manufacturing State, a lumbering State, a ship-building State, or a granite and ice

exporting State, when nature has so well endowed her as an agricultural State? Notwithstanding her thousands of intelligent and skillful farmers, and the invitation her unused and productive soil holds out to the unemployed, the State does not furnish the food which her people consume.

The neglected resources of her lands answer the wondering query why her material progress is not greater. There is no reason why men with stout hearts and strong arms should repine at fortune when the fertile region of Aroostook county offers them a home, an assured livelihood, and all the rewards which follow thrift and energy. The comfortable and attractive homes and rich acres which have there been wrested from the forest in the space of half a score of years by men with little or no capital, are pleasing to look and reflect upon. During the past year the number of immigrants to the county exceeded, according to the best information I have been able to gather, that of any one year for nearly twenty years. I do not expect to hear that any among them who were in downright earnest have regretted the step they have taken. The increase of attention to farming which is apparent in other sections as well as in Aroostook county, is a most encouraging feature of the times. It is good in itself, and promotive of health and activity in other callings. Trade and manufactures will flourish in proportion to the increase of food-products.

Let us indulge the hope that the moral cause which now palsies enterprise and depresses business will in good time be removed. The country has thus far tried to believe that the promise of a definite measure of value by the general government will be fulfilled a year hence. It has understood that measure to be gold, and that the obligations of the government were redeemable and to be redeemed in that coin. It has no sympathy with the proposition to make gold accept silver as an yoke-fellow in unequal and dishonorable partnership. In this case it is indeed true, that "Honor travels in a strait so narrow where one but goes abreast."

But whatever fortunes may be in store for the State, in a material sense, it rests with you, gentlemen, to see to it during your period of service, that the honor of the State remains without reproach, that its people be not unnecessarily burdened, and that just laws prevail. I am one with you in regard for the welfare of the State and in the purpose to serve it faithfully.

At the conclusion of the address, the Governor and suite retired.

The purpose of the Convention having been accomplished, it was dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate proposing a Joint Convention, this day, forthwith, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Lane, Secretary of the Senate, informing the House of the concurrence of that branch in the proposition for a Convention, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors.

The hour for the election of a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, Treasurer of State, and seven Executive Councillors, having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of the Senate,

Messrs. Phillips of Penobscot,
 Prince of Androscoggin,
 Young of Brunswick,
 Coombs of Gouldsboro',
 Blunt of Skowhegan,
 Cornish of Winslow,
 Weymouth of Oldtown,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Secretary of State.

Mr. PHILLIPS, from the Committee, subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes.....	153
Necessary to a choice.....	77
Sumner J. Chadbourne had	106
Edwin Stone	47

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. Sumner J. Chadbourne declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. NEALLEY of the Senate,

Messrs. Nealley of Penobscot,
 Martin of Knox,
 Hill of Exeter,
 Lary of Gilead,
 Smith of Hodgdon,
 Vickery of Augusta,
 Woodcock of Princeton,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. NEALLEY, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	143
Necessary for a choice	72
Hon. L. A. Emery had.....	98
S. C. Andrews.....	43
S. J. Chadbourne.....	1
Peter Charles Keegan	1

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. L. A. Emery declared duly elected Attorney General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. BOARDMAN of the Senate,

Messrs. Boardman of Waldo,
 Ferguson of York,
 Kimball of Bath,
 Porter of Caribou,
 Plummer of Lisbon,
 Smith of Auburn,
 Wadsworth of Gardiner,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Adjutant General.

Having attended to that duty, Mr. BOARDMAN, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes.....	140
Necessary for a choice	71

Gen. Jonathan P. Cilley had. 95

Hon. Samuel D. Leavitt. 45

The report was read and accepted, and Gen. Jonathan P. Cilley declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. TOLMAN of the Senate,

Messrs. Tolman of Cumberland,
Woodward of Lincoln,
Curran of Calais,
Nowland of Ashland,
Clay of South Thomaston,
Starbird of Fairfield,
Lothrop of St. Albans,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for seven Executive Councillors.

Mr. TOLMAN subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes. 157

Necessary for a choice 79

E. C. Farrington had. 108

Charles E. Jose 109

William F. Garcelon 108

R. B. Shepard. 108

Andrew Lacy 108

Silas C. Hatch 108

L. G. Downs. 108

Charles F. Whitman 49

Otis C. Nelson 48

Nahum Morrill 49

W. R. G. Estes 49

R. B. Haskell 49

Abner T. Wade 49

John F. Lynch 49

The report was accepted, and Hons. E. C. Farrington, Charles E. Jose, William F. Garcelon, R. B. Shepard, Andrew Lacy, Silas C. Hatch, L. G. Downs, were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. IRISH of Oxford,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to

inform Hon. Sumner J. Chadbourne of his election as Secretary of State, Hon. L. A. Emery of his election as Attorney General, Gen. Jonathan P. Cilley of his election as Adjutant General, and Hons. E. C. Farrington, Charles E. Jose, William F. Garcelon, R. B. Shepard, Andrew Lacy, Silas C. Hatch, L. G. Downs, of their election as Executive Councillors.

The purpose of the Convention having been accomplished, the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Communications from Hons. E. C. Farrington, Charles E. Jose, William F. Garcelon, Andrew Lacy, Silas C. Hatch, L. G. Downs, signifying their acceptance of the office of Executive Councillors, came from the Senate, and were read in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Lane, its Secretary, proposing a Convention in the Representatives' Hall, this day forthwith, for the purpose of administering to E. C. Farrington, Charles E. Jose, William F. Garcelon, Andrew Lacy, Silas C. Hatch, L. G. Downs, the oath required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon their official duties.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch of the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a Convention.

Immediately the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of the Senate,

That Senator was directed to notify Hons. E. C. Farrington, Charles E. Jose, William F. Garcelon, Andrew Lacy, Silas C. Hatch, L. G. Downs, that the two branches of the Legislature had assembled in Joint Convention, for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. Phillips subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and the Councillors elect were pleased to say that they would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Thereupon Hons. E. C. Farrington, Charles E. Jose, William F. Garcelon, Andrew Lacy, Silas C. Hatch, L. G. Downs, came in, and in the presence of the Convention, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councillors then retired.

On motion of Mr. BRAGDON of Hancock,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention inform the Governor of the qualification of Hons. E. C. Farrington, Charles E. Jose, William F. Garcelon, Andrew Lacy, Silas C. Hatch, L. G. Downs, as Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The purpose of the Convention having been accomplished, the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER, and immediately adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday read and approved.

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

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Stevens of Kennebec,
Haynes of Kennebec,
Davis of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Bliss of Washington,
Murray of Pembroke,
Drinkwater of Ellsworth,
Pierce of Portland,
Curran of Calais,
Siders of North Yarmouth,
Moulton of Scarboro', *of the House.*

On Legal Affairs.

Messrs. Morrison of Franklin,
Phillips of Penobscot,
(Vacancy,) *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Webb of Windham,
Weeks of Augusta,
Kimball of Waterford,
Briggs of Auburn,
Partridge of Whitefield,
Parlin of Anson,
Moore of Thomaston, *of the House.*

On Financial Affairs.

- Messrs. Bailey of Cumberland,
Rogers of Sagadahoc,
Bartlett of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Bowers of Saco,
Bodwell of Hallowell,
Adams of Deering,
Strickland of Bangor,
Bird of Rockland,
Young of Brunswick,
Smith of Waterville, *of the House*.

On Federal Relations.

- Messrs. Grindle of Hancock,
Hobson of York,
Phillips of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Hill of Bucksport,
Winslow of Portland,
Pratt of Guilford,
Wilson of Bowdoin,
Sherman of Liberty,
Hatch of Wells,
Pickett of Cape Elizabeth, *of the House*.

On Education.

- Messrs. Phillips of Penobscot,
Bragdon of Hancock,
Ferguson of York, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Weeks of Augusta,
Pilsbury of Lewiston,
Hill of Exeter,
Cornish of Winslow,
Mayo of Eden,
Parlin of Anson,
Kimball of Waterford, *of the House*.

On Railroads.

- Messrs. Davis of Cumberland,
Nash of Washington,
Nealley of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Robie of Gorham,
Blunt of Skowhegan,
Strickland of Bangor,
Woods of Belfast,
Bearce of Minot,
Richardson of Portland,
Lothrop of St. Albans, *of the House*.

On Commerce.

- Messrs. Nash of Washington,
Rogers of Sagadahoc,
Woodward of Lincoln, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Winslow of Portland,
Crandon of Columbia Falls,
Coombs of Gouldsboro',
York of Nobleboro',
Hinckley of Surry,
Coffin of Harrington,
Norwood of Camden, *of the House*.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

- Messrs. Nealley of Penobscot,
Boardman of Waldo,
Moody of York, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Buck of Orland,
McLaughlin of Portland,
Jones of Lewiston,
Robie of Gorham,
Wadsworth of Gardiner,
Brackett of Cornish,
Underwood of Fayette, *of the House*.

On Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Rogers of Sagadahoc,
Hobson of York,
Bailey of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Pilsbury of Lewiston,
Hill of Bucksport,
Vickery of Augusta,
True of Paris,
Talbot of East Machias,
Richardson of Portland,
Moore of Biddeford, *of the House*.

On Manufactures.

Messrs. Hobson of York,
Tolman of Cumberland,
Cobb of Androscoggin, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Bodwell of Hallowell,
Jones of Lewiston,
Wadsworth of Gardiner,
Taylor of Bridgton,
Davis of Freeport,
Caswell of Harrison,
Davis of Jackson, *of the House*.

On Agriculture.

Messrs. Prince of Androscoggin,
Drake of Penobscot,
Learned of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Parkhurst of Maysville,
Phinney of Jay,
Faught of Belgrade,
Chapman of Orrington,
Eaton of East Livermore,
Cole of Dayton,
Wilson of Raymond, *of the House*.

On Military Affairs.

Messrs. Sumner of Washington,
Martin of Knox,
Morrison of Franklin, *of the Senate* ;
Browne of Bowdoinham,
Nowland of Ashland,
Porter of Burlington,
Coffin of Shapleigh,
Lancaster of Wiscasset,
Fisher of Winterport,
Simpson of Searsport, *of the House*.

On Interior Waters.

Messrs. Boardman of Waldo,
Tolman of Cumberland,
Totman of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Cutler of Bangor,
Crandon of Columbia Falls,
Starbird of Fairfield,
Fuller of Canton,
Smith of Waterboro',
Weed of Veazie,
Cyr of Grand Isle, *of the House*.

On State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. (Vacancy,)
Boardman of Waldo,
Nealley of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Woodbury of Houlton,
Phinney of Jay,
Porter of Burlington,
Jackson of Knox,
Smith of Hodgdon,
Cutler of Bangor,
Ham of The Forks, *of the House*.

On Ways and Bridges.

- Messrs. Moulton of Oxford,
Bragdon of Hancock,
Totman of Somerset, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Blunt of Skowhegan,
Browne of Bowdoinham,
Lincoln of Corinna,
Crosby of Albion,
Bowker of Phippsburg,
Dickey of Fort Kent,
Dore of Athens, *of the House*.

On Fisheries.

- Messrs. Irish of Oxford,
Cobb of Androscoggin,
Davis of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Kimball of Bath,
Lord of Kennebunk,
Weymouth of Oldtown,
Robbins of Eastport,
Lord of Charleston,
McCobb of Boothbay,
Norris of Damariscotta, *of the House*.

On Counties.

- Messrs. Bartlett of Somerset,
Sumner of Washington,
Prince of Androscoggin, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Morrill of Sebec,
Garcelon of Lewiston,
White of Levant,
Boody of Westbrook,
Higgins of Kenduskeag,
True of Falmouth,
Knight of Lincolnville, *of the House*.

On Towns.

- Messrs. Hassell of Piscataquis,
Irish of Oxford,
Learned of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Lary of Gilead,
Boothby of Livermore,
Sawyer of Baldwin,
Clay of South Thomaston,
Purinton of Limington,
Morrill of Glenburn,
Andrews of Marion, *of the House*.

On Indian Affairs.

- Messrs. Drake of Penobscot,
Ferguson of York,
Sumner of Washington, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Lord of Kennebunk,
Murray of Pembroke,
Weymouth of Oldtown,
Cain of Palermo,
Piper of Lincoln,
Woodcock of Princeton,
Bradbury of Salem, *of the House*.

On Claims.

- Messrs. Learned of Waldo,
Woodward of Lincoln,
Hassell of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Austin of Milford,
Smith of Hanover,
Adams of Perkins plantation,
Stimpson of Windsor,
Webb of Deer Isle,
Meserve of Brownfield,
Orff of Cushing, *of the House*.

On Pensions.

Messrs. Moody of York,
Moulton of Oxford,
Nash of Washington, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Howland of Mt. Vernon,
Moody of Pittston,
Otis of Otis,
Dyer of New Sharon,
Knight of Sweden,
True of New Gloucester,
Mitchell of New Portland, *of the House*.

On Insane Hospital.

Messrs. Cobb of Androscoggin,
Grindle of Hancock,
Woodward of Lincoln, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Briggs of Auburn,
Friend of Etna,
Shapleigh of Kittery,
Hanson of Lee,
Leighton of Deblois,
Dana of Portland,
Feyler of Waldoboro', *of the House*.

On Reform School.

Messrs. Tolman of Cumberland,
Moulton of Oxford,
Morrison of Franklin, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Reynolds of Lubec,
Porter of Caribou,
Dyer of Strong,
Plummer of Lisbon,
Knight of North Berwick,
Burgess of Dover,
Hall of Oxford, *of the House*.

On State Prison.

- Messrs. Bragdon of Hancock,
Bailey of Cumberland,
Irish of Oxford, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Allen of Brooklin,
Smith of Auburn,
Coburn of Newport,
Meserve of Hollis,
Smith of Litchfield,
Dyer of Palmyra,
Gerrish of Lebanon, *of the House*.

On Public Buildings.

- Messrs. Totman of Somerset,
Martin of Knox,
Moody of York, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Hanson of Lee,
Dyer of New Sharon,
Taylor of Biddeford,
Keating of Warren,
Shapleigh of Kittery,
Pratt of Guilford,
Flynn of South Berwick, *of the House*.

On Library.

- Messrs. Ferguson of York,
Haynes of Kennebec,
Davis of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Adams of Deering,
Young of Brunswick,
Hill of Exeter,
Porter of Caribou,
Lancaster of Wiscasset,
Pierce of Portland,
Taylor of Biddeford, *of the House*.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting Annual Report of Treasurer of State, Trustees and Resident Officers of Maine Insane Hospital, Maine Industrial School for Girls, Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries, Annual Report of Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, First Annual Report of the Commissioners of Pharmacy, Annual Report of the Agent of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, and Annual Report of the Directors and Officers of the American Asylum at Hartford, Conn., came from the Senate read and the reports referred to the appropriate Committees.

The Communication was read, and the reports referred in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. L. A. Emery, signifying his acceptance of the office of Attorney General for the current political year.

Bill "an act to amend chapter twenty-four, relating to settlement of paupers," was presented by Mr. LOTHROP of St. Albans, and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

Remonstrance of Nehemiah Poland against the right of Hiram Bliss, Jr., to a seat in this House, was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. BLISS of Washington presented evidence in the contested case of Sullivan Lothrop, and on his motion the same was referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of a special law for punishment of persons who wilfully and maliciously destroy ice in ponds, rivers, &c., and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. LORD of Kennebunk,

Ordered, That all business of the last Legislature referred to this be taken from the files and referred to the appropriate Committees.

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

On Ways and Means.

Messrs. Bowers of Saco,
Bodwell of Hallowell,
Adams of Deering,
Strickland of Bangor,
Bird of Rockland,
Young of Brunswick,
Smith of Waterville.

On Leave of Absence.

Messrs. York of Nobleboro',
Fisher of Winterport,
Lincoln of Corinna,
Adams of Perkins' pl.,
Morrill of Glenburn,
Bradbury of Salem,
Coffin of Harrington.

On Change of Names.

Messrs. Dyer of New Sharon,
Sherman of Liberty,
Otis of Otis,
Smith of Hanover,
Stimpson of Windsor,
Keating of Warren,
Mitchell of New Portland.

On Bills in Third Reading.

Messrs. Higgins of Kenduskeag,
Leighton of Deblois,
Wilson of Raymond,
Faught of Belgrade,
Purington of Limington,
Norwood of Camden,
Woodcock of Princeton.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Moody of Pittston,
Briggs of Auburn,
Piper of Lincoln,
Cornish of Winslow,
Partridge of Whitefield,
Hinckley of Surry,
Flynn of South Berwick.

On Business of the House.

Messrs. Vickery of Augusta,
Austin of Milford,
Moore of Thomaston.

On motion of Mr. BOWERS of Saco,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, 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. Phillips of Penobscot,
Sumner of Washington,
Morrison of Franklin,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Bowers of Saco,
White of Levant,
Taylor of Biddeford,
Wadsworth of Gardiner,
Sherman of Liberty,
Friend of Etna,
Keating of Warren,

were joined on part of the House.

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to contract with some suitable 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. Stevens of Kennebec,
Cobb of Androscoggin,
Learned of Waldo,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed, and
Messrs. Vickery of Augusta,
Robie of Gorham,
Drinkwater of Ellsworth,
Pratt of Guilford,
Lancaster of Wiscasset,
Porter of Burlington,
Woodcock of Princeton,
were appointed on part of the House.

Ordered, The House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to negotiate for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and
Messrs. Tolman of Cumberland,
Bartlett of Somerset,
Nash of Washington,
appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and
Messrs. Phinney of Jay,
Smith of Litchfield,
Webb of Deer Isle,
Piper of Lincoln,
Boody of Westbrook,
Shapleigh of Kittery,
Flynn of South Berwick,
were joined on part of the House.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 182, laws of 1877;" and
Petition of Isaac Wilder and others, for repeal of act of Feb. 24,
1875, relating to sheriffs' fees;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to improve Souedehunk stream for log driving;"
also

Petition of Edwin Reed of Bath and 31 others, for a law prohibiting the throwing of slabs, edgings, sawdust, &c., into the Kennebec river; also

Petition of Alfred Hall and 81 others, in the towns of Acton and Shapleigh, in favor of granting certain rights to Thomas Goodale and others on Square pond; also

Petition of Joseph Dana and 37 others, mill owners on the Mousam river, in aid of the same ; and

Petition of Levi Bragdon and 46 others, in the towns of Acton and Shapleigh, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Madawaska, for aid to build a bridge over Isoie Martin's stream ; also

Petition of Otis Fernald and others, for amendment of law relating to ways ; also

Petition of Jacob Kershner and others, for aid in building road through Nos. 3 and 4, in Somerset county ; and

Petition of Allen Blanchard and 106 others, for aid on road leading from Kingfield to Eustis ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of inhabitants of Roxbury, praying to be annexed to towns of Mexico and Andover, in Oxford county ; also

Petition of inhabitants of Mexico, in aid of same ; also

Petition of Selectmen of Roxbury in aid of same ; also

Petition of Davis Tillson and sixty others, praying that Hurricane island be set off from the town of Vinalhaven ; and

Petition of Selectmen of Haynesville, for abatement of State tax ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse lumber into Pattens Pond stream in Surry ;" also

Petition of Henry T. Kimball of Greenvale and 61 others, for a law extending the close-time for trout ; and

Petition of James Roberts, for protection of shore fisheries ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of James E. Weston, for deed of land ; also

Petition of John St. John, for deed of land ; also

Petition of George Wales for deed of land ; also

Petition of Edwin L. Reed, for deed of land ; also

Petition of Oliver P. Merryman, for deed of land ; and

Petition of William Scott and others, for deed of land ;

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

Petition of Thomas W. Porter, for reimbursement of money paid out on account of subsistence of men in 1861 and 1862, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Mrs. Walter Brown, for aid for Children's Home, Bangor, was referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Maine General Hospital, for aid, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of citizens of Ellsworth, for amendment of city charter, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of C. W. Conners and 165 others of Hancock county, for appointment of Thomas Merchant as ferryman on ferry between Hancock and Sullivan, was referred to Hancock County Delegation.

Petition of citizens of Ellsworth, Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro' and Milbridge, for reduction of rates of ferriage on ferry between Hancock and Sullivan, and for retention of Ransom B. Abbott as ferryman, was also referred to same Delegation.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. McLAUGHLIN of Portland, presented bill "an act relative to insolvent laws of Maine," and on his motion the bill was ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven on part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed, to whom all matters relating to temperance and the prohibitory laws shall be referred.

The order was read and passed, and

Messrs. Pilsbury of Lewiston,
Murray of Pembroke,
Buck of Orland,
Strickland of Bangor,
Blunt of Skowhegan,
Dickey of Fort Kent,
Hall of Oxford,

were appointed on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 24, revised statutes, so as to provide remedy against the oldest adjoining town for supplies furnished paupers, having no residence in the State, and falling into distress in unincorporated places in this State.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Deering,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to the election of superintending school committee, that any town, having more than fifteen hundred inhabitants, may, in its discretion, elect more than three persons to constitute its superintending school committee.

On motion of same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency and justice of so amending the law relating to the arrest of debtors, that the poverty of the honest debtor may not subject him to punishment as though he were a criminal.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP of St. Albans,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the propriety of reducing the salaries of every salaried officer of the State, whether legislative, executive, judicial, civil or military, so that the same shall bear a more equitable proportion to the business interests of the State; also inquire into the propriety of reducing the compensation of every employé of the State in any of those departments.

On motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education, State Prison, Insane Hospital, Reform School, Agriculture and Military Affairs, be authorized to visit the various institutions which they represent.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State furnish the Messenger of the House, one copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1877 for each member of the present House, provided a sufficient number are on hand in the Library.

Mr. SMITH of Hanover, announced the attendance of Mr. Lary of Gilead, and conducted him to the Governor and Council, where he took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon his official duties.

Mr. Lary subsequently appeared and took his seat in the House.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. TILDEN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Insurance, for the year 1878, came from the Senate read and report referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and was read and report referred in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, signifying his acceptance of the office of Secretary of State, came from the Senate, and was read in concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the town of Farmington," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 182, public laws 1877, relating to taxation of personal estate," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Rawson Lufkin and 44 others, to prohibit fishing in Field's and Brewer's ponds for a certain time, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Fisheries, and was referred in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 213, public laws of 1877, "an act to amend section 32, chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to elections," as to define more clearly the duties of the Governor and Council in counting the returns of votes cast for Senators and Representatives in the Legislature, and prevent any infringement of the constitutional rights of each House to determine as to the election and qualification of its members.

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

Communication from Hon. R. B. Shepherd, Councillor elect, signifying his acceptance of the office, came from the Senate read, and was read in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Lane, its Secretary, proposing a Convention in the Representatives' Hall, this day forthwith, for the purpose of administering to Hon. R. B. Shepherd, Councillor elect, the oath required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon his official duties.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch of the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a Convention.

Immediately the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BARTLETT of Somerset,

The Secretary of the Convention was directed to notify Hon. R. B. Shepherd, that the two branches of the Legislature had assembled in Joint Convention, 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 discharged the duty assigned him, and the Councillor elect was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Thereupon Hon. R. B. Shepherd came in, and in the presence of the Convention, 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 Councillor then retired.

On motion of Mr. BLUNT of Skowhegan,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention inform the Governor of the qualification of Hon. R. B. Shepherd as Executive Councillor for the current political year.

The purpose of the Convention having been accomplished, the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Petition of William Conary, for reimbursement of purchase money paid on Black island, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18, revised statutes;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 204, public laws 1877;" also

Bill "an act relating to levy of execution upon estate held in joint tenancy or in common;" also

Petition of Selectmen of Byron, for an act relating to persons imprisoned for non-payment of taxes; also

Petition of H. H. Miller and 100 others of Princeton, for a law granting bounty on bears and wolves; also

Petition of John D. Lawler and others, for law creating a lien for hauling bark; also

Petition of Lewis Crosby and others, in aid of same; also

Petition of Lewis Crosby and others, for law granting bounty on bears and wolves; also

Petition of C. A. Rolf and others of Princeton, for lien for hauling bark; and

Bill "an act to limit action for recovery of real estate;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to revive, amend and extend the acts in relation to the Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, the Messalonskee and Kennebec Railroad Company and the Somerset Railroad," was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of R. L. Eaton and others, for amendment of section 10, chapter 19, revised statutes, relating to ways; also

Petition of Leander Perkins and 87 others, for right to build a bridge across Toddy pond in Hancock county; also

Petition of N. Blake and 155 others, for aid on bridge in the town of Ashland; and

Petition of O. R. Siroise and 60 others, for aid in building bridge across St. John's river near Little Falls;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of John Sterling of Fort Fairfield, for pay for labor on State roads; and

Petition of Peter Murphy, for compensation for aid furnished Ellen Wescott of Woodstock, N. B.;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of E. G. Barker and 59 others, for amendment of section 40, chapter 50, revised statutes, relating to migratory fish; also

Petition of George S. Hall and 47 others of Nobleboro', in aid of same; also

Petition of H. P. Cotton and 70 others, for amendment of law of 1875, chapter 154, relating to the taking of eels in Damariscotta river; and

Petition of Nathaniel Hobbs of North Berwick, for the protection of fish in Perkins stream, in the towns of North Berwick, Wells and Sanford;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Abraham Nash, for change of charter of Branch Stream Dyke Company; also

Petition of Selectmen of Byron, for an act authorizing the inhabitants of same town to control the waters of Swift river; also

Remonstrance of Thomas Ricker and 10 others, against granting the prayer of Thomas Goodale for control of Square pond in Shapleigh and Acton; and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Dam Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Charles C. Libby, for deed of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Nancy S. Hubbard, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Calvin Smith and 496 others, against setting off Hurricane Island from Vinalhaven, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of George Tolman and 638 others, to authorize John Weed of Deer Isle, to establish a steam, horse or boat ferry, between Sedgwick and Deer Isle, was referred to the Hancock County Delegation.

Petition of Adia C. Denison and others of the Evans Rifle Company, for amendment to charter of said company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petitions for a mineral survey of the State of Maine, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 200, acts of 1877, relating to license on dogs, so as to leave it optional with towns whether such license shall be required.

On motion of Mr. DRINKWATER of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of providing additional remedies for obtaining disclosures upon judgments.

On motion of Mr. WEYMOUTH of Oldtown,

Ordered, That the same Committee take into consideration chapter 234, acts of 1874, and report what amendment is necessary, if any, to make it efficient and equitable.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to the collection of taxes, as to create a lien on personal property for the payment of the tax, when the tax shall amount to five dollars or upwards.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of crier in the several courts of the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. WOODCOCK of Princeton,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to report a resolve appropriating a sufficient sum of money to repair the Baring and Houlton Road, leading across the Indian Township, in Washington County, and also the road leading from said road to Grand Lake stream.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the propriety of repealing or amending section 1, chapter 58, acts and resolves of 1876, relating to the licensing of auctioneers in towns and cities.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Portland Daily Advertiser be added to the list of newspapers named in the order of January 2nd, requesting certain newspapers to give public notice of the date fixed thereby for receiving petitions, &c.

On motion of Mr. FAUGHT of Belgrade,

Ordered, That each member of the Board of Agriculture be furnished with a copy of the Daily Kennebec Journal during the session of the Legislature.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CURTIS of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Selectmen of Haynesville, for abatement of State tax, referred in the House to the Committee on Towns, came back from the Senate non-concurred and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The House receded and concurred.

Petition of Cyrus Emery and others of the town of Sullivan, for an act relating to lien claims, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of assessors and others of No. 6 plantation, to legalize the doings of said plantation for the years 1876 and 1877, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Selectmen of Mayfield, for abatement of State tax, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Virgil A. Hall and others, for aid on road in Mayfield, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 34, chapter 91,

revised statutes, so that the lien therein specified shall also apply to hemlock bark.

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 2, chapter 106, revised statutes, so as more clearly to define the qualification of jurors.

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

Petition of a public meeting at the camp grounds at Richmond, that the liquor traffic be declared a felony ; and

Petition of a public meeting in Deering, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of John I. Perry, for an amendment of the law relating to the arrest and imprisonment of poor debtors ; also

Petition of J. F. Davis and others, for amendment of law giving persons furnishing labor or material for the construction or repairs of vessels, a lien, and to extend the time thereon ; and

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 116, so that officers' fees and board of prisoners in bastardy cases shall be charged and paid as in criminal prosecutions ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Joseph White and others, for an act authorizing the sale of the Union Meeting House at North Vassalboro' ; and

Petition of John Willey and one hundred and sixty others, to amend the law relating to division fences ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Charles Sweron and 60 others, for reciprocity of trade between the United States and Dominion of Canada ; and

Petition of John Wheelock and 60 others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Petition of Samuel Wylie and 44 others of the towns of Boothbay and Southport, Lincoln county, for a law prohibiting steamers and vessels taking porgies and other fish from the inlets, bays and rivers of the State ; also

Petition of William McFarland and 100 others, in aid of same ; and

Petition of James L. Young and 116 others of the town of Southport, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Henry Tilley and 33 others of Castle Hill plantation, for incorporation as a town; and

Petition of John A. McIntire and others, to be set off from North Berwick to South Berwick;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Daniel C. Hall and others, for incorporation of the Fairfield Boom Company; also

Petition of John White and others of Richmond, for an act to prevent casting of edgings and other refuse into the Kennebec river; also

Petition of Nathan Perry, for extension of steamboat charter on Aroostook river; and

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of edgings, sawdust and other refuse matter into Wiscasset harbor;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Converse Purington and 59 others, citizens of Bowdoinham, to vest in the county of Sagadahoc the franchise of Merrymeeting bridge; also

Petition of Edwin Reed and 48 others, in aid of same; also

Petition of P. K. Millay and 19 others, citizens of Bowdoinham, in aid of same; also

Petition of Levi Sears and 50 others, for aid to build bridge over Fish river; also

Petition of John A. Nadeau and 65 others, for aid to build one-half of bridge across St. John river; also

Petition of Martin Savage and 36 others, in aid of same; and

Petition of Charles Sweron, for aid to build a bridge over Rossignal stream in Frenchville;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Lincoln Sprague, for deed of land;

Petition of Nelson Turney, for deed of land;

Petition of Shepherd I. Higgins, for deed of land;

Petition of John S. Arnold, for deed of land;

Petition of Cyrus T. Daniels, for deed of land;

Petition of Lydia A. Daniels, for deed of land;

Petition of John Allen, for deed of land, in Fort Fairfield; and

Petition of town of Mapleton, for aid on bridge;

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

Petition of H. G. C. Tompkins, for pay for hauling lumber which the Land Agent seized and sold; and

Petition of Hannah Simpson, for pay for logs cut and hauled by her late husband, which were sold by the State;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of James H. Leigh and 60 others, for Superior Court in Kennebec county, was referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Petition of A. G. Lebroke and 107 others of Piscataquis county, for an appropriation for a mineral survey of Maine; and

Petition of Jeremiah Currier and 112 others, for a bounty on bears;

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill "an act to revive and amend chapter 141, special laws of 1872, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Norway Branch Railroad Company, and to authorize the Norway Village Corporation to aid the same,'" was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 391 of the laws of 1873, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Evans Rifle Manufacturing Company,'" was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BROWNE of Bowdoinham, presented bill "an act to vest the franchise and property of the proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge in the inhabitants of the county of Sagadahoc," and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, presented "resolve in favor of Franklin Simmons, sculptor," and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee take into consideration the statutes relating to disclosure of debtors arrested on execution, and to inquire what legislation is necessary to make it certain and definite what notice is required to be given by debtor in order to make a disclosure when so arrested.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Deering,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire if any further legislation is necessary to repress the growing evil and danger of tramps and vagabonds. Also that the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution as to

provide for biennial elections of Governor and other State officers, and also of Senators and Representatives to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. PHINNEY of Jay,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 9, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, as to do away with double taxation.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 200 of the laws of 1877, relating to mischievous dogs, as to make its provisions apply to plantations.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 82, section 87 of the revised statutes, as to allow parties to civil suits to testify in all cases.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section 9, chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to board of prisoners in county jails.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BOWERS of Saco, presented the following:

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ADAMS of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Twenty-First Annual Report of the Bank Examiner, and Annual Report of the Agent of Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, came from the Senate read and the reports referred to the appropriate Committees, and were read and the reports were referred in concurrence.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting a report of the Board of Visitors to the Maine General Hospital, came from the Senate read and the report referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs, and was referred in concurrence.

Communication from General J. P. Cilley, signifying his acceptance of the office of Adjutant General, for the current political year, came from the Senate read, and was read in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Augusta, for amendment to charter; also Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of Augusta Water Company;" also

Petition of Joseph Y. Deering and 101 others, citizens of Saco, praying for an amendment of city charter; and

Petition of John A. Berry and 13 others, citizens of Saco, in aid of same;

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and were referred in concurrence.

Petition of a public meeting in Saco, that the liquor traffic be made a felony, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Temperance, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124, section 18, revised statutes," came from the Senate read and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of J. G. Mayo and others, for renewal of charter of Piscataquis Central Railroad, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Mark G. Walker and others, for abolition of plantation organization No. 6, Franklin county, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of George Tolman and 638 others, to authorize John Weed of Deer Isle to establish a steam, horse or boat ferry between Sedgwick and Deer Isle, referred to the Hancock County Delegation in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 204, public laws of 1877," referred in the House to the Committee on the Judiciary, came back from the Senate non-concurred and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The House receded and concurred.

Ordered, That the bill entitled "an act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into Kennebec river and its tributaries, together with petitions for and remonstrances against the same," which was referred to this Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

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

* The order passed by the House relating to the papers on file referred to this Legislature, came from the Senate refused a passage.

The House receded and concurred.

The order of the House, instructing the Committee on State Lands and State Roads to report a "resolve in favor of road in Indian township," came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the order.

Petition of Selectmen of Blanchard, for aid on road in said town; also

Petition of Selectmen of Shirley, for aid on road in said town; also

Petition of County Commissioners of Aroostook county, for aid to build bridge over Fish river in Township No. 16, Range 7; also

Petition of Thomas Sprague and 35 others of Topsham, for an act to vest in the county of Sagadahoc the franchise of Merry-meeting bridge; also

Petition of Elbridge Randall and 58 others of Topsham, in aid of same; and

Petition of E. G. Harlow and 100 others, for aid to build bridge across the Androscoggin river at Dixfield;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to voting lists;" also

Petition of inhabitants of town of Limestone, praying that the doings of said town may be legalized; and

Petition of J. W. Porter and others, for amendment of section 53, chapter 6, revised statutes; relating to roads in unincorporated places, with bill accompanying;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Sidney M. Bird and 49 others of Rockland, praying that the 7th Ward of said city be set off and incorporated into a town; and

Petition of inhabitants of Andover, in aid of petition of inhabitants of Roxbury to be set off to the towns of Mexico and Andover, in Oxford county;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of John P. Patterson, for pay for lumber cut on his lot; and

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Blake, for labor on roads in Aroostook county;"

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to amend the eighth clause, section 55, chapter 11, revised statutes, relating to school returns;" and

Petition of Rev. C. F. Penney and 103 others, Trustees and friends of Maine Central Institute, for aid;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of George Stetson and others, for right to build dams

and make improvements on Houston brook and Crystal stream, in Aroostook county, for log driving; also

Petition of Elias Goff, for a canal from Sebago lake to Gambo falls; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Crystal Dam Company;" and

Remonstrance of William Lamb and 54 others of Clinton, against the passage of the proposed act prohibiting the throwing of slabs, edgings and other refuse into the Kennebec river and its tributaries;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of R. J. Lyford and 47 others, for an act to prohibit fishing in Withee's pond in Dover, for two years, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to pound keepers, as to require superintendents of town and city farms to act as pound keepers by virtue of their office, and on refusal so to act shall be removed from office.

On motion of Mr. BLISS of Washington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be invited to inquire into the expediency of recommending to the Legislature the printing and distribution of a limited number of copies of all laws appertaining to schools, school districts and education.

On motion of the same gentlemen,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be invited to inquire if any further legislation is necessary to make it obligatory upon non-resident owners of real estate to build and maintain their respective part of line partition fences.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the situation of the settlers on township No. 17, R. 7, (now Wallagrass) on lots run out and located by direction of the States of Maine and Massachusetts, for settling purposes; if said settlers were not permitted and invited on to said lots by the agent of said States; and if said settlers have not paid for their lots in whole or in part, under the settling laws of the State; also what number of lots were given to the proprietors by the commission

to sever and divide said land ; and the number of said lots and number of acres in each, and report what are the equitable rights of the persons located on said lots, by resolve or otherwise, all the facts relative to the same.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to investigate and report what changes in the Representatives' Hall are necessary and advisable to render the same convenient and commodious.

These orders were sent to the Senate

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

Androscoggin—Pilsbury of Lewiston,
Aroostook—Woodbury of Houlton,
Cumberland—McLaughlin of Portland,
Franklin—Dyer of Strong,
Hancock—Coombs of Gouldsboro',
Kennebec—Smith of Litchfield,
Knox—Moore of Thomaston,
Lincoln—Lancaster of Wiscasset,
Oxford—True of Paris,
Penobscot—Strickland of Bangor,
Piscataquis—Burgess of Dover,
Sagadahoc—Kimball of Bath,
Somerset—Parlin of Anson,
Waldo—Woods of Belfast,
Washington—Talbot of East Machias,
York—Knight of North Berwick.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY of Pembroke,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. UPJOHN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 346 of the private and special laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Portland,'" came from the Senate read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Notice was received from the Senate, notifying the House of the following appointments on the Joint Standing Committees :

On Legal Affairs—Prince of Androscoggin.

On State Lands and State Roads—Burleigh of Aroostook.

On Joint Select Committee on Temperance :

Messrs. Tolman of Cumberland,
Martin of Knox,
Cobb of Androscoggin.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting returns of votes for representative from the city of Rockland, was read, and the returns referred to the Committee on Elections.

Petition of C. C. Blake and 80 others of Auburn, for an act to prevent the throwing of sawdust, shavings and other refuse, into Wilson's pond and its tributaries in the city of Auburn ;

Remonstrance of Horace Adams and 33 others of the Forks ;

Remonstrance of Moses Townsend and 34 others of Solon ;

Remonstrance of Josiah Maxcy and 72 others of Gardiner ;

Remonstrance of Thomas L. Emery and 83 others of Cornville ;

Remonstrance of C. B. Foster and 17 others of Richmond ;

Remonstrance of H. A. Morrill and 83 others of Pittston ; and

Remonstrance of John Carney and 48 others of Winslow and Bingham, against an act prohibiting the throwing of slabs and others refuse into the Kennebec river and tributaries ;

Petition of D. W. Hunt and 143 others of Farmingdale, for an act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into Kennebec river and its tributaries ; and

Petition of E. D. Haley and 28 others in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in Kennebec county ;" also

Petition of Kennebec Bar, in aid of same ; also

Petition of N. G. H. Pulsifer and 59 others of Waterville, in aid of same ; also

Petition of Charles Jewett and 30 others of Clinton, in aid of same ; and

Bill "an act to abolish the August term of Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Kennebec ;"

Were referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Petition of citizens of Auburn, for change of charter ; also

Petition of William R. Day and 29 others of Topsfield, for lien on hemlock bark ; also

Petition of overseers of poor of Poland and 12 others, for amendment of section 14, chapter 24, revised statutes, relating to binding out of minor children and others ; also

Petitions for an act respecting suits for malpractice ; also

Bill "an act to amend chapter 65, revised statutes ;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Club of Portland ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Jeremiah Tolman and others of Rockland, asking that the seventh ward of said city be set off and incorporated as a town ; also

Petition of Major Kelley and others of Washington plantation, for annexation to the town of Wilton ; and

Remonstrance of George H. Gleason and 78 others of Mexico, against the petition of inhabitants of town of Roxbury ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petitions for geological and mineral survey of the State ; and

Petition of D. P. Parker and others of Gorham, for an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 18 in said town ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Henry C. Glidden, for deed of land ; and

Petition of Henry C. Spooner, for deed of land ;

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

Petition of Selectmen of Roxbury, for reimbursement of State tax overpaid ; and

Petition of John Carver, George S. Ames and others of Lincolnville, for reimbursement of money paid to the State for Lassell's island ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of William N. Perkins and 134 others, for protection of smelt fishing in Bagaduce river in Hancock county, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, for aid, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of D. W. Sawyer and 24 others of Boothbay, for pension for Betsey Tibbetts, was referred to Committee on Pensions.

“Resolve to amend chapter 133, resolves of 1867, relating to the leasing of lands on islands belonging to Penobscot Indians ;” and

Credentials of Joseph M. Sockalexis, representative of the Penobscot Indians ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bill “an act additional to section 3, chapter 11, revised statutes, relating to the abolition of school districts,” was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of William R. Day and 29 others, for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Rufus Edwin Bubier of Bowdoinham, for change of name ; and

Petition of Amelia and Adelia Bullock, for change of names ;

Were referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of J. M. Morrill and 42 others of Winn ;

Petition of Nelson Vickery and 87 others of Pittsfield ;

Petition of F. J. Robinson and 33 others of Pittsfield ;

Petition of Ivory Lowe and 39 others of Canaan ;

Petition of Daniel C. Libby and 16 others of Unity ;

Petition of E. H. Mayo and 33 others of Orono,

Petition of F. A. Rogers and 38 others of Kennebunkport ;

Petition of Charles P. Chandler and 6 others of Addison ;

Petition of M. S. Putnam and 46 others of Houlton ;

Petition of W. H. Green and 78 others of Portland ;

Petition of A. W. Lovejoy and 23 others of Portland ;

Petition of Herbert W. Otis and 38 others of Portland ;

Petition of F. L. Bartlett and 36 others of Portland ;
Petition of Thomas B. Merrill and 27 others of Portland ;
Petition of J. L. Davis and 34 others of Portland ;

Petition of W. H. Clifford and 37 others of Portland, for an act to amend chapter 204, public laws of 1877, entitled "an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries ;" and

Petition of George B. Cutler and others of Biddeford, for an act to license the sale of lager beer ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, presented "resolve granting two lots of land in township No. 17, range 7, and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton, from the Committee on Elections, on contested election case of Farrell vs. Cyr, reported the whole number of votes in the district at 650, of which 357 were for Farrell and 293 for Cyr ; that the returns were in due form. But the list of votes returned by the assessors and clerk of Van Buren plantation was not attested, though their attestation was on the envelope containing the list. In accordance with a rule of the House, to give expression to the will of the people as honestly expressed at the polls, the Committee reported the following resolve :

Resolved, That John B. Farrell is entitled to a seat in this House.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham, the report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, announced the attendance of Mr. Farrell, and discharged the duty of conducting him to the Governor, where he took the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be requested to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to more fully secure the objects of chapter 380 of the special laws of 1873, relating to schools in Madawaska territory ; also that the same

Committee inquire into the expediency of providing some means for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory.

On motion of Mr. VICKERY of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire what appropriation, if any, is necessary the present year to enable the Commissioners of Fisheries properly to carry forward the work of re-stocking the lakes and streams of Maine with trout, salmon and black bass.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Waterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Interior Waters be directed to inquire if any further legislation is required to compel the owners or persons in control or possession of the dam across the Kennebec river at Augusta, to build and maintain a fishway in said dam, as required by law; and to cause the lock on the east end of said dam to be put in proper repair and properly attended, so that the same shall be suitable and convenient for the passage of boats, rafts, steamboats and river crafts, as now required by law.

On motion of Mr. WOODCOCK of Princeton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the justice of reducing the valuation of the town of Princeton on account of serious losses by fire.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to make up the pay of Alexis Cyr for twenty days' attendance as member of this House; also the usual mileage to which he is entitled.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP of St. Albans,

Bill "an act to amend chapter 24, revised statutes, relating to settlement of paupers," was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to vest the franchise and property of the proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge in the county of Sagadahoc," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. BROWNE of Bowdoinham, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

"Resolve in favor of Franklin Simmons, sculptor," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, rules suspended, read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for second reading.

Communication from the commission appointed to reconstruct the fish and game laws of the State, transmitting "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and propagation of fish," and "an act for the protection of game and birds," was read, and the former act referred to the Committee on Fisheries, and the latter to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion of Mr. BLUNT of Skowhegan,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the Visiting Committee to the Maine Insane Hospital for 1877, came from the Senate read and the report referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital, and was read and referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Springvale Aqueduct Company;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 80, revised statutes, relating to evidence;"

Bill "an act to amend section 15, chapter 116, revised statutes, relating to fees of attorneys in criminal prosecutions;"

Bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 132, revised statutes, relating to fees of complainants;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 116, revised statutes, relating to fees of trial justices;"

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and were referred in concurrence.

Petition of the town officers of Andover, for amendment of chapter 140, public laws of 1869, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of A. D. Henry and 42 others of Oxford;

Petition of Francis A. Connor and 69 others of Brewer;

Petition of Theodore H. Jewett and 22 others of South Berwick;

Petition of Gardiner Ludwig and 38 others of Portland;

Petition of Andrew Nichols and 159 others of Portland;

Petition of Silas Alden and 186 others of Bangor, for an act to amend chapter 204, laws of 1877, entitled "an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries;"

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Temperance, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Currier and 112 others, for bounty on bears, referred to the Committee on Agriculture in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House insisted upon its former vote.

"Resolve relating to the currency," came from the Senate read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

In the House the resolve was read once, and to-morrow assigned.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 200 of the public laws of 1877, so that some definite time shall be fixed for the registration of dogs. Also, to amend so that no license shall be granted by the clerk, until he is furnished with sufficient evidence that the prescribed fee has been paid into the treasury.

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of striking out of the 24th line of the 10th section of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks, the words, "of the State," so that the clause of said section in which those words occur when amended shall read as follows: "And may also loan on such other personal securities as in the judgment of the trustees will be safe and for the interest of the bank to accept."

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending section 51, chapter

18 of the revised statutes, that the provisions of said section shall be fully complied with, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877, as to include guardians.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending section 5, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, so that the law in relation to the raising and expending of school money in plantations may not be misunderstood.

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

Remonstrance of A. B. Bates and son and 12 others of West Waterville, against the act prohibiting throwing slabs and other refuse into Kennebec river and its tributaries ;

Remonstrance of Joseph Varney and 20 others of North Bath ;

Remonstrance of H. B. Radcliff and 36 others of Newport ;

Remonstrance of Oliver Morton and 58 others of Pittston ;

Remonstrance of Levi W. Weston and 20 others of Skowhegan, in aid of same ; and

Petition of Frank Stevens and 63 others of Pittston, in favor of passage of said act ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of James P. White and 249 others of the city of Belfast, asking for amendment of pharmacy law ;

Petition of B. L. Tibbetts and others of Vassalboro' ;

Petition of M. S. Wilson and 35 others of Lincoln ;

Petition of F. C. Thayer and 39 others of Waterville ;

Petition of H. C. Baxter and 36 others of Kenduskeag ;

Petition of W. C. Towle and 11 others of Fryeburg ;

Petition S. H. Boynton and 41 others of Rockland ;

Petition of W. H. Titcomb and 20 others of Rockland ;

Petition of George Parcher of Ellsworth ;

Petition of H. H. Hunt and 38 others of Gorham ;

Petition of Alfred Mitchell and 42 others of Brunswick ;

Petition of H. P. Dewey and 28 others of Portland ;

Petition of Charles E. Swan and 35 others of Calais ;

Petition of R. C. Willey and 57 others of Bethel, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Selectmen of town of Cooper, for an act to legalize the doings and records of said town; also

Petition of David McKenney and 8 others of Saco, for an act to legalize the records of the First Christian Society of Saco; also

Petition of James Ripley and 11 others of Waite, for lien on hemlock bark; also

Bill "an act for the further protection of rope used in lumbering;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 180, special laws 1872, entitled 'an act to authorize the city of Portland to aid the construction and western extension of the Portland and Rochester Railroad;'" and

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 235, laws of 1874;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of the Governor, Lieut. Governor and 41 others of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, for appropriation for schools; also, petition of same, for appropriation for farming purposes; also of same, for appropriation for salaries of Governor and Lieut. Governor; also for salary for priest; and

Petition of Stephen Stanislos, Sabattis Tomah and John Attian, for an appropriation to repair the school house on Mattanawcook island, and furnish stove for same;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Daniel Spooner and 13 others of East Sangerville, for an appropriation for the Maine Dairyman's Association; also

Petition of William Swett and 50 others of South Paris, in aid of same; and

Petition of N. E. Hall and others, for a bill to prevent the killing of deer, moose and caribou, in the county of Waldo;

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Seth Holbrook and others, to be set off from the Oxford Village Corporation; also

Petition of Thomas Edes and 31 others, to set off tract of land in town of Parkman, and annex the same to Guilford; and

Remonstrance of E. H. Lyford and 89 others of Vinalhaven, against granting petition of Davis Tillson, that Hurricane island be set off from Vinalhaven; were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of town of Gouldsboro', for reimbursement of money

withheld from them in apportionment of 1875, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Asher H. Barton and 10 others of Benton, for establishment of a Superior Court in Kennebec county, was referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Petition of F. L. Carney and 15 others of Newcastle, for amendment of section 50, chapter 40, revised statutes, relating to migratory fish in Damariscotta river, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Ephraim Witham and 36 others, for amendment of section 34, chapter 91, revised statutes, for lien on lumber, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to take into consideration the provisions of chapter 200 of the laws of 1877, relating to mischievous dogs, and report by bill or otherwise, what changes, if any, should be made in said chapter.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs be authorized to visit the Maine General Hospital at Portland, and report what sum of money the State has appropriated for said hospital, and what number of patients said hospital could reasonably accommodate, if its whole room was made available.

On motion of Mr. SIMPSON of Searsport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be requested to inquire into the expediency of changing the law in regard to fish weirs, so that where two or more weirs are built near each other, they shall extend an equal distance from low water mark.

On motion of Mr. McLAUGHLIN of Portland,

Ordered, That an additional number of 350 copies of the act entitled "insolvent laws of the State of Maine," be printed for the use of the Senate and House.

On motion of Mr. SEIDERS of North Yarmouth,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 2, chapter 124 of public laws of 1873, that money appropriated by the State to support free high schools shall be expended for the same. Also, that the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency

of reporting a resolve for the purchase of fifty copies each of volume 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Maine Reports, to be placed in the State Library for the use of the State.

On motion of Mr. PIPER of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be directed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to enable the Governor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians to obtain copies of all accounts which the agent of said tribe is required to lay before the Governor and Council of this State, as provided by a resolve of the Legislature of Maine, approved March 27, 1856.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the petition of Vital D'Aigle et als., for assistance to build a mill on the north part of township No. 17, R. 6, be taken from the files of unfinished business of last year's Legislature and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 10 of act entitled "an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings," approved Feb. 9, 1877, by adding after the word "accept" the words "loans on vessel property are hereby prohibited."

On motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be authorized to inquire into the expediency of encouraging the importation and breeding of thoroughbred herd-book stock, by offering special premiums or other necessary aid.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP of St. Albans,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of re-organizing our judiciary system, so as to establish a superior court in each county in the State, on similar principles of those embraced in the act presented and proposed for Kennebec county; and in that event inquire into the propriety of reducing the number of judges of the supreme court.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs inquire into the condition of our free high school system, and the necessity of its continuance; into the condition and necessity of continuing the

fish commissioners and wardens, or the propagation of fish; also into the necessity of continuing the expenditures for military purposes, with a view to abolish or so modify all or a part of said institutions, that the people may gain some relief from their accumulated burdens.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 66 of the revised statutes, that costs may be allowed parties in contested cases before commissioners of insolvency.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PIPER of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested to furnish this House with any memorials, petitions and other papers or copies thereof of members of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, relating to matters of superintending farms at Oldtown, and the lease of any islands in Penobscot river belonging to said tribe during the year 1877.

Mr. DRINKWATER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the Committee on Agriculture, an order relating to license on dogs.

Mr. SEIDERS, from same Committee, reported reference to the same Committee, on petitions of H. H. Miller and others of Princeton, John D. Lawler and others of Baileyville, and that of Lewis Crosby and others of plantation No. 21, for bounty on bears.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported reference to the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse timber into Pattens Pond stream in Surry."

Mr. PILSBURY, from the Committee on Education, reported inexpedient, on bill "an act to amend the eighth clause of section 5, chapter 11, revised statutes, relating to school returns."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition, reported "resolve in favor of William H. Scott."

Mr. PHINNEY, from the same Committee, on petition, reported
“resolve in favor of Nelson Turney.”

Mr. PORTER, from same Committee, on petition, reported
“resolve in favor of Benjamin F. Allen.”

These reports were read and accepted, and the resolves ordered
printed under the Rule.

Mr. CURRAN, from the Committee on Elections, on returns of
votes from the city of Rockland, for Representative to the Legis-
lature, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr.
Kimball, reported the election of Timothy Williams.

Mr. BIRD of Rockland, announced the attendance of Mr.
Williams, member elect, and discharged the duty of conducting
him to the Governor, where he took the oaths necessary to qualify
him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Williams subsequently appeared in the House and took his
seat.

On motion of Mr. BRIGGS of Auburn,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill “an act relating to the assignments of rights and credits
and mortgages by executors and trustees;”

Bill “an act to amend section 40, chapter 140, revised statutes,
relating to the term of imprisonment of convicts in the State
Prison;”

Bill “an act additional to chapter 88, revised statutes, relating
to the partition of real estate;” and

Bill “an act to incorporate the Presumpscot Water Power
Company;”

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and were referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 363, special laws of 1877, to prevent throwing of refuse wood into Piscataquis river," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to fire insurance," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin True, that his doings as justice of the peace be made valid, with bill accompanying; also

Petition of B. R. Buker and others, for an act authorizing the town of Hampden to receive money to keep in repair any cemeteries in said town; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Board of Trade;" also

Bill "an act to amend chapter 98, public laws of 1876, relating to protection of game;" and

Bill "an act to promote the safety of the travelling public;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of William R. Day and 29 others of Topsfield, for bounty on bears, referred to the Committee on Agriculture by the House, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House insisted.

Ordered, That the papers relating to the claims of Benjamin Smith of Appleton, for pension, referred from the last Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of so amending chapter 107 of the public laws of 1876, an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections, as to require the board of aldermen in cities to be in session not more than three days for the purposes provided in said act.

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the justness of the claims of George F. Foster for money paid for taxes assessed on township No. 4, R. 5, north of

Bingham's Kennebec Purchase, in the county of Somerset, and report by resolve or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 56 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, so that section shall not conflict with section 9, chapter 116 of said statutes.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 200 of the public laws of 1877, so as to determine and fix the age at which dogs shall be liable to the registration provided in said section.

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Finance be directed to consider the expediency of the appointment of a commission, consisting of five persons, members of the present Legislature or otherwise, whose duty it shall be to sit during the recess, and to ascertain whether all forms of individual and corporate property within the State are now bearing their equal shares of the public burdens; also to suggest new sources of revenue to the State, and to recommend to the next Legislature some plan of legislation by which the assessment of the State tax may be made equitable. Said Committee to report by bill or otherwise.

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

Petition of George E. Minot, S. J. Chadbourne, J. O. Smith and others of the Augusta Shooting Club, for protection of game and birds; also.

Bill "an act to prevent frauds in fertilizers;" also

Bill "an act to encourage the planting of trees;" also

Petition of J. F. Sprague, for repeal of dog law; and

Petition of James Ripley and others of Waite plantation, for bounty on bears;

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Monroe Young and others of Ellsworth, for State Board of Health; also

Petition of Frank Brown of Sweden, for removal of shire town of Oxford county from Paris to Norway; also

Petition of Henry C. Reed and 316 others, for removal of shire town of Oxford county; also

Petition of John W. Walker and 187 others of Fryeburg;

Petition of John M. Eustis and 142 others of Dixfield ;
Petition of A. O. Noyes and 123 others of Oxford ;
Petition of Otis Hayford and 73 others of Canton ;
Petition of Enoch Foster and 56 others of Bethel ; and
Petition of Thomas Baker and 138 others of Oxford, in aid of same ; also

Bill "an act additional to chapter 151 of the public laws of 1868, in relation to Superior Court for Cumberland county ;" also
"Resolve in favor of town of Barnard ;" also

Petition of T. W. Robinson and 42 others of Morrill, relating to game ; also

Petition of J. R. Means and others of Morrill, relating to paupers ; also

Petition of W. C. Wyman and others of Barnard, for abatement of tax ; and

Petition for State Board of Health.

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Ezekiel Levasseur, for deed of land ; also

Petition of G. W. Howes, for reimbursement for money paid by him for lots of land in Ashland, termed treaty lots ; also

Petition of S. W. Springer, for deed of land ; also

Petition of citizens of Madawaska, for purchase of proprietors' lots ; also

Petition of William Reed of No. 11, Range 1, for deed of land ; also

Petition of Levi Sears, for aid on road through settling townships ; also

Petition of John F. Sprague and 95 others, for aid on road in Mayfield ; and

Petition of William M. Cyr and others, for aid on bridge in Township 17, R. 8, Aroostook county ;

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

Petition of Alexander Montieth and others, to be set off from the town of Isle au Haut to the town of Deer Isle ; also

Remonstrance of A. L. Robinson and 26 others, against annexation of Crystal plantation to the town of Sherman ; also

Petition of Isaac Orberton and others for division of city of Rockland ; also

Remonstrance of A. A. West and 98 others of Auburn, against the annexation of the town of Roxbury to said town; and

Remonstrance of John H. Burr and 32 others, against being set off to the town of Deer Isle;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of R. H. Cunningham and 31 others of Wiscasset;

Petition of J. Robbins and 67 others of Norridgewock;

Petition of E. G. Reynolds and 13 others of Dixfield;

Petition of George G. Pierce and 64 others of Freeport;

Petition of J. E. Merrill and 23 others of South Paris;

Petition of J. H. Carsley and 41 others of South Paris;

Petition of G. N. Haiden and others;

Petition of H. G. Allen and 32 others of Richmond;

Petition of R. P. Jenness, M. D., and 20 others of Saccarappa;

Petition of James A. Hanson and others of Augusta;

Petition of S. C. Kenney and others of Norridgewock;

Petition of Warren M. Springer and others of Belgrade; and

Petition of F. H. Blake and 37 others of Farmington, for amendment of the pharmacy act;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of H. P. Chandler and others of Blanchard, for repeal of law of 1877, preventing casting of refuse into Piscataquis river; also

Petition of G. A. Colburn and 38 others of Pittston, in favor of a law to prevent throwing of slabs and other refuse into Kennebec river; also

Petition of Horace Cole, for right to navigate by steam Pennessewassee pond in Norway; also

Petition of Oliver Young and 118 others, for repeal of so much of chapter 363, laws of 1877, as relates to throwing refuse into Piscataquis river; and

Petition of J. C. McIntyre and others, for an act to establish and maintain a fall dam at the foot of St. Croix lake, in Township 8, R. 4, in Aroostook county;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act relating to coroners;" also

Bill "an act additional to chapter 51, revised statutes, relating to mortgages of corporations;" and

"Resolve relating to the purchase of Maine Reports;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 192, public laws 1877, relating to bridge guards on railroads;" and

Bill "an act additional to chapter 51, revised statutes, to further provide for safety on railroads;"

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Frank Sanborn and 35 others of East Machias, for amendment of law relating to fish in East Machias river, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of H. A. Priest and 50 other of Vassalboro', for a Superior Court for Kennebec county; and

Petition of Hon. John Woodbury and 26 others of Litchfield, for same;

Were referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Petition of Selectmen of Princeton, for reduction of the valuation of said town, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of W. H. R. Milliken and others of Portland, for a law fixing the weight of beans, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of the Maine Historical Society, that the State will consent to reduce the number of volumes which it was to receive under the agreement of 1868, was referred to the Committee on State Library.

Bill "an act providing for payment of certain rents now in suit to the Agent of Penobscot tribe of Indians," was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of W. A. Potter and 190 others, for an act vesting in the county of Sagadahoc the franchise of the Peoples' Ferry Company, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BLISS of Washington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 214 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings.

On motion of Mr. PHINNEY of Jay,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 65, chapter 206 of the laws of 1877, by striking out in the 10th line of said section, the word "notice," and inserting therein the word 'knowledge.'

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the petition of the inhabitants of Fort Kent, for aid to build a road from Caribou to Fort Kent, be taken from the files of unfinished legislation of last year, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion of Mr. BROWNE of Bowdoinham,

Ordered, That the petition of William D. Orr, for deed of a lot of land, referred from the last Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion of Mr. WOODCOCK of Princeton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws, that common schools supported by individuals in unorganized plantations may, in the discretion of the State Superintendent of Common Schools, receive a share of the school fund in the same proportion as towns now receive.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham,

Ordered, In pursuance of an order of the last Legislature, requesting the Superintendent of Common Schools to make such examination as he may deem necessary looking to the establishment of a normal school in the western part of the State, be it further ordered, that he be requested to report to this Legislature any information or facts that he may have received from localities desiring a normal school, and his own conclusions and judgment in regard to the matter.

These orders were read and sent to the Senate.

Mr. DRINKWATER of Ellsworth, offered the following, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville :

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and of dividing its permanent fund equally between Bowdoin College, Colby University and Bates College, on condition that said colleges establish and maintain a Department of Agriculture, and forever give free tuition therein to all students, residents of the State, who may apply therefor; and also give free instruction in all branches taught in the above named college to students now in the State College, for the remainder of their college course.

Mr. MOORE of Thomaston, submitted the following, stating that it had been passed to him to introduce, and that he now read it for the first time :

Ordered, That the Committee on Elections be requested to inquire into the merits of the case presented on remonstrance of Nehemiah Poland vs. the right of Hiram Bliss to a seat in this House, and report thereon to this House.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton, the order was tabled.

Subsequently it was taken up and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Saturday, it be until Monday at 4 o'clock P. M.

Mr. WEEKS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of town of Limestone, for an act to legalize doings of said town.

Mr. BRIGGS, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of John Willey and others, for amendment of law relating to division fences.

Mr. WEBB, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 24, revised statutes, relating to the settlement of paupers."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported, on petition of Adna C. Denison and others, bill "an act to amend chapter 371 of the laws of 1873, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Evans Rifle Manufacturing Company.'"

This report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, "resolve granting two lots of land in the north half of township No. 17, R. 6," was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion of Mr. McLAUGHLIN of Portland, bill "an act in relation to insolvent laws of the State of Maine," was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting Annual Report of the Trustees and Officers of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, for the year 1877, came from the Senate read and the report referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and was read and the report referred in concurrence.

Petition of John and Edward H. Treat, and a majority of voters of Enfield, for exemption from liability to build fishways on Cold stream in Enfield, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Edwin S. Stevens and 43 others of Unity, for repeal of dog law, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of James Butterfield and 55 others, for lien on hemlock bark, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Alexander Montith and others of Merchant's island, town of Isle au Haut, to be set off and annexed to Deer Isle, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of E. A. Thompson and 70 others, citizens of Dover and Foxcroft; also

Petition of C. H. Hussey and 37 others of Norridgewock ; and
Petition of W. H. Simmons and 33 others of Bangor, for
change of pharmacy law ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Ephraim Withham and 36 others, for amendment of
section 34, chapter 91, relating to liens, referred to the Committee
on Legal Affairs in the House, came back from the Senate non-
concurring and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House receded and concurred.

Petition of N. E. Hall and others, for a bill to prevent killing of
deer, moosé and caribou, in the county of Waldo, referred in the
House to the Committee on Agriculture, came back from the
Senate non-concurring and referred to the Committee on Legal
Affairs.

The House insisted.

The order of the House, directing the Committee on Financial
Affairs to visit the Maine General Hospital, came back from the
Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed
the order in concurrence.

The order of the House in relation to the purchase of Maine
Reports, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and
passed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed
the order in concurrence.

The order of the House, directing the Committee on Financial
Affairs to inquire into certain institutions, came back from the
Senate refused a passage.

The House receded and concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the
legality and expediency of so amending chapter 3, section 10 of
the revised statutes, that no municipal officer, member of the
superintending school committee, town or plantation clerk, shall
be eligible for such positions, if unable to read fair and legible
handwriting.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what
amendments are necessary to chapter 6 of the revised statutes,
relating to the assessment and collection of taxes.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 149 of the public laws of 1877, relating to judgments, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Reform School be directed to visit the Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, and inquire into the expediency of making necessary appropriations to meet the annual expenditures of said school.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law providing for a uniform scale of logs throughout the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Isaac Wilder and others, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of W. V. Tainter and 10 others, to legalize doings of School District No. 1 in Carthage, No. 19 in Wilton, and No. 12 in Dixfield; also

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 133, public laws of 1873, relating to the jail system;" also

Petition of William A. MacFarland and 210 others, for State Board of Health; also

Petition of H. B. Connor and 37 others of Pittsfield, in regard to suits for mal-practice; also

Petition of W. B. Young and 40 others of plantation of Matinicus, for State Board of Health; also

Petition of S. H. J. Berry and 39 others, for State Board of Health; and

Petition of O. D. Bailey and others of Auburn, for act legalizing the doings of North and West Auburn Cheese Company;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Wallace Bolan and 39 others of Augusta;

Petition of L. W. Sawin and 26 others of Carribou;

Petition of J. H. Blaisdell and 37 others of Waterville;

Petition of J. B. Thornton and 37 others of Scarboro';

Petition of Ira H. Low and 10 others of Waterville;

Petition of Hampton E. Hill and 16 others of Biddeford ;
Petition of Charles P. Chase and others of Thomaston ;
Petition of E. H. Hill and others of Lewiston ;
Petition of W. Scott Hill and others of Augusta ;
Petition of C. W. D. Fessenden and 18 others of Portland ;
Petition of H. H. Hill and 26 others of Augusta ;
Petition of Ralph K. Jones of Bangor ;
Petition of Selectmen of Bluehill ;
Petition of Horace Stevens and 100 others of Skowhegan ;
Petition of N. S. Davis and 60 others of Abbot ;
Petition of W. S. Sampson and 43 others of Parkman ;
Petition of S. Laughton and 39 others of Bangor ;
Petition of John H. Morgan and 24 others of Guilford ;
Petition of J. S. How and 17 others, of George D. Staples and
19 others of North Berwick ;
Petition of A. J. Rowe and 30 others of Norway ;
Petition of C. E. Goodwin and 14 others of Biddeford ;
Petition of B. S. Farrow and 22 others of Norway ;
Petition of Joseph Springall and 29 others of Dexter ;
Petition of C. E. Nash, Mayor of Augusta, and others ;
Petition of C. A. Parsons and 126 others of Hartland ;
Petition of F. H. Atkinson and 24 others of Brunswick ;
Petition of N. S. Harlow and 40 others of Bangor ;
Petition of N. E. Nickols and others of Portland ;
Petition of E. B. Denison and 29 others of Portland ;
Petition of Henry Kimball and 40 others of Portland ;
Petition of Kendall Whitney and 37 others of Portland ; and
Petition of Oscar R. Wish and others of Portland, for change of
pharmacy law ; also

Petition of Joseph Small and others, for amendment of liquor
law so that intoxicated persons may be arrested and confined until
they shall disclose of whom they obtained liquor ; and

Petition of a public meeting held at Congress hall, Portland,
that the liquor traffic be declared a felony ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of James H. Kelloran and 187 others of Thomaston, for
an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Knox county to
lay out a public highway over tide waters of Georges river, at or
over the Thomaston toll bridge ; also

Petition of Francis C. Hathorn and 37 others of Cushing ;

Petition of James Willey and 31 others of Cushing ;

Petition of George W. Berry, Francis Cobb, Nathan A. Farwell and 140 other citizens of Rockland ;

Petition of Nelson Thompson and 42 others of Friendship ; and

Petition of A. S. Fales and 78 others of Cushing, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of the legal voters of the town of Thomaston, against the petition of J. H. Kelleran ; and

Bill "an act to amend section 18, chapter 199, public laws of 1877, relating to ways ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of John Burr and 25 others of Isle au Haut, for amendment of law relating to fences and cattle in that town ; also

Remonstrance of Richard C. Hall and 60 others of Rockland, against setting off the 7th Ward of said city ; also

Petition of Caleb G. Moffitt and 58 others of Rockland ; also

Petition of Philo Thurston and 115 others of Rockland ; also

Petition of John T. Berry and 69 others of Rockland ; and

Remonstrance of W. H. Rhodes and 40 others, and Francis Cobb and 99 others of Rockland, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of James W. Ambrose, local agent of east half of township No. 2, Range 5, W. E. L. S., for conveyance of certain lots of land ; and

Petition of Jeremiah Crouse and Elbridge Crouse, for deeds of land ;

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

Bill "an act to authorize the reduction of capital stock of corporations ;" also

Bill "an act to amend an act to provide for organizations of business corporations ;" and

Petition of Daniel Field and 18 others of Auburn, for amendment of city charter ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John Allen and others, for railroad charter ; and

Petition of John B. Brown and others, Directors of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, for authority to increase capital stock ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Alden Rice and 22 others of Farmingdale, asking for establishing of Superior Court in Kennebec county; and

Petition of S. C. Whitmore of Gardiner, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Petition of Timothy Burgess and others, for an act to prevent the destruction of bass in Winnegance creek, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Fred Atwood and others, for geological survey of the State, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of John Allen, for grant of land in payment for land deeded by the State, on which he held a claim, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Wilmot Walker and 20 others, for pension for injuries received while performing military duty in 1839, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of John T. Hoskins and others, for a wire ferry across Penobscot river between Bangor dam and the town of Veazie, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

On motion of Mr. PIPER of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to convey to the person rightfully entitled to it, the southwest part of section 52 in township No. 4, Range 5, west from the east line of the State, waiving further settling duties.

On motion of Mr. WADSWORTH of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of adding to chapter 127 of the revised statutes, entitled "malicious mischief," which shall prescribe adequate punishment to any one who shall wilfully or maliciously poison, defile or in any way adulterate any well, spring, brook, reservoir or other water used for domestic purposes.

On motion of Mr. NOWLAND of Ashland,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the sale of reserved lands in Township 13, Range 6 and 12, Range 5, Aroostook county, in 1855 and 1862, and ascertain what are the rights of the inhabitants of said townships in relation thereto.

On motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be authorized to inquire into the expediency of encouraging the importation and

breeding of thoroughbred horses; sheep and swine; also of raising wheat, corn and sugar beets, by offering special premiums or other necessary aid.

On motion of Mr. PICKETT of Cape Elizabeth,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 141 of the laws of 1873, so that all expenses for any girl committed to the Maine State Industrial School, whose legal settlement is not in any city or town in this State, shall be charged to the State the same as expenses for boys committed to the Reform School, whose legal settlement is not in the State.

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to take into consideration the statutes relating to the recovery of damages for injuries received from defective highways, and inquire into the expediency of so amending the statute as to give an honest claimant a remedy against the town in such cases, and yet protect the equitable and just rights of all parties, and to inquire what legislation is necessary for such purposes.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be requested to report to this House the several banks in which the balance of cash on hand was deposited Dec. 31, 1877, and the amount in each bank.

Mr. MOORE of Thomaston offered the following:

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be until 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, January 21st.

Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville, opposed the order.

Mr. MOORE spoke in its favor.

Mr. NOWLAND of Ashland, opposed the order, and moved the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

A motion of Mr. BROWNE of Bowdoinham, to reconsider the vote calling for the yeas and nays, was lost.

The yeas and nays were then taken, resulting in the negative, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Boody,	Bowker,
Austin,	Boothby,	Briggs,
Bearce,	Bowers,	Browne,

Chapman,	Hatch,	Sherman,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Higgins,	Smith of Litchfield,
Crosby,	Hill of Bucksport,	Smith of Waterboro',
Dana,	Jackson,	Stimpson,
Dickey,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Wadsworth,
Dyer of New Sharon,	Moody,	Webb of Windham,
Eaton,	Moore of Thomaston,	Weed,
Friend,	Norwood,	York,
Fuller,	Pierce,	Young.—38.
Flynn,	Plummer,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Knight of Sweden,	Reynolds,
Bliss,	Knight, Lincolnville,	Richardson,
Blunt,	Knight, No. Berwick,	Robbins,
Brackett,	Lancaster,	Robie,
Bradbury,	Lary,	Sawyer,
Burgess,	Leighton,	Simpson,
Coburn,	Lincoln,	Smith of Auburn,
Coffin of Harrington,	Lord of Bangor,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Coombs,	Lord of Charleston,	Smith of Hanover,
Cutler,	Lothrop,	Starbird,
Dore,	Meserve, Brownfield,	Strickland,
Drinkwater,	Meserve of Hollis,	Talbot,
Dyer of Strong,	Mitchell,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Morrill of Glenburn,	True of Falmouth,
Faught,	Morrill of Sebec,	True, N. Gloucester,
Feyler,	Nowland,	True of Paris,
Fisher,	Orff,	Underwood,
Farrell,	Otis,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Garcelon,	Parkhurst,	Weeks,
Gerrish,	Partridge,	Weymouth,
Hall,	Phinney,	White,
Ham,	Pickett,	Wilson of Raymond,
Hinckley,	Piper,	Wilson, Bowdoinham
Howland,	Porter of Burlington,	Woods,
Jones,	Pratt,	Woodcock,
Keating,	Purington,	Williams.—78.
Kimball of Waterford,		

So the order was refused a passage.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the next Legislature with order of notice, on petition of Stephen G. Derring and others of Saco.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of John A. Berry and others of Saco.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to revive and amend chapter 141, laws of 1872, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Norway Branch Railroad Company and to authorize the Norway Village Corporation to aid the same.'"

Mr. PIERCE, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 116, revised statutes."

Mr. BLISS, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18, revised statutes, relating to highway taxes."

Mr. DRINKWATER, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 235, laws of 1874, authorizing assignees of choses in action to bring action in their own names."

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the Committee on Fisheries, on order relating to the fishway on Kennebec river.

Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to reorganization of our judicial system so as to establish a superior court in each county in the State.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to the amendment of section 9, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to taxation.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition of C. H. Lord and others, bill "an act to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the Souedehunk stream for log driving."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on petition of Abraham Nash and others, an act to amend an act to authorize the building of a dyke in town of Columbia, Washington county.

"Resolve in favor of Nelson Turney."

"Resolve in favor of William H. Scott."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin F. Allen."

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

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 180 of the special laws of 1872, entitled 'an act to authorize the city of Portland to aid the construction and western extension of the Portland and Rochester Railroad.'"

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported in new draft, and that same ought to pass, bill "an act to amend chapter 346 of the special laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Portland.'"

On motion of the same gentleman, the foregoing bills were ordered printed.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition, reported, bill "an act to incorporate the Crystal Dam Company."

Read once, and on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, ordered printed.

Mr. WEEKS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order, reported, bill "an act additional to chapter 127 of the revised statutes, in relation to malicious mischief and trespassers on property."

This report was read and accepted, and bill ordered printed.

"Resolve relating to the currency."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 391, laws of 1873, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Evans' Rifle Company.'"

The foregoing bill and resolve were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bill read the third time, amended per sheet "A," resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, on Treasurer's account, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, Samuel W. Lane, Esq., proposing a Convention of the Legislature,

at 11.10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, concurring in the proposition for a Convention.

The time specified having arrived, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. MOODY of the Senate,

Messrs. Moody of York,
Martin of Knox,
Weeks of Augusta,
Parkhurst of Maysville,
Hill of Bucksport,
Taylor of Biddeford,
Knight of Sweden,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a State Treasurer.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes	135
Necessary for a choice	68
Esreff H. Banks had.....	94
Albert Moore	41

The report was accepted, and the Hon. Esreff H. Banks was declared duly elected Treasurer of State, for the current fiscal year.

The Secretary, on motion of Mr. PRINCE of Androscoggin, was directed to notify the Hon. Esreff H. Banks of his election as State Treasurer.

The Convention then dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns Saturday, it be to meet at 4 P. M. Monday.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. TILDEN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting Report of Inspectors and Warden of Maine State Prison, came from the Senate read and report referred to the Committee on State Prison, and was read and report referred in concurrence.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting a list of pardons and commutations, came from the Senate read, and was read in concurrence.

Petition of Joel Wilbur and 32 others of Franklin county, for change of law regulating the annual close-time for the taking of fish on the interior waters of the State, and particularly upon the waters of the Androscoggin; and

Petition of V. A. Sprague and 39 others, citizens of the town of Dexter, for a law to prevent the taking of fish of all kinds from Dexter pond in said town;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Gilbert Barrett and 23 others, citizens of Buckfield, in aid of petition of E. G. Harlow, for an appropriation to build a bridge across the Androscoggin river at Dixfield, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of S. B. McCausland and 120 others, for law to prevent the casting of edgings, &c., into the Kennebec river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of J. E. Estes and 19 others, for an appropriation to rebuild bridge across Macwahoc stream, in Macwahoc plantation; and

Petition of J. E. Estes and 19 others, for an appropriation to repair the State bridge across Molunkus stream, in Macwahoc plantation;

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

Petition of G. H. Haskell and 61 others of Lee, for a law creating a labor lien on hemlock bark, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of George H. Clark and 82 others;

Petition of A. J. Fuller and 105 others;

Petition of R. D. Bibber and 38 others;

Petition of Charles H. Packard and 40 others, all of Bath;

Petition of C. J. Emery and 37 others of Biddeford;

Petition of C. B. Blanchard and others of Calais;

Petition of C. P. Hannaford and others of Winthrop;

Petition of Edwin Moore and 31 others of Oldtown;

Petition of A. J. Jordan and 25 others of Orland;

Petition of Robert Dixon and 40 others of Damariscotta;

Petition of J. B. Hutchinson and 41 others of Houlton, for change of pharmacy law;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

Bill "an act in relation to towns that have lost their organizations," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot and Washington Union Agricultural Society," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Frank Brown and 116 others of Sweden;

Petition of Henry C. Reed and 316 others;

Petition of John W. Walker and 187 others of Fryeburg;

Petition of John M. Eustis and 142 others;

Petition of A. O. Noyes and 123 others;

Petition of Otis Hayford and 73 others of Canton;

Petition of Enoch Foster and 56 others of Bethel; and

Petition of Thomas Baker and 138 others of Oxford, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs by the House;

Came from the Senate non-concurred and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House receded and concurred.

“Resolve relating to the purchase of Maine Reports,” referred to the Committee on the Judiciary by the House, came from the Senate non-concurred and referred to the Committee on the Library.

House receded and concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by sufficient penalties the running of excursion trains on the Sabbath day.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in relation to liens, as to give owners of blooded stallions a lien on the colt for the space of four months after foal, in case when the terms of service are twenty dollars or more, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by amendment to section 9, chapter 33 of the revised statutes, that “all checks, bills of exchange or drafts appearing on their face to have been drawn upon any bank, or upon any banking association or individual banker carrying on banking business under acts to authorize the business of banking, which are on their face payable on any specified day, or in any number of days after the date or sight thereof, shall be deemed due and payable on the day mentioned for the payment of the same, without any days of grace being allowed, and it shall not be necessary to protest the same for non-acceptance.”

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be authorized to investigate the claim of William N. Quinn and others, inhabitants of Eagle Island plantation, relating to reimbursement of money expended by them during the war of the rebellion, in excess of their quota.

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire if any further legislation is necessary to compel the proprietors of dams across the Kennebec river at Waterville, Fairfield and Skowhegan, to construct and maintain fishways on said dams, and report by bill or otherwise.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 132 of the revised statutes, regulating fees of complainants;"

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to taxes, so as to create a lien on personal property;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of town of Limestone, for legalizing doings of said town, accepted in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and recommitted.

Tabled, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition of Lincoln Sprague of Presque Isle, Aroostook county, "resolve in favor of Lincoln Sprague;" and

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Augusta Water Company;"

Came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, resolve once, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and Monday assigned for the third reading, and resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

Communication from Hon. E. H. Banks, transmitting schedule of deposits in the several banks at the close of business on the 31st of December, 1877, was read, and on motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham, ordered printed.

Petition of Henry Upton and 13 others of Norway ;
Petition of John M. Irish and 38 others of Rumford ;
Petition of Veranus Decosta and 42 others of Buckfield ;
Petition of C. H. Haskell and 18 others of Norway ;
Petition of John Moulton and 14 others of Albany ;
Petition of David Stearns and 136 others of Hiram ;
Petition of W. H. Porter and 44 others ; and

Petition of Henry M. Libby and 126 others of Porter, for change of shire town of Oxford county ;

Remonstrance of Sidney Perham and 576 others, against removal of county seat of Oxford county ;

Petition of Seth W. Fife and 59 others of Fryeburg ;

• Petition of William C. Pearce and 107 others of Norway ;

Petition of John Black of Porter and 101 others ;

Petition of George W. Patch and 67 others of Greenwood ;

Petition of Stephen W. Libby and 10 others of Greenwood ;

Petition of George C. Rowe and 119 others of Brownfield ;

Petition of E. R. Holmes and 42 others of Oxford ;

• Petition of William H. Atwood and 53 others of Buckfield ;

Petition of C. C. Cushman and 55 others of Hebron ;

Petition of Peter B. Young and 62 others of Hiram ; and

Petition of George R. Bean of Denmark and 67 others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Credentials of Peter Salmore, Representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of J. O. Webster and others of Augusta, for change of pharmacy law ; and

Petition of Stephen Richardson and 110 others, for change of liquor law, so as to compel intoxicated persons to disclose of whom they obtained liquor ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of W. W. Hamblet and others of Embden and Concord, that said Hamblet be set off from District No. 3 in Concord, to District No. 4 in Embden, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Selectmen of the town of Warren, for change of law relating to fishing in said town, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of John Wadwell, jr., and others of Castle Hill plantation, against the incorporation of said plantation into a town ; also

Remonstrance of James Cunningham and 43 others, against annexation of Crystal plantation to the town of Sherman ; also

Petition of Alden N. Brown and 40 others of Rockland, for an act to set off from said city the 7th Ward ; also

Petition of John W. Kiff and 27 others ; also
Petition of Thomas B. Spear and 16 others of Rockland ; and
Petition of George Smith and 10 others, in aid of same ;
Were referred to the Committee on Towns.
The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common Schools be directed to examine into the condition of the several academies, seminaries and institutions of learning, that have received from time to time State aid, and ascertain whether the condition on which grants of land and money have been furnished to said institutions, are complied with ; also what may seem in his judgment, the better course for the State to pursue, in order to make available in the interest of education, the large amount of property invested in real and personal estate, rendered comparatively useless in consequence of the free high school law, and report to the next Legislature.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to make such examination and investigation as may be deemed necessary, looking to the establishment of a normal school in the western part of the State, giving all parties interested opportunity to be heard, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs take into consideration chapter 267 of the acts of 1873, and report what amendment, if any, is necessary to make it more efficient.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be invited to inquire what if any legislation is necessary to enable plaintiffs in civil suits to attach the goods and estate of defendants after service and during the proceeding of actions in court.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. WOODCOCK, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported ought to pass, on " resolve to amend chapter 133 resolves of 1867."

Mr. WEYMOUTH, from same Committee, reported same, on bill " an act providing for payment of certain rents now in suit to the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bill read twice, resolve once, and Monday next assigned for third reading of bill and second reading of resolve.

Bill "an act to authorize the building of a dyke or dam across Dyke Branch stream, in the county of Washington;" and

Bill "an act to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the Souedehunk stream for log driving;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1878.

Met according to adjournment, 4 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SAWYER of Hallowell.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting memorials of Penobscot Indians in relation to islands belonging to said tribe, was read and referred to the Committee on Indians Affairs.

Petition of Leonard A. Ingalls and 41 others of Denmark ;
Petition of Henry M. Colby and 131 others of Rumford ;
Petition of Oliver Stevens and 51 others of Hanover ;
Petition of John B. Bird and others of Waterford ;
Petition of John M. Lane and 66 others of Sumner ;
Petition of Stephen Mitchell and 110 others of Greenwood ;
Petition of George M. Beckler and 52 others of Albany ; and
Petition of Joseph Smith and 78 others of Lowell, for removal of shire town of Oxford county ;

Remonstrance of F. J. Bean and 11 others of Mason ;

Remonstrance of Timothy Walker and 64 others of Rumford ;

Remonstrance of John J. Holman of Dixfield and 118 others ;

Remonstrance of O. C. Houghton and 105 others ;

Remonstrance of Sewell Goff and 75 others of Mexico ;

Remonstrance of Lowell Gardiner and 133 others of Sumner ;

Remonstrance of Hiram A. Ellis and 107 others of Canton ;

Remonstrance of Merritt Parsons and 165 others of Hartford ;

Remonstrance of Benjamin Lovejoy and 73 others of Peru ;

Remonstrance of Winthrop Mathews and 15 others of Franklin plantation ;

Remonstrance of Alvin W. Wilson and 19 others of Lincoln plantation ;

Remonstrance of A. E. Stiles and 205 others of Bethel ;

Remonstrance of Orrin Foster and 53 others of Newry ;

Remonstrance of James Brown and 7 others of Grafton ;

Remonstrance of J. H. Douglass and 39 others of Upton ;

Remonstrance of J. W. Eaton and 94 others of Andover ; and

Remonstrance of George Burnham of Gilead and 40 others, against the same ;

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act additional to chapter 31, revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehousemen ;'" also

Bill "an act to amend section 90, chapter 82, revised statutes ;" also

Memorial of H. M. Plaisted and F. H. Appleton, for the purchase of 600 copies of their Digest of the Maine Reports ; also

Bill "an act to extend the time for organization of the Calais Railroad ;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 261, private acts 1869, relating to courts in Washington county ;" also

Petition of F. C. Fellows and 19 others of Mt. Vernon, for change of law relating to mal-practice ; also

Petition of Abial Libby and 32 others of Richmond ; also

Petition of P. Dyer and 29 others of Paris ; also

Petition of L. L. Sampson and 79 others of Bowdoinham ; and

Bill "an act to amend section 90, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to evidence ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of William L. Guptill and 26 others, that the law may be amended so that intoxicated persons may be arrested and confined until they shall disclose of whom the liquor was obtained ; also

Petition of N. E. Hall and others of Winterport; also
Petition of W. H. Rice and others, in aid of same; also
Petition of J. C. Atwood and others, in aid of same; also
Petition of C. M. Plummer and 53 others of Bath, for legalization of sale of lager beer and ale; also

Petition of Samuel B. Hunter and others of Machias;
Petition of Alfred Kilby and others of Dennysville;
Petition of B. D. E. Huse and 13 others of Camden;
Petition of A. H. Richardson and others of Corinna;
Petition of G. H. Cloyes and others of Portland;
Petition of E. Hopkins and 40 others of Searsport;
Petition of D. E. Marston and others of Monmouth;
Petition of A. Libby and others of Richmond;
Petition of Daniel F. Sullivan and others of Richmond;
Petition of W. B. Swasey and 35 others of Cornish;
Petition of S. Estes and others of Sanford;
Petition of John O. Winship and others of Portland;
Petition of C. B. Brigham and 33 others of Livermore;
Petition of C. W. Richardson and 27 others;
Petition of S. B. Jennings and others of Presque Isle;
Petition of Jared Fuller and others of Corinth;
Petition of Orren Pratt and others of Presque Isle;
Petition of W. B. Proctor and others of New Sharon;
Petition of J. W. Tibbetts and 49 others of Stetson;
Petition of F. M. Eveleth and others of Waldoboro', for change of pharmacy law; and

Remonstrance of F. S. Bunker and 84 others of Stetson;
Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of George A. Saunders, asking for pay for lumber cut on his lot under direction of the State; also

Petition of town of Caribou, for aid on bridge across Aroostook river; also

Petition of C. F. Collins, for a lot of land; also

Petition of C. F. Collins, for lot of land waiving settling duties; also

"Resolve in favor of E. Michaud;" also

Petition of George Cary and others of Houlton, for reimbursement of one-fifth part of money paid out for partition of lands in Eagle Lake plantation, with resolve accompanying; also

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud;" also
Petition of Albion W. Stratton, for deed of land; also
Petition of S. W. Stratton, for deed of land; also
Petition of James E. Holmes, asking for deed of land; and
Petition of Fred Barker, for lot of land;

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

Remonstrance of Selectmen of Boothbay and 503 others, against any law prohibiting the taking of menhaden in the waters of Maine; also

Petition of Selectmen of Bristol and 488 others; also

Petition of Isaac Genthner and 128 others of Damariscotta; also

Petition of Joseph Burns and 151 other citizens of Bremen; also

Petition of W. & C. R. Milliken and 574 others of Portland; also

Petition of Robert A. Friend and 103 others of Brooklin, in the county of Hancock, in aid of same; also

Petition of John W. Coffin and 127 others, that the Narraguagus river may be excepted from the law regulating fisheries, as it has been since 1828; and

Petition of N. W. Purington and 22 others, for protection of sturgeon in Kennebec river;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act giving county commissioners jurisdiction over the repair of ways;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 66, chapter 82, revised statutes;" also

Petition of B. D. E. Huse and others of Camden, for State Board of Health; also

Petition of R. S. Paine and others of Camden; also

Petition of Fred Lewis and others of Camden, in aid of same; also

Petition of George A. Wilson and others of the South Paris Village Corporation, with accompanying bill; also

Petition of the members of the Union Meeting House Association, that their doings may be legalized; also

Bill "an act for the incorporation of the Pythian Hall Association of Portland;" also

"Resolve in favor of Cyrus William King;" and

Petition of George E. Newman and 91 others of Bath, for an act protecting insectivorous birds ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of D. E. Marston and others of Monmouth, for establishment of superior court in Kennebec county ;

Petition of Anson P. Morrill and 61 others of Readfield ;

Petition of W. F. Hallett and 59 others of Augusta ; and

Petition of John B. Dyer and 50 others of Augusta ;

Were referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Remonstrance of G. C. Eaton and 165 others of Fairfield, against the passage of an act preventing the throwing of slabs and edgings into Kennebec river and its tributaries ;

Remonstrance of John Cary and 158 others of Waterville ;

Remonstrance of Charles C. Hamlin and 32 others ;

Remonstrance of John Davis and 32 others of Winslow ;

Remonstrance of J. C. Jameson and others of Bath ;

Remonstrance of V. R. Connor and 185 others of Fairfield ;

Remonstrance of Isaiah Gifford and 37 others of Vassalboro' ;

and

Remonstrance of C. H. Hussey and 61 others of Norridgewock, in aid of same ;

Petition of R. D. Silman and 7 others, mill-owners, for amendment of chapter 363, special laws of 1877, relating to throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river ; and

Petition of S. S. Brooks and others, for leave to build wharf in tide waters of Kennebec river at Augusta ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act to authorize the Portland and Ogdensburg Railway Company to issue preferred stock ;" and

Petition of Mayor and Aldermen of Bath, for repeal of special act of 1876 authorizing lessees of Androscoggin Railroad to discontinue the use of a portion of its track ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Ephraim Bartlett and 167 others of South Thomaston, that Dix, Crow and other islands, may be annexed to South Thomaston ; and

Petition of Selectmen of South Thomaston, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, for revision of charter ; also

Bill "an act to amend chapter 188, laws of 1877, relating to life insurance;" and

Bill "an act additional to chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to life insurance;"

Were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Charles L. Albee and others, for establishment of State Board of Examiners of Teachers in each county;

Petition of Philo Hersey and 40 others of Belfast;

Petition of William Buck and others of Foxcroft;

Petition of S. H. Purington and others of Norway; and

Petition of Frank Carlton and others of Woolwich, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Major Kelley and 6 others of Washington plantation, for abatement of State tax; also

Petition of Selectmen of Bradley, for reimbursement of money paid out by order of the Adjutant General in 1864; and

Petition of town of Milford, for reimbursement of money paid out by order of the Adjutant General;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of J. C. Hall, for change of name of town of Caribou to Lyndon, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of J. E. Mallett and others, citizens of Topsham, against granting petition of Converse Purinton, for an act vesting the franchise of Merrymeeting bridge in the county of Sagadahoc, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians," was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Hodgdon,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the claim for reimbursement of money received for stumpage of timber cut in lot 52 in township No. 5, Range 3, W. E. L. S.

On motion of Mr. AUSTIN of Milford,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads ascertain if a deed was ever issued to Gowen Wilson or assignees, under a resolve of the Legislature, approved August 13, 1849,

and if it appears upon examination that no such deed was ever issued by the Land Agent, to ascertain who is legally or equitably entitled to receive a deed (or its equivalent) as authorized by said resolve.

On motion of Mr. VICKERY of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of conferring upon the Governor authority to issue the court stenographers commissions as justices of the peace throughout the State.

On motion of Mr. KNIGHT of Lincolnville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Temperance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 215 of the public laws of 1877, so that the sale of pure cider will not be in violation of the laws of this State.

On motion of Mr. BLISS of Washington,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be invited to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 78, public laws of 1876, relating to the erection of fish weirs and wharves.

On motion of same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be invited to inquire whether any more legislation is necessary to furnish liens to persons, who perform labor by cutting and hauling cord wood and fire wood, and to report, in accordance with their excellent wisdom ; also to inquire into the expediency of enacting such a law as shall hold to strict accountability insurance agents.

On motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 27, section 26 of the revised statutes, relating to town agents for sale of liquors, by striking out the word " shall " in the fifth line, and inserting in the place thereof the word " may ; " also to inquire into the expediency of regulating by law the speed of steam vessels in the ports and harbors of the State.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending sections 49 and 57 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes of 1871, relating to insurance companies doing business in this State.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to

inquire if any treaty stipulation or obligations entered into by the State of Massachusetts with the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, and assumed by Maine for Massachusetts, have been infringed or violated to the injury of said tribe, so as to create a liability against the State for reimbursement to the tribe.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Caribou,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be requested to inquire into the claim of John S. Arnold to lot No. 132, in the town of Limestone, Aroostook county.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham,

The use of Representatives' Hall was granted to Lizzie Baston Fuller, for a free entertainment in elocution, on Wednesday evening, January 23.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY of Pembroke,

The use of Representatives' Hall was granted on the evening of February 8th, to the Committee on Instruction.

Mr. BRIGGS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to Committee on Financial Affairs, on "resolve in favor of town of Barnard."

Mr. CURRAN from the Committee on Elections, reported leave to withdraw, on remonstrance of Nehemiah Poland against right of Hiram Bliss, Jr., to a seat in the House.

These reports were read and accepted, and the former sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 180 of the special laws of 1872, entitled 'an act to authorize the city of Portland to aid the construction and western extensions of the Portland and Rochester Railroad.' "

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 127 of the revised statutes, in relation to malicious mischief and trespasses on property."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Crystal Dam Company."

"Resolve in favor of Lincoln E. Sprague."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

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

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 346, special laws of 1876, entitled 'an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Portland.'"

The foregoing bill was read twice, and Tuesday of next week assigned for the third reading, on motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland.

Bill "an act providing for payment of certain rents now in suit to the Agent of the Penobscot Indians."

"Resolve to amend chapter 133, resolves of 1876."

The bill and resolve were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bill read the third time, resolve the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Augusta Water Company," was reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of town of Limestone, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, when the House receded and concurred with the Senate in recommitting the report.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Waterville,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of A. R. Fellows and others of Frankfort, for establishment of State Board of Examiners of Teachers in each county ;

Petition of James A. Burke and others of Bangor ;

Petition of W. C. Sewall and others of Stockton ;

Petition of Alden Blossom and others of Boothbay ;

Petition of P. P. Gilmore and others of Dedham ;

Petition of C. D. Morrill and others of Madison ;

Petition of G. T. Fletcher of Castine ;

Petition of F. W. Gross and others of Orland ;

Petition of Superintending School Committee of Eaton ;

Petition of C. O. Page and others of Calais ;

Petition of Charles Hobart and others of Edmunds ;

Petition of V. L. Coffin and 30 others of Harrington ;

Petition of J. M. Johnson and others of Jonesport ;

Petition of J. G. Soule and others of Waterville ;

Petition of J. M. Larrabee and others of Gardiner ;

Petition of Hudson Sawyer and others of Hallowell ;

Petition of A. W. Burr and others of Hallowell ; and

Petition of A. Libby and others of Richmond, in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Petition of A. Smith and others of Steuben, for a law in relation to lien claims for labor and material furnished for building or repairing ships and vessels ; also

Bill " an act to amend section 26 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to lien claims on slate ; " also

Bill " an act amending chapter 124 of the public laws of 1876, relating to warehouses ; " and

Bill "an act additional to chapter 371 of the private and special laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to incorporate the town of Barnard;'"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Otis Reed and others, Directors of the Upper Still-water Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, praying that they may be permitted to surrender their charter, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of E. A. Davis and others of Lubec, for bounty on wild cats, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of fixing by law the manner of cancelling town orders.

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads ascertain what steps are necessary to have revert to the State, such lands as have been conditionally sold, and the conditions remain unfulfilled, and which in the opinion of said committee will not be complied with, and report by resolve or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to regulate the survey of logs on the Penobscot river, and for the preservation of the records of logs, and report by bill or otherwise.

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

Ordered, The House concurring, that there be and is hereby established another Joint Standing Committee, to be hereafter known and designated as the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Boardman of Waldo,
Cobb of Androscoggin,
Woodward of Lincoln,

appointed on its part.

This order was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act to authorize George W. Mills to erect, extend and maintain wharves at Rutherford's island, in the town of Bristol ;" also

Petition of R. W. Walker and 36 others, for a law to protect alewives in the Bagaduce river ; also

Remonstrance of Samuel Herrick and 50 others of Sedgwick, against the act preventing the taking of menhaden in the waters of Maine ; also

Remonstrance of Mark L. Ellwell and 30 others of North Sedgwick, against restricting the right to take menhaden or porgies in the waters of Maine ; also

Remonstrance of A. W. Pinkham and 20 others of Bristol, against any law prohibiting the taking of menhaden in the waters of Maine with seines ; also

Petition of John Bower and others of Harpswell, in aid of same ; and

Petition of Sanborn Brothers, in relation to trout ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of George Underwood and 13 others, for right to navigate the waters of Wayne, Fayette and Mt. Vernon, and to connect said waters by railway ; also

Petition of F. C. Fellows and 33 others, in aid of same ; also

Petition of W. M. Taylor and 12 others, in aid of same ; also

Remonstrance of Isaac Temple and 63 others of Bingham and Moscow, against the proposed act preventing the throwing of slabs and other refuse into Kennebec river ; also

Petition of L. F. Jones and 31 others of Andover, for repeal of act of 1877, granting exclusive right to C. A. J. Farrar to navigate Richardson's lake by steam ; also

Remonstrance of I. N. Wadsworth and others of Manchester, against the act preventing the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Kennebec river ; also

Remonstrance of Armstrong Gamage and 19 others, against the right of G. W. Wiles to extend his wharf into tide waters at Rutherford's island in Bristol ; and

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Water Power Company ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Charles A. Wing and 95 others of Winthrop, for establishing a Superior Court in Kennebec county ; also

Petition of W. G. Watson and 32 others of Fayette, in aid of same ; also

Petition of Isaac W. Brittain and 23 others of Winslow ; and

Petition of J. S. Berry and 2 others of Wayne ;

Were referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Bill "an act to amend section 86, chapter 60, revised statutes, relating to actions of Divorce ;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 66, revised statutes, relating to insolvent estates ;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 95, revised statutes, relating to actions of trespass ;" also

Bill "an act in relation to rights of action between husband and wife ;" also

Petition of George W. Ward, W. B. Osgood and others, to be incorporated as the Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows ; also

Bill "an act relating to apprenticing of boys from the Reform School ;" also

Petition of Fountain Rodick and 58 others of Eden, for a telegraph and telephone line from Bar Harbor to Ellsworth ; also

Petition of the citizens of Caribou, for incorporation of a starch factory, with bill accompanying ; also

Petition of Ara Cushman and others of Auburn, for incorporation of the Auburn and Harpswell Association, with accompanying bill ; also

Petition of James Clary and 25 others of Knox, for change of pauper law ; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bridgton Brass Band ;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 15, chapter 30, revised statutes, relating to taking fur-bearing animals ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of J. W. Corthell, for reimbursement ; also

Petition of Thomas Kennedy, for pay for supplies, &c., furnished a pauper in Crooked Brook plantation, who had no residence in this State ; also

"Resolve in favor of St. Croix and Penobscot Railway ; and

"Resolve in favor of John Relahan ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of C. A. Rounds and others, for amendment of charter of city of Calais ; also

“ Resolve in favor of certain towns, for payment of money which they claim was illegally obtained by the State ;” also

Bill “ an act to amend chapter 80, revised statutes, relating to the powers and duties of constables ;” also

Bill “ an act to incorporate the Union Dairying Association ;” also

Petition of F. A. Seiders and others, in aid of same ; also

Bill “ an act in relation to actions by or against administrators ;” also

Bill “ an act to encourage the development of mining interests in this State ;” also

Bill “ an act to encourage the provision of means for the extinguishment of fires ;” and

Petition of C. P. Mattocks and others, for charter of Rifle Club ;
Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Frederick Storer and others, for an act legalizing sale of lager beer and cider ;

Petition of A. O. Noyes and 41 others of Norway ;

Petition of Harrison Small and 108 others of Gardiner ;

Petition of John W. Perkins and others of Portland ;

Petition of Warren Hunter and 22 others of Strong ;

Petition of John Benson and others of Newport ;

Petition of Silas Burbank and others of Mt. Vernon ;

Petition of J. D. Nutting and others of Hallowell ;

Petition of H. L. Irish and others of Turner ;

Petition of J. W. Clark and others of Portland ;

Petition of Stanley F. Warren and others of Farmington ;

Petition of D. S. Cole and others of Hallowell ;

Petition of C. S. Pennell and 38 others of Brunswick ;

Petition of T. Hildreth and 40 others of Gardiner ;

Petition of J. W. Tibbetts and 29 others of Corinna ;

Petition of H. W. Golder and others of Belgrade ; and

Petition of J. H. Estabrook and others of Rockland, for amendment of pharmacy law ;

Remonstrance of M. J. Metcalf and 436 others of Monmouth ;
and

Remonstrance of J. W. Clark and 45 others of Hallowell, against the same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of O. R. Sirois and 15 others, for State Board of Examiners of Teachers; also

Petition of C. P. Allen and others of Presque Isle, for law creating County Boards of Examiners of Teachers ;

Petition of E. S. Keyes and others of Jay ;

Petition of B. T. Chase and others of Bridgton ;

Petition of Emulous Stackpole and others of Monticello ;

Petition of the school committee of Waterford ; and

Petition of supervisor of New Vineyard, in aid of same ;

Petition of Isaiah Gifford and others of Vassalboro', for regulating powers of school districts ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Freeman Hayden, for lot of land ; also

Petition of O. W. Davis, Jr., for deed of lot No. 19 in Wade plantation, Aroostook county ; also

Petition of L. D. Todd, for deed of his lot ; and

Petition of Selectmen of Monson, for aid on road from Abbot depot to Shirley ;

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

Petition of J. H. Lincoln, for railroad charter ; and

Bill "an act additional to chapter 258, public laws of 1874, relating to adjustment of railroad taxes ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of B. F. Pease and 113 others, for incorporation of the Ossipee River Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

"Resolve providing for payment for additional services and expenses imposed upon the Bank Examiner by the savings bank act, approved February 9, 1877," was referred to the Committee Banks and Banking.

Petition of St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland, for aid, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Isaac Dyer and 50 others, for increase of salary of the Register of Probate for Somerset county, was referred to the Somerset County Delegation.

Petition of inhabitants of Wade plantation, to be set off from the proprietors' lands ; and

Remonstrance of William Rich and others, against the division of the town of Berwick ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. CURRAN of Calais, announced the attendance of Mr. Crandon of Columbia Falls, member elect, and discharged the duty of conducting him to the Governor, where he took the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Mr. CORNISH of Winslow,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to perfect the law relating to mechanic's liens.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 15, chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, as to lessen the rate of taxation on the deposits in savings banks.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary in order to regulate the per cent. of value above which property cannot be insured, and thus prevent the frequent occurrence of incendiary fires.

On motion of Mr. WEED of Veazie,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the school laws of the State, so far as they relate to high schools. Also that the same Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law requiring towns to raise money for the support of common schools, that they may raise fifty cents instead of eighty cents for each inhabitant.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a small amount of land to Vital D'Aigle for building a mill in township No. 17, R. 6.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the laws relative to laying out county roads, and so amend the same as to empower county commissioners to lay out county roads through incorporated towns, plantations and unincorporated townships, on the same petition.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY of Pembroke,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any amendment is needed to section 4 or 5, or to both, of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to inns and innkeepers, so that the law shall be more effective or just.

On motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce inquire what, if any, legislation is required to regulate and define the rights and liabilities of the owners of tow boats, and to provide that such owners shall not incur the liabilities of pilots without additional compensation therefor.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 122, section 12 of the revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements to prosecute suits at law, so as to make it more effectual.

On motion of Mr. DANA of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 30 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes of 1871, by inserting after the word "manufacturing" in the second line of said section, the words "mining and smelting."

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures inquire into the expediency of amending the 9th specification of section 6 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, respecting taxation, so that mining and smelting works shall have the same privilege of exemption from taxation provided for manufacturing and other establishments.

On motion of Mr. WOODCOCK of Princeton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be instructed to take from the files of the last Legislature, the petition and evidence of the town of Topsfield, for reimbursement of money sent by express

by the State, and never received by said town, and report whether said petition should be granted.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Deering,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire what further legislation is necessary to secure the prompt recording of deeds of gift, or where full consideration therefor has not been paid.

On motion of Mr. SEIDERS of North Yarmouth,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the revised statutes, as to allow an appeal from the decision of the clerk in the taxation of costs.

On motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Waterford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary examine into the expediency of providing additional remedies for the protection of persons purchasing lands at tax sales.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN of Orrington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the protection of pickerel and white perch in Field's and Brewer's ponds, situated in Orrington, in the county of Penobscot.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Elections, reported on the case of N. B. Turner, against the right of Sullivan Lothrop to a seat in this House, a resolve, as follows: "Resolved that Sullivan Lothrop is not entitled to a seat in this House."

Pending acceptance of report, tabled, on motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 180, special laws of 1872, entitled 'an act to authorize the city of Portland to aid the construction and western extensions of the Portland and Rochester Railroad;' " also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Crystal Dam Company;" and

Bill "an act additional to chapter 128, revised statutes, in relation to malicious mischief and trespasses on property;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

The order relating to discontinuing the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, was taken from the table, on

motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LALACHEUR of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Edward Cushing and others of Camden ; also

Petition of A. J. Parker and 36 others of West Waterville ; also

Petition of Sewall A. Allen and 37 others of West Waterville ;
and

Petition of A. F. Plympton and others of Gardiner, for amendment of pharmacy law ; also

Remonstrance of L. A. Farrar and 70 others of Turner ; also

Remonstrance of D. L. Hunter and 226 others of Clinton ; also

Remonstrance of citizens of Piscataquis county ; and

Remonstrance of a great meeting at Portland, against the passage of the same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of C. C. Rounds and others of the Western Normal School, for a Board of Examiners of Teachers ;

Petition of S. S. Committee of Farmington ;

Petition of John F. Staples of Baileyville ;

Petition of Caleb Gilman and others of Meddybemps ;

Petition of Alfred Webb and others of Lovell ;

Petition of G. A. Sawtelle and others of Argyle ;

Petition of A. C. Otis and others of Winthrop ;

Petition of P. S. Dinsmore and others of Enfield ;

Petition of M. S. Bills and others of Kenduskeag ; and

Remonstrance of School Committee of Verona, against same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 15, chapter 49, private and special laws of 1872;" also

Bill "an act additional relative to the Portland and Deering Railroad Company;" also

Bill "an act additional relative to Boston and Maine Railroad;" also

Bill "an act to amend chapter 223 of laws of 1871, relating to fares on railroads;" and

Petition of Charles P. Church, for extension of time to make survey of and complete construction of Penobscot Central Railroad;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act in relation to bastard children and their maintenance;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 4, chapter 124, revised statutes, relating to polygamy;" also

Petition of Abner Toothaker and others, for amendment of section 15, chapter 49, special laws of 1872, with bill; and

Petition of Frank Sawtelle, for exclusive right to navigate Snow pond in Kennebec county;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 218, public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Caleb Estes, for law to make uniform scale of logs; and

Petition of L. F. Stratton and others, in aid of same;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of F. B. Ward and others of Skowhegan, for increase of pay of County Commissioners of Somerset county, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the necessity of amending chapter 141 of the public laws of 1876, entitled an act to promote the settlement of the public lands, approved February 23, 1876, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the amount required by law to be raised for the support of schools from 80 cents to 70 cents for each inhabitant, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of amending section 30, named in chapter 207 of the public laws of 1877, entitled an act to obtain uniform returns from railroad corporations; also to inquire into the expediency of amending section 10, chapter 120 of the public laws of 1876, authorizing the formation of railroad corporations.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending section 10, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, that selectmen shall be elected for three years, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to protect the rights of persons loaning money to administrators and executors of estates as such, and to report by bill or otherwise.

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

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting list of county estimates, was read and the estimates referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 89, revised statutes, relating to petition for review;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 25, chapter 65, revised statutes, relating to allowance to minor children;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

"Resolve to carry into effect the provision of chapter 49, resolves of 1869," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill "an act to regulate the sale of ice," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of H. H. Miller and others, for law providing for a State Board of Examiners, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of J. W. Toward and 29 others of Augusta;

Remonstrance of D. M. Waite and students of Dirigo Business College;

Remonstrance of William Hodges and 18 others of Augusta ;
Remonstrance of Lemuel Fowler and 25 others of Augusta ;
Remonstrance of Col. C. V. Crossman and 44 others of Bangor ;
Remonstrance of Benjamin Kingsbury and 330 members of Ocean
Lodge of Good Templars ;

Remonstrance of H. N. Bolster and 42 others of Paris ;
Remonstrance of E. M. Shaw and 60 others of Lisbon ;
Remonstrance of John Larrabee and 60 others of Livermore ;
Remonstrance of Mrs. F. S. Kinsman and 63 others of Augusta ;
Remonstrance of Mrs. C. K. Foss and 80 others of Fairfield ;
Remonstrance of Frank Kenrick and 143 others of Fairfield ;
Remonstrance of William Connor and 100 others of Fairfield,
against change of pharmacy law ;

Petition of R. H. Richards and others of Boothbay, for change
of pharmacy law ; also

Petition of H. K. Wheeler and others, for a law to arrest in-
toxicated persons and hold them till they disclose of whom the
liquor was obtained ; also

Petition of Henry Woodman and others ; and

Petition of M. J. Dow and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Emeline A. Prescott and others, for establishment of
equal political rights regardless of sex ; and

Petition of D. B. Johnson and 116 others of Freedom ;

Were referred to the next Legislature.

Remonstrance of A. J. Darling and 100 others, against petition
of J. & E. H. Treat, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of A. N. Johnson and 20 others of Dix island and
other islands, against annexing said islands to South Thomaston ;
and

Remonstrance of John A. Clark and 53 other inhabitants of
South Thomaston, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Remonstrance against the petition of Augusta Rifle Club ;

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville,

Ordered, That the order of the Legislature relating to the non-
reception of petitions and orders, after January 22, apply to bills,
acts and resolves.

The order was read and tabled, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the use of the Hall be granted to Mr. Serope Armenag Gurdjian, for a lecture on the Eastern question.

Mr. WEEKS, from the Kennebec County Delegation, on petition, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in the county of Kennebec."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported in new draft, bill "an act to abolish the August term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Kennebec."

On motion of the same gentleman, the foregoing were ordered printed.

Mr. DRINKWATER, from the Hancock County Delegation, on petition, reported bill "an act to amend an act granting to Ransom B. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock."

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order, reported "resolve in favor of Baring and Houlton road across the Indian township, in Washington county, and the Grand Lake stream road in said county."

Mr. CUTLER, from same Committee, on petition, reported "resolve in aid of the towns of Blanchard and Shirley."

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition, reported "resolve in favor of repairing bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Ashland."

Mr. BLUNT, from the same Committee, on petition, reported "resolve in favor of the town of Madawaska."

Mr. DICKEY, from the same Committee, on petition, reported "resolve in favor of the town of Frenchville."

Mr. DRINKWATER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported in new draft, bill "an act to amend section 32 of chapter 65 of the revised statutes, granting to guardians and trustees power to assign mortgages and mortgage debts," and that same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to certain towns electing more than three persons on superintending school committees.

Mr. KIMBALL, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to training of teachers for Madawaska.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Selectmen of Princeton.

Mr. DRINKWATER, from the Hancock County Delegation, reported same, on petition of C. W. Conners and others of Hancock county.

Mr. HOWLAND, from the Committee on Pensions, reported same, on petition of Wilmot Walker.

Mr. LARY, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of inhabitants of Roxbury for division.

Mr. SMITH of Hanover, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas W. Porter.

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Education, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to section 3, chapter 11, revised statutes, relating to abolition of school districts."

Mr. CURRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act additional to chapter 88, revised statutes, relating to partition of real estate."

Mr. DRINKWATER, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Selectmen of the town of Cooper, for an act to legalize doings of said town.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Club."

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

"Resolve in favor of Franklin Simmons, sculptor."

"Resolve in favor of Nelson Turney."

"Resolve in favor of William H. Scott."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin F. Allen."

The foregoing resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve relating to the currency," was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

Mr. WEED of Veazie moved, and the House ordered the yeas and nays on the final passage, which resulted in the passage of the resolve, by yeas 115, nays 22.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen,	Faught,	Moore of Biddeford,
Austin,	Fisher,	Morrill of Sebec,
Bearce,	Friend,	Moulton,
Bird,	Fuller,	Murray,
Bliss,	Flynn,	Nowland,
Blunt,	Farrell,	Orff,
Bodwell,	Hanson,	Otis,
Boody,	Hatch,	Parkhurst,
Boothby,	Higgins,	Partridge,
Bowers,	Hill of Bucksport,	Phinney,
Bowker,	Hill of Exeter,	Pilsbury,
Brackett,	Hinckley,	Piper,
Bradbury,	Howland,	Plummer,
Briggs,	Jackson,	Porter of Caribou,
Browne,	Jones,	Pratt,
Buck,	Keating,	Purington,
Cain,	Kimball of Waterford,	Reynolds,
Caswell,	Kimball of Bath,	Richardson,
Chapman,	Knight of Sweden,	Robie,
Clay,	Knight, Lincolnville,	Sawyer,
Coffin of Harrington,	Knight, No. Berwick,	Seiders,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Lancaster,	Shapleigh,
Cole,	Lary,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Coombs,	Leighton,	Smith of Litchfield,
Cornish,	Lincoln,	Smith of Hanover,
Crandon,	Lord of Bangor,	Smith of Waterboro',
Crosby,	Lord of Charleston,	Starbird,
Curran,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Stimpson,
Cutler,	Mayo,	Strickland,
Davis of Jackson,	McLaughlin,	Talbot,
Drinkwater,	Meserve, Brownfield,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Dyer of New Sharon,	Meserve of Hollis,	True of Falmouth,
Dyer of Strong,	Moody,	True, N. Gloucester,
Eaton,	Moore of Thomaston,	True of Paris,

Underwood,	Weymouth,	Woodbury,
Vickery,	Wilson, Bowdoinham	Williams,
Wadsworth,	Winslow,	York,
Webb of Windham,	Woods,	Young.—115.
Weeks,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	Ham,	Simpson,
Andrews,	Lothrop,	Smith of Waterville,
Dickey,	Mitchell,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Dore,	Morrill of Glenburn,	Weed,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Parlin,	White,
Feyler,	Porter of Burlington,	Wilson of Raymond,
Gerrish,	Sherman,	Woodcock.—22.
Hall,		

So the resolve was signed by the SPEAKER, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WINSLOW of Portland,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1878.

• Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. EMMONS of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Emeline A. Prescott and others, for the establishment of equal rights, irrespective of sex, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Petition of O. W. Rogers and 17 others, for amendment of liquor law, so that intoxicated persons may be arrested and held till they disclose of whom the liquor was purchased; and

Remonstrance of Silas Morse and 175 others, against the pharmacy law;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of W. P. Burbank and others of Gilead, for the establishment of a State Board of Examiners of Teachers;

Petition of School Committee of Calais; and

Petition of D. W. Bunker and others of Trenton;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Samuel C. Campbell and 74 others, for mineral survey of the State, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to facilitate the transfer to the United States of the title to the Antietam National Cemetery, in the State of Maryland," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of S. W. Goodspeed and 73 others of Pittston, against throwing slabs into Kennebec river, was referred to Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

The order relating to discontinuing the Agricultural College and Mechanic Arts, passed by the House, came back from the Senate refused a passage, and indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on Governor's Message, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence, and is as follows :

That so much of said message as relates to the State Treasury, be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

That so much as relates to military affairs, the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, and Antietam National Cemetery, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

That so much as relates to the report and recommendations of the Attorney General, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

That so much as relates to the Land Office, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

That so much as relates to savings banks, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

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

That so much as relates to the Indian tribes, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

That so much as relates to the State Prison and the International Prison Congress, be referred to the Committee on State Prison.

That so much as relates to the Reform School and the Industrial School for Girls, be referred to the Committee on Reform School.

That so much as relates to the Insane Hospital and the Maine General Hospital, be referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

That so much as relates to the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

That so much as relates to fisheries, the culture and propagation of fish, be referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

That so much as relates to the statue of Governor King, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Superintendent of Common Schools, transmitting his report on the necessity and feasibility of establishing a normal school in the western portion of the State, was read and the report ordered printed, on motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham.

Remonstrance of George A. Preble and 15 others of Bath ;

Remonstrance of Sidney Perham and 50 others of Portland ;

Remonstrance of Nelson Dingley, Jr., and 250 others of Lewiston ;

Remonstrance of G. M. Garland and 50 others of Waterville ;

Remonstrance of Rufus Gibbs and 21 others of Bridgton ;

Remonstrance of Reform Club of Bridgton ;

Remonstrance of W. L. Parks and 18 others of Pittsfield ;

Remonstrance of George M. B. Sprague and 60 others of Vanceboro'.

Remonstrance of Elijah Lowe and 47 others of Bangor ;

Remonstrance of Albert Green and 27 others of Bucksport ;

Remonstrance of C. L. Brann and 48 others of Augusta ;

Remonstrance of W. R. Hall and 28 others of Augusta ;

Remonstrance of H. A. Fowler and 54 others of Brewer ; and

"Resolve passed by a Convention of Delegates from 25 Reform Clubs, holden at Gardiner, against change of pharmacy law ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of G. E. Bunnall and others ;

Petition of E. R. Benner and others of Waldoboro' ; and

Petition of School Committee of Littleton, for a State Board of Examiners ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 218, acts of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the situation of the settlers on lands which were allotted for settlement under the laws of this State, in Township 18, Range 4, 5, 6 and 7.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall, on Thursday evening, January 31st, be tendered to Prof. Pike, to deliver a lecture on technology.

On motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall be granted to Lizzie Baston

Fuller, for a free entertainment on elocution, on Friday evening, January 25th.

On motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Bath,

Ordered, That the use of this Hall, on Wednesday evening next, be granted to the Maine State Association for the protection of fish, for the purpose of a public lecture from the Hon. Theodore Lyman, one of the Fish Commissioners of Massachusetts, upon the subject of our fisheries.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of T. W. Robinson, for protection of certain kinds of game;

Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of section 6, chapter 6, revised statutes, in relation to taxation;

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on order relating to costs in cases before Commissioners of Insolvency;

Were read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to civil suits.

Pending acceptance, tabled, on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson.

Mr. DYER, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported, on petition, bill "an act to change the name of Nancy S. Hubbard."

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition of D. P. Parker and others, bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 18, in the town of Gorham."

Mr. MOORE, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of Joseph White and others, bill "an act to authorize the sale of Union Meeting House of Vassalboro', with furniture and fixtures."

Mr. BRIGGS, from same Committee, reported, on petition of O. D. Bailey and others, bill "an act to make valid the doings of the North and West Auburn Cheese Company, in the city of Auburn."

Mr. WEBB, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass,

on bill "an act to incorporate the Pythian Hall Association of Portland."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 32, chapter 65, revised statutes, granting to guardians and trustees power to assign mortgages and mortgage debts."

Printed bill "an act granting to Ransom B. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock."

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

"Resolve in favor of town of Frenchville," was read once, when Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville offered amendment "A."

The resolve was assigned to Wednesday of next week, and the amendment laid on the table till that time, on motion of Mr. BLISS of Washington.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Madawaska," was read once, when Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville moved amendment "A," which was laid on the table, and assigned to Wednesday of next week with the resolve.

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on Elections, presented minority report on case of Turner vs. Lothrop, and on his motion the majority report from same Committee, on same case, was taken from the table, and both ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. BLISS of Washington, Tuesday of next week was assigned for consideration of reports.

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition of Davis Tillson and 60 others, that the Committee could not agree, five favoring a bill on the petition, and five favoring leave to withdraw.

Pending acceptance of report the bill was ordered printed, and Tuesday next assigned for further consideration.

Mr. BRIGGS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 133 of the public laws of 1873, relating to the jail system of the State."

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported in new draft, bill "an act to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes,

relating to levy of executions upon estates held in joint tenancy or in common," and that same ought to pass.

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Club of Portland," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to authorize the building of a dyke or dam across Dyke Branch stream, in the town of Columbia, county of Washington.'"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 391 of the laws of 1873, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Evans' Rifle Manufacturing Company.'"

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

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, "resolve relating to the reception of bills and resolves after the 22d inst.," was taken from the table, and discussed by Messrs. Strickland, Dickey, Moore, Parkhurst and Curran.

Mr. DICKEY moved to indefinitely postpone, Lost.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, the resolve was postponed until Tuesday, the 29th inst., by a vote of 56 to 45.

On motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Farmington.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from Hon. E. H. Banks, accepting the office of Treasurer of State, and transmitting his official bond, came from the Senate read and the bond referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs, and was read and the bond referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to life insurance," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Benjamin F. Atkinson, for municipal court in Farmington, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of School Committee of Orono, for Board of County Examiners; and

Petition of William J. Drew and others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 98, public laws of 1876, relating to protection of game."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to promote the safety of the traveling public."

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to manner of cancelling town orders.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting reference to the Somerset County Delegation, on petition of T. B. Ward and others.

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

Report of Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to training of teachers for Madawaska, read and accepted in the House, came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 106, revised statutes, relating to the lists and qualifications of jurors."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to amend section 32, chapter 4, revised statutes, as amended by chapter 213 of the public laws of 1877, relating to elections."

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 124, section 18, revised statutes, relating to camp meetings."

Report of the Committee on Maine State Year Book, reporting, on order, "resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

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

Remonstrance of officers and members of United Lodge of Good Templars, against amendment of pharmacy law;

Remonstrance of Charles Hammond and 38 others of Sidney;

Remonstrance of John Totman and others of Clinton;

Remonstrance of L. B. C. Chapman and others of Deering;

Remonstrance of J. H. Hamilton and 32 others of Mattawamkeag;

Remonstrance of Charles Sawyer and 27 others of Newport;

Remonstrance of C. C. Baker and 49 others of Newport;

Remonstrance of G. S. Cloudman and others of Poland;

Remonstrance of Lewis Packard and 89 others of Manchester;

Remonstrance of Bertha E. Kennedy and others of Augusta;

Remonstrance of C. F. Penney and others of Augusta;

Remonstrance of F. C. Simmons and 100 others of Kennebunk;

Remonstrance of B. F. Foster and 48 others of Albion;

Remonstrance of Miss A. A. Hicks and 53 others of the Ladies' Temperance Association of Belfast;

Remonstrance of Isaac Oakes and 35 others of Belfast;

Remonstrance of H. S. Burns and 116 others of Biddeford ;
Remonstrance of Geo. A. Keith and 87 others of Auburn ;
Remonstrance of Crosby Hines and 11 others of Benton ;
Remonstrance of F. O. Gould and 30 others of Upper Stillwater ;
Remonstrance of A. H. Barton and 22 others of Benton ;
Remonstrance of W. C. Davis and 21 others of Benton ;
Remonstrance of Edwin R. Hunt and 15 others of Benton ;
Remonstrance of Henry Tolman and 92 others of Bath ;
Remonstrance of Thomas Stevens and 49 others of Bath ;
Remonstrance of Marcia M. Springer and others of Gardiner ;
Remonstrance of Charles Gammon and others of Windham ;
Remonstrance of Rev. A. L. Park and others of Gardiner ;
Remonstrance of J. C. Morrison and others of Gardiner ;
Remonstrance of D. C. Palmer and 71 others of Gardiner ;
Remonstrance of Geo. G. Hamilton and 46 others of Yarmouth ;
Remonstrance of T. R. Simonton and 88 others of Camden ;
Remonstrance of W. R. Cross and 69 others of Camden, in aid of same ; and

Petition of John Collins and others, for an act to arrest and hold intoxicated persons until they disclose of whom they obtained liquor ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of C. H. and T. J. Southard, in aid of petition of Converse Purinton, to vest the franchise of Merrymeeting bridge in Sagadahoc county, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to provide for the better protection of funds of educational institutions," was referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Maysville," was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of J. W. Black of Brooklin, for reimbursement of money paid for Mahoney island, which was sold by the State in 1876, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WINSLOW of Portland,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it shall be to next Monday, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Claims, on petition, reported "resolve in favor of William Conary."

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 192 of the public laws of the year 1877, providing for bridge guards on railroads."

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks."

Mr. HILL, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on "resolve providing for payment for additional services and expenses imposed upon the Bank Examiner by the savings bank act, approved February 9, 1877."

Mr. BROWNE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition, reported "resolve in favor of a road leading from Kingfield to Enstis."

Mr. WEEKS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order, reported bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 48 of the laws of 1876, relating to auctioneers."

Mr. SEIDERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported in new draft, bill "an act additional to chapter 68 of the revised statutes, relating to the appointment of trustees."

Mr. McLAUGHLIN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition, reported bill "an act to amend section 56 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the weight of corn and grain, meal, vegetables and hair."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 162, laws of 1877."

Mr. FAUGHT, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of E. A. Davis and others, for bounty on wild-cats.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on petition of town authorities and others of Gouldsboro'.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Railroads, reported same, on petition of John Allen and others, for incorporation of the Penobscot Railroad Company.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of James H. Lincoln and others.

Mr. SEIDERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to speed of steam vessels.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on "resolve in favor of John Relahan."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Library, reported ought to pass, on "resolve relating to the purchase of Maine Reports."

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Ossipee River Union Agricultural Society."

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company to issue preferred stock, and for other purposes."

Printed bill "an act to abolish the August term of the Supreme Judicial Court, in the county of Kennebec."

Printed bill "an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice, by establishing a Superior Court in the county of Kennebec."

Printed "resolve in favor of Baring and Houlton road, across Indian township, and Grand Lake stream road in Washington county."

"Resolve in aid of the towns of Blanchard and Shirley."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and Monday assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolves.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pythian Hall Association of Portland."

Bill "an act to amend an act granting to Ransom B. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock."

Bill "an act to amend section 32, chapter 65, revised statutes, granting to guardians and trustees power to assign mortgages and mortgage debt."

Bill "an act to change the name of Nancy S. Hubbard."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 18, in the town of Gorham."

Bill "an act to authorize the sale of the Union Meeting House at North Vassalboro', with furniture and fixtures therewith connected."

Bill "an act to make legal the doings of the North and West Auburn Cheese Company, in the city of Auburn."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the third reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Augusta Water Company," having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CURTIS of Augusta.

Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of State Temperance Convention, for further suppression of the liquor traffic;

Remonstrance of State Temperance Convention, against the druggist bill; and

Remonstrance of citizens of Bethel, against the same;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of James Nutting and 47 others of Perham plantation, praying that the claim of the heirs of the late John Goddard to cut timber on said township be investigated, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of W. I. Cram and others, for law creating County Boards of Examiners of Teachers; also

Petition of Henry Coombs and others of Isle au Haut, in aid of same; also

Petition of Charles Hutchins and others of Lexington, in aid of same; and

Remonstrance of School Committee of Bangor, against the same;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the doings of Benjamin True, as a Justice of the Peace."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, bill "an act authorizing the town of Hampden to receive money to keep in repair any cemeteries in said town."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Assessors of No. 6 plantation, for the years 1876 and 1877."

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

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

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Selectmen of Mayfield.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to running railroad trains.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 15, chapter 116, revised statutes, in relation to fees of attorneys."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 182, public laws of 1877, relating to taxation of personal estate."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted in concurrence, save the last, which was recommitted pending acceptance.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting lists of stockholders of corporations, came from the Senate read, and was read in concurrence.

Petition of S. J. Lincoln O'Brien and 90 others, for equal political rights of all American citizens, irrespective of sex; also

Bill "an act to ratify, confirm and make valid, the action of the City Council of the city of Ellsworth;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Association for the Protection of Fish and Game;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of School Supervisor and others of Hanover, for Board of Examiners of Teachers;

Petition of S. S. Committee and others of Rockland;

Petition of E. H. Boynton and others of Pittston, in aid of same; and

Remonstrance of C. T. Heally and 9 others, against the petition of W. W. Hamblet; also

Petition of Mayor of Portland, Superintending School Committee, Superintendent of Schools and others, in favor of locating a normal school in the western part of the State; also

Petition of Mayor and Superintending School Committee of Biddeford; also

Petition of Supervisor of Schools in Saco and others, for same ;
and

Remonstrance of Frank Houdlett and others ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of Mark Rollins and 38 others of China, against establishing a Superior Court for Kennebec county, was referred to the Kennebec County Delegation.

Petition of Thomas B. Stover and 43 others of Harpswell, for law prohibiting the catching of porgies with seines in bays and inlets, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, presented "resolve in favor of the town of Frenchville, formerly town of Dickeyville ;"

Same gentleman presented "resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent ;"

And on his motion the same were ordered printed.

Mr. WOODCOCK, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 76, revised statutes, relating to levy of executions upon estates held in joint tenancy or in common."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 133, public laws of 1873, relating to the jail system of the State."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 56, chapter 38, revised statutes, relating to the weight of corn and grain, meal, vegetables and hair."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 218, public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 192, public laws of 1877, providing for bridge guards on railroads."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 68, revised statutes, relating to the appointment of trustees."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 58, public laws of 1876, relating to auctioneers."

"Resolve in favor of repairing bridge across the Aroostook river, in the town of Ashland."

"Resolve providing for payment of additional services and

expenses imposed upon the Bank Examiner, by the savings bank act, approved February 9, 1877."

"Resolve in favor of a road leading from Kingfield to Eustis."

"Resolve in favor of William Conary."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolves.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124, section 18, revised statutes, relating to camp meetings."

Bill "an act to amend section 32, chapter 4, revised statutes, as amended by chapter 213, public laws of 1877, relating to elections."

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 106, revised statutes, relating to the lists and qualifications of jurors."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company to issue preferred stock, and for other purposes."

Bill "an act to abolish the August term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Kennebec," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended per sheet "C," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ossipee Union Agricultural Society," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham.

Bill "an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice, by establishing a Superior Court in the county of Kennebec," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, when Mr. PARLIN of Anson offered amendments "A" and "B," which were ordered printed, and the bill tabled, on motion of Mr. BLISS of Washington.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 127 of the revised statutes, in relation to malicious mischief and trespassers on property."

Bill "an act providing for payment of certain rents now in suit to the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Crystal Dam Company."

"Resolve in favor of William Scott."

"Resolve in favor of Nelson Turney."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin F. Allen."

"Resolve to amend chapter 133 of the resolves of 1867."

"Resolve in favor of Franklin Simmons, sculptor."

These bills having had three several readings, and the resolves two, and passed to be engrossed, were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, upon the establishment of another normal school, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. REYNOLDS of Lubec,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PARK of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 178, laws of 1877, in relation to demurrers," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Superintending School Committee of Harrison, for Board of County Examiners;

Petition of H. F. Brann and others of Bradley;

Petition of Charles Whittier and others of Dennysville;

Petition of Directors of Village School District, Augusta;

Petition of Supervisor of Schools of Edgecomb; and

Petition of Ephraim Crabtree and others, in aid of same;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of section 10, chapter 3, revised statutes, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to disorganized towns."

Ordered printed under the Rule.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act additional to chapter 371 of the private and special laws of 1877, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the town of Barnard.'"

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to the Portland and Deering Railroad Company."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison."

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education.”

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

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

The resolves were read twice, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of B. Plummer and others of Winterport, for law for arrest of intoxicated persons, and that they may be held until they disclose of whom they procure liquor.

Remonstrance of B. W. Counce and 104 others of Thomaston;

Remonstrance of J. S. Perry and 92 others of Wayne;

Remonstrance of W. E. Small and 40 others of Andover;

Remonstrance of D. S. Grandin and 64 others of New Gloucester;

Remonstrance of Oris H. Keen and 58 others of Freedom;

Remonstrance of F. Hannaford and 31 others of Cape Elizabeth;

Remonstrance of Charles H. George and 145 others of Hebron;

Remonstrance of Ira H. Foss and 102 others of Saco;

Remonstrance of Moses Lowell and 49 others of Saco;

Remonstrance of Owen Chadbourne and 31 others of Saco;

Remonstrance of Alpha Turner and others of Old Orchard;

Remonstrance of Mrs. Robert Wadsworth and 69 others of Camden;

Remonstrance of Hope S. Berry and 69 others of Camden;

Remonstrance of M. J. Glover and 20 others of Camden;

Remonstrance of S. O. Partridge and 62 others of Minot;

Remonstrance of R. S. Woodman and 43 others of Sedgwick;

Remonstrance of S. H. Marrow and 37 others of Lewiston;

Remonstrance of M. S. H. Rogers and 56 others of Litchfield;

Remonstrance of John Dinsmore and 47 others of Winslow;

Remonstrance of O. D. Potter and 62 others of South Lewiston;

Remonstrance of E. H. Byington and others of Brunswick;

Remonstrance of William M. Abbott and 47 others of Dixfield;

Remonstrance of Orlando Irish and 44 others of Hartford;

Remonstrance of George E. Duston and others of North Yarmouth;

Remonstrance of Forest City Temple of Honor of Portland;

Remonstrance of Mrs. Mary Adams and 31 others of Brunswick;

- Remonstrance of William Abbott and 28 others of Brunswick;
Remonstrance of L. D. Howes and others of Brunswick;
Remonstrance of E. S. Quinnam and 30 others of Brunswick;
Remonstrance of John Hagar and 41 others of Montville;
Remonstrance of C. H. Beals and others of Brunswick;
Remonstrance of Charles H. Parshley and 51 others of Brunswick;
Remonstrance of D. H. Dennison and 59 others of Brunswick;
Remonstrance of R. E. Swett and 50 others of Brunswick;
Remonstrance of J. W. Philbrick and 46 others in Maine Central Railroad Machine Shops of Waterville;
Remonstrance of James P. Whitman and 76 others of Ellsworth;
Remonstrance of Herbert E. Teele and 57 others of Sabattus;
Remonstrance of U. O. Brackett and 54 others of Berwick;
Remonstrance of T. A. Andrews and others of Turner;
Remonstrance of H. M. Brewster and others of Leeds;
Remonstrance of Lottie Decosta and others of Turner;
Remonstrance of Robert S. Usher and 68 others of West Baldwin;
Remonstrance of Mrs. William H. French and 54 others of Turner;
Remonstrance of William H. Smith and 55 others of Raymond;
Remonstrance of John Turner and 75 others of Leeds;
Remonstrance of John Work and others of Bangor;
Remonstrance of William F. Morrill and others of Woodford's corner, Deering;
Remonstrance of G. W. Howard and 47 others of Deering;
Remonstrance of Samuel Stuart and 38 others of China;
Remonstrance of J. W. Bixby and 19 others;
Remonstrance of O. W. McIntire and 16 others;
Remonstrance of George H. Allen and 54 others;
Remonstrance of Joel Richardson and 85 others of Newport;
Remonstrance of George R. Palmer and 199 others of Rockland;
Remonstrance of E. D. Lamson and others of Richmond;
Remonstrance of F. J. Whitney and 113 others of Corinna;
Remonstrance of John H. Gordon and 23 others of Brooks;
Remonstrance of H. R. Taylor and 36 others of Machias;
Remonstrance of Henry C. Powers and others of Starks;
Remonstrance of J. B. M. Lovejoy and 30 others of Chester-ville;

Remonstrance of F. O. Tarbox and 33 others of Kennebunk ;
Remonstrance of Wm. H. Farr and 71 others of West Gardiner,
against the amendment to the pharmacy law ; and
Petition against the liquor traffic, and further penalties ;
Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Bill "an act to restrict fishing in Sanborn pond, Baldwin," was
referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of
Bath," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

"Resolve authorizing the location of a land certificate," was
referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of the Superintending School Committee and others of
Kennebunk, for location of Western Normal School.

Remonstrance of George P. Sewall and 63 others of the town of
Oldtown, against the enactment of a law establishing a Board of
Examiners.

Remonstrance of Thomas J. Peaks and 21 other citizens of
Charleston ;

Remonstrance of Supervisor of Charleston and 12 others ; and

Petition of L. R. Giles and 14 others of Brownfield, for Board
of Examiners of Teachers ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of Robert Lang and 150 other citizens of St.
George, in Knox county, against petition of J. H. Kelleran.

Remonstrance of Randall Albee and 56 others of Washington,
in Knox county ;

Remonstrance of L. M. Staples and 47 others of Washington,
Knox county ;

Remonstrance of H. C. Pease and 125 others of Appleton, in .
Knox county ;

Remonstrance of Silas Hawes and 76 others of Union, Knox
county ;

Remonstrance of S. Shepherd and 91 others of Camden ;

Remonstrance of J. F. Stetson and others of Camden ;

Remonstrance of Alfred Watts and 92 others of Thomaston ;

Remonstrance of Christopher Prince and 45 others ;

Remonstrance of Samuel Watts and 29 others of Thomaston ;

Remonstrance of William Hyler and 49 others of Thomaston ;

Remonstrance of Henry Spalding and 84 others of South
Thomaston, in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of Elisha Small and 66 others of Bowdoin, against an act vesting the franchise of Merrymeeting bridge in the county of Sagadahoc; also

Bill "an act for the better protection of the rights of towns;" and

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bath and the several towns in the county of Sagadahoc, to aid in the construction and maintenance of Merrymeeting bridge;"

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. AUSTIN of Milford,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of a law requiring sheriffs to report monthly to the county commissioners of their own counties, all the expenses attending the board and support of prisoners confined in the county jails, such report to be accompanied by the vouchers in such cases.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the settlement of the north half of township No. 17, Range 6, and report by resolve or otherwise; also, into the sale of public lots in French towns and plantations, viz: F R. 1, G R. 1, L R. 1, M R. 2, 18 R. 3, 18 R. 4, 18 R. 5, 18, R. 6, 18 R. 7, 17 R. 7, 17 R. 8, 17 R. 9, 17 R. 6, and 16 R. 7.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend chapter 75, special laws of 1876, entitled 'an act creating the South Paris Village Corporation.'"

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to confirm and make valid the doings of Union School District, composed of District No. 1 in the town of Carthage, District No. 19, in the town of Wilton, in Franklin county, and District No. 12, in the town of Dixfield, in the county of Oxford."

Mr. ROBIE, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to an act to establish the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company."

Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act granting the towns surrounding Toddy pond, in Hancock county, the right to build and maintain a bridge across said pond."

Mr. CRANDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 363, special laws of 1877, to prevent the throwing of refuse wood into Piscataquis river."

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

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of J. R. Mears of Morrill and 51 others.

Mr. KIMBALL, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of James Clary and others, relating to support of paupers by counties.

Mr. MOORE, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 66, revised statutes, relating to insolvent estates."

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bridgton Brass Band in Bridgton."

Mr. STARBIRD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported legislation inexpedient, on petition of S. S. Brooks and others of Augusta.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to damages on highways.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the same Committee, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on petition of H. B. Connor and 37 others, for change of law respecting suits for mal-practice.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Shepard I. Higgins."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Charles F. Collins."

Mr. PHINNEY, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Mrs. Ellebert Michaud."

Mr. PHINNEY, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Henry C. Spooner."

Mr. SMITH, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Freeman Hayden."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Ezekiel Levasseur."

Mr. HAM, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Lydia A. Daniels."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud."

Mr. CUTLER, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Cyrus T. Daniels."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Charles C. Libby."

Mr. JACKSON, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Fred Barker."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on order, "resolve authorizing the conveyance of a lot of land in Crystal plantation."

Mr. WOODBURY, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on "resolve to carry into effect the provisions of chapter 49 of the resolves of 1869."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of O. W. Davis, Jr."

Mr. EATON, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition, bill "an act to establish a bounty on bears"

Mr. WILSON, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prevent the killing of deer in the county of Waldo."

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 66 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to juries."

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent presented "resolve to revive and put in force a resolve, chapter 58, 1869, abating certain plantation taxes," and on his motion the same was ordered printed, with statement of facts annexed.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville presented "resolve in favor of Nathan Perry," and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 133, laws of 1873, relating to the jail system of the State."

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 58, public laws of 1876, relating to auctioneers."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Hampden to receive money to keep in repair any cemeteries in said town."

Bill "an act relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 76, revised statutes, relating to levy of executions upon estates held in joint tenancy or in common."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 78, revised statutes, relating to the appointment of trustees."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 192, public laws of 1877, providing for bridge guards on railroads."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 218, public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks."

Bill "an act to amend section 56, chapter 38, revised statutes, relating to the weight of corn and grain, meal, vegetables and hair."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of Benjamin True as a Justice of the Peace and Quorum."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Assessors of No. 6 plantation, for the years 1876 and 1877."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, the last two in concurrence, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in aid of road leading from Kingfield to Eustis," came up on its second reading, and was tabled, on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Elections, in the case of Turner vs. Lothrop, were taken from the table.

The reports were read. Pending acceptance of majority report, Mr. PIERCE of Portland moved to substitute the minority report, which motion prevailed, and the report was then accepted.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LEFFINGWELL of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to police court in the city of Belfast;"
and

Petition of A. G. Jewett and others in the city of Belfast, in aid
of same;

Were referred in concurrence to the Waldo County Delegation.

Petition of Supervisor of Schools and others of Topsham, for
law creating County Boards of Examiners of Teachers; and

Petition of School Committee of Swanville, in aid of same;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of Thomas D. Emery and 69 others of Harrison,
against the druggist bill, was referred in concurrence to the Com-
mittee on Temperance.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting leave to
withdraw, on petition of R. D. Silman.

This report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting on the
official bond of the Treasurer of State, recommending its approval,
came from the Senate read and report accepted, and the bond
approved, and was read and accepted, and the bond approved in
concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation
inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 174 of the
public laws of 1877, relating to guardians, came from the Senate
read and recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass,
on bill "an act additional relative to the Boston and Maine Rail-
road."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 223, public laws of 1871, relating to fares on railroads."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition, reporting bill "an act authorizing Frank Sawtelle to dredge bars, remove boulders and navigate Snow pond by steam."

"Resolve relating to temperance."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve twice, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

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

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 182, public laws of 1877, relating to taxation of personal estate, recommitted in the House, came back from the Senate that branch adhering to its former vote.

House receded and concurred.

Remonstrance of Alexander W. Brown and Edward Brown, against petition of J. H. Kelleran ;

Remonstrance of W. H. Bartlett and others ; and

Remonstrance of Hamlin Bartlett and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of B. Dunning and others of Whitneyville, for a State Board of Examiners ;

Petition of W. S. Jones and others of Brunswick ;

Petition of R. W. Emerson and others of Monson ;

Petition of School Committee of Sherman ; and

Petition of School Committee of Smyrna, for same ; also

Remonstrance of C. Maxim and 63 others, against the proposition to divert the savings bank fund to the general expenses of the State ; and

Petition of J. W. Maxwell, Supervisor of Webster, for a State Board of Examiners ;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act to amend an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish," was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

"Resolve in favor of Ida Brown," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill "an act to amend section 109, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to the collection of taxes;" and

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 106, public laws of 1876, relating to deer;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Remonstrance of C. A. Metcalf and 39 others of Litchfield, against the proposed amendment to the pharmacy act;

Remonstrance of H. A. Wentworth and 39 others of Brownfield;

Remonstrance of J. H. Berry and others of Phipsburg;

Remonstrance of C. A. Farwell and 20 others of Pittsfield;

Remonstrance of John C. Connor and 63 others of Pittsfield;

Remonstrance of Mrs. S. D. Thompson and 107 others, ladies of Pittsfield;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 258, public laws of 1874, so as to enlarge the time within which the Governor and Council may assess taxes.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. WEEKS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to regulate the sale of ice."

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 80, revised statutes, relating to the powers and duties of constables."

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on Railroads, reported same, on bill "an act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, to further provide for safety on railroads."

Mr. HAM, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of S. W. Stratton.

Mr. JACKSON, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of A. W. Stratton.

Mr. WEEKS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition of J. W. Porter and others.

Mr. WEBB, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of inhabitants of Caribou, for incorporation of a cheese factory.

Mr. BOWERS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported same, on petition of W. A. Wyman and others of the town of Barnard.

Mr. PILSBURY, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on petition of Isaiah Gifford and others of Vassalboro'.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of John Sterling, for pay for labor performed for the State.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on petition of Overseers of Poor of the town of Poland and others, relating to binding out of minor children.

Mr. DYER, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported same, on petition of J. C. Hall and 43 others of Caribou, for change of name.

Mr. WEEKS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Fountain Rodic and 58 others of Eden.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Elections, reported finally, and asking to be discharged.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. DYER, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported, on petition, bill "an act to change the name of Rufus Edwin Bubier."

Printed "resolve in favor of Henry C. Spooner."

"Resolve in favor of Cyrus T. Daniels."

"Resolve in favor of Freeman Hayden."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice, resolves once, to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bill, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolves.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of James E. Holmes."

Mr. WOODBURY, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of L. D. and H. P. Todd."

Mr. PHINNEY, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of John S. Arnold."

Mr. CUTLER, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Jeremiah Crouse."

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act amendatory of an act to provide for the organization of business corporations."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to authorize reduction of capital stock of corporations."

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought to pass, on "resolves in favor of the town of Maysville."

Mr. FAUGHT, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported same, on bill "an act to prevent frauds in commercial fertilizers."

Mr. WEEKS, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 11 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes, relating to actions of trespass."

Mr. DORE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield."

Mr. MAYO, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, "resolve in favor of compiling and printing school laws."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. BROWNE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported in new draft, and that the same ought to pass, on bill "an act to vest the franchise and property of the proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge in the inhabitants of the county of Sagadahoc," and on motion of Mr. WILSON of Bowdoin, the same was ordered printed.

Mr. WOODS, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend and extend the acts in relation to the Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, the Messalonskee and Kennebec Railroad Company, and the Somerset Railroad Company," and on motion of the same gentleman, the same was ordered printed.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, for the majority of the Committee, reported, on petition of Thomas Goodall and others, bill "an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company."

The report was read and accepted, bill read once, and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. WEED of Veazie.

Mr. WEED, for the minority of the same Committee, reported

leave to withdraw, on same petition, pending acceptance, ordered printed.

Bill "an act to confirm and make valid the doings of Union School District, composed of District No. 1 in the town of Carthage, District No. 19 in the town of Wilton, in the county of Franklin, and District No. 12 in the town of Dixfield, in the county of Oxford."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 75 of the special laws of 1866, entitled an act creating the South Paris Village Corporation."

Bill "an act additional to an act to establish the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company."

Bill "an act granting the towns surrounding Toddy pond, in Hancock county, the right to build and maintain a bridge across said pond."

"Resolve relating to the purchase of Maine Reports."

"Resolve in favor of William Conary."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs."

"Resolve to transfer certain records relating to the soldiers of 1861, from the Secretary of State's office to that of the Adjutant General."

The foregoing were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves the second time, and passed to be engrossed, the last four under suspension of rules, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 363 of the special laws of 1877, relating to the throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river."

"Resolve in favor of town of Frenchville."

"Resolve in favor of road leading from Kingfield to Eustis."

"Resolve in favor of repairing bridge across the Aroostook river, in the town of Ashland."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Madawaska."

"Resolve in aid of the towns of Blanchard and Shirley."

"Resolve in favor of Baring and Houlton road across Indian township and Grand Lake stream road, in Washington county."

The foregoing bill and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bill read the third time, resolves second time, and tabled, the first on motion of Mr. PRATT of Guilford, and the others by Mr. PARLIN of Anson.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 180, special laws of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the city of Portland to aid the construction and western extension of the Portland and Rochester Railroad;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Club of Portland;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in the county of Kennebec," was taken from the table, amended per sheets "A" and "C," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Fort Kent," was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs, on motion of Mr. DICKEY.

"Resolve in favor of town of Frenchville," was taken from the table and referred to the same Committee.

The report of the Committee on towns, on the Hurricane island set off, was taken from the table, when Mr CLAY of South Thomaston moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter.

The House refused to indefinitely postpone, and the bill was read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently the vote passing the same to be engrossed was reconsidered, by yeas 89, nays 56.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	Caswell,	Dyer of Strong,
Adams of Perkins pl.,	Clay,	Dyer of Palmyra,
Andrews,	Cole,	Eaton,
Austin,	Coombs,	Feyler,
Bliss,	Cornish,	Flynn,
Bodwell,	Crosby,	Farrell,
Boody,	Dana,	Gerrish,
Boothby,	Davis of Freeport,	Ham,
Brackett,	Davis of Jackson,	Hanson,
Bradbury,	Dore,	Hatch,
Burgess,	Drinkwater,	Hinckley,
Cain,	Dyer of New Sharon,	Howland,

Jones,	Norwood,	Smith of Auburn,
Keating,	Nowland,	Smith of Waterville,
Kimball of Waterford,	Orff,	Smith of Hanover,
Kimball of Bath,	Otis,	Starbird,
Knight of Sweden,	Parkhurst,	Stimpson,
Knight, Lincolnville,	Parlin,	Talbot,
Leighton,	Partridge,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Lord of Bangor,	Phinney,	True of Falmouth,
Lord of Kennebunk,	Pickett,	True, N. Gloucester,
McCobb,	Pierce,	True of Paris,
McLaughlin,	Pilsbury,	Underwood,
Meserve, Brownfield,	Plummer,	Wadsworth,
Mitchell,	Porter of Caribou,	Weed,
Moore of Thomaston,	Porter of Burlington,	Wilson, Bowdoin,
Moore of Biddeford,	Pratt,	Winslow,
Morrill of Glenburn,	Richardson,	Woodcock,
Moulton,	Robie,	Young.—89.
Norris,	Simpson,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Fuller,	Sawyer,
Bearce,	Higgins,	Seiders,
Blunt,	Hill of Bucksport,	Shapleigh,
Bowers,	Hill of Exeter,	Sherman,
Bowker,	Jackson,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Briggs,	Lancaster,	Smith of Waterboro',
Browne,	Lary,	Strickland,
Buck,	Lincoln,	Taylor of Bridgton,
Chapman,	Lord of Charleston,	Vickery,
Coburn,	Lothrop,	Webb of Windham,
Coffin of Harrington,	Mayo,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Meserve of Hollis,	Weeks,
Crandon,	Moody,	Weymouth,
Curran,	Morrill of Sebec,	White,
Cutler,	Murray,	Woods,
Dickey,	Piper,	Woodbury,
Faught,	Purinton,	Williams,
Fisher,	Reynolds,	York.—56.
Friend,	Robbins,	

Pending further consideration, adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Remonstrance of Seth W. Fife and 50 others of Fryeburg, against the druggist bill ;

Remonstrance of D. Lowell Lamson, physician and druggist ;

Remonstrance H. A. Hurd and 60 voters ; and

Remonstrance of Miss M. F. Wright and 44 others of St. Albans ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of town authorities of Gouldsboro', accepted in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and recommitted.

House receded and concurred.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to damages on highways, accepted in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and recommitted.

House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School," came from the Senate read twice, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice in the House, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Benjamin B. Merrill and 50 others of Scarborough', against the druggist bill ;

Remonstrance of Benj. F. Carter and 30 others of Scarborough' ;

Remonstrance of Frank W. Carter and 29 others of Scarborough' ;

Remonstrance of Nellie Ward and others of Yarmouth ; and

Remonstrance of J. W. Starbird, Melvin Tibbetts and 275 others of Litchfield, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BUCK of Orland,

Ordered, That the Clerk publish the proceedings of the House.

Mr. DYER, from the Committee on Pensions, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of D. W. Sawyer and others of Boothbay.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition of Ara Cushman and others of Auburn, for incorporation of the Auburn Harpswell Association.

Mr. WEBB, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of George W. Ward and others, for incorporation of Granite Lodge, No 14, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Biddeford.

Mr. LARY, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of John McIntire and others.

Mr. ROBBINS, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported same, on petition of R. W. Walker and 36 others, for protection of alewives.

Mr. WEEKS, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on petition of C. F. Penney and 103 others, for aid to Maine Central Institute.

Mr. CRANDON, from the Committee on Commerce, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to rights and liabilities of owners of tow boats.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported same, on order relating to per cent. of property to be insured.

Mr. McLAUGHLIN, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to amendment of sections 49 and 57 of the insurance laws.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of S. J. Anderson and others.

Mr. MAYO, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the raising of school money by towns.

Mr. CORNISH, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to repealing of high school laws.

Mr. DRINKWATER, from the Committee of Conference,

(House Doc. No. 11) relating to abolishing the agricultural college, reported that the Committee were unable to agree.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. WEYMOUTH, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition of Nathaniel Hobbs, bill "an act to protect the breeding of trout in Perkins brook, so-called, in the towns of North Berwick, Wells and Sanford, in the county of York."

Mr. LORD, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of H. P. Cotton, bill "an act for the further protection and propagation of eels in Damariscotta river and pond."

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act for the protection and preservation of bass in the waters of Winnegance creek."

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported, on petition, bill "an act to change the names of Amelia and Adelia Bullock."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 66, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to juries."

Printed bill "an act in relation to disorganized towns."

"Resolve in favor of Shepherd I. Higgins."

"Resolve in favor of O. W. Davis, jr."

"Resolve in favor of Charles W. Collins."

"Resolve to carry into effect the provisions of chapter 49 of the resolves of 1869."

"Resolve in favor of Charles C. Libby."

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud."

"Resolve in favor of Lydia A. Daniels."

"Resolve in favor of Mrs. Ellebert Michaud."

"Resolve authorizing the conveyance of a lot of land in Crystal plantation."

"Resolve in favor of Fred. Barker."

"Resolve in favor of Ezekiel Lavasseur."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, to-morrow assigned for third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week for the second reading of the resolves.

Printed bill "an act to establish a bounty on bears," was read twice, when Mr. WINSLOW of Portland moved its indefinite

postponement, pending which question, the bill was tabled, on motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to abolish the office of crier of the various courts of the State."

Mr. BRACKETT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported in new draft, and that same ought to pass, bill "an act to amend chapter 177, relating to life insurance."

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petitions, bill "an act to amend section 50 of chapter 40 of revised statutes, relating to migratory fishes in Damariscotta river."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of William Reed."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 223, public laws of 1871, relating to fares on railroads."

Bill "an act authorizing Frank Sawtelle to dredge bars, remove boulders and navigate Snow's pond by steam."

Bill "an act additional, relative to Boston and Maine Railroad."

"Resolve in favor of Lincoln E. Sprague."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Bill "an act to change the name of Rufus Edwin Bubier."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the bills read the third time, resolves twice, and passed to be engrossed, the first four in concurrence, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph M. Soccalexis, delegate from the Penobscot tribe of Indians," was presented by Mr. WOODCOCK of Princeton, and read twice, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Hampden to receive money to keep in repair any cemeteries in said town."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of Benjamin True, as a Justice of the Peace and Quorum."

Bill "an act to amend section 32 of chapter 65 of the revised statutes, granting to guardians and trustees power to assign mortgages and mortgage debts."

Bill "an act to make legal the doings of the North and West Auburn Cheese Company, in the city of Auburn."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 18, in the town of Gorham."

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 106 of the revised statutes, relating to the lists and qualifications of jurors."

Bill "an act to change the name of Nancy S. Hubbard."

Bill "an act to authorize the sale of the Union Meeting House of North Vassalboro', with furniture and fixtures therewith connected."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Assessors of No. 6 plantation, for the years 1876 and 1877."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124 of section 18 of the revised statutes, relating to camp meetings."

Bill "an act to amend an act granting to Ransom B. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock."

Bill "an act to amend section 32, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 213 of the public laws of 1877, relating to elections."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 346, special laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Portland,'" was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed; under suspension of rules.

"Resolve in aid of the towns of Blanchard and Shirley," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. CUTLER of Bangor, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Hurricane Isle," was taken from the table at the close of the morning hour, amended

per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham, and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules, by yeas 85, nays 55.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Allen,	Fuller,	Purington,
Bearce,	Flynn,	Reynolds,
Bird,	Garcelon,	Robbins,
Bliss,	Hanson,	Robie,
Blunt,	Higgins,	Sawyer,
Boody,	Hill of Bucksport,	Seiders,
Bowers,	Hill of Exeter,	Shapleigh,
Bowker,	Jackson,	Sherman,
Briggs,	Jones,	Smith of Auburn,
Browne,	Knight of Sweden,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Buck,	Knight, No. Berwick,	Smith of Litchfield,
Cain,	Lancaster,	Smith of Waterboro',
Caswell,	Lary,	Stimpson,
Chapman,	Leighton,	Strickland,
Coburn,	Lincoln,	Taylor of Bridgton,
Coffin of Harrington,	Lord of Charleston,	True of Paris,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Vickery,
Crandon,	Mayo,	Wadsworth,
Curran,	McLaughlin,	Webb of Windham,
Cutler,	Meserve of Hollis,	Weeks,
Dickey,	Moody,	Weymouth,
Drinkwater,	Morrill of Sebec,	White,
Dyer of N. Sharon,	Murray,	Winslow,
Dyer of Strong,	Nowland,	Woods,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Otis,	Woodbury,
Eaton,	Parkhurst,	Williams,
Faught,	Partridge,	York,
Fisher,	Piper,	Young.—85.
Friend,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	Bradbury,	Dana,
Adams, Perkins pl.	Burgess,	Davis of Jackson,
Andrews,	Clay,	Dore,
Bodwell,	Cole,	Feyler,
Boothby,	Cornish,	Farrell,
Brackett,	Crosby,	Gerrish,

Ham,	Norris,	Smith of Waterville,
Hinckley,	Norwood,	Smith of Hanover,
Howland,	Orff,	Talbot,
Keating,	Parlin,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Knight, Lincolnville,	Phinney,	True of Falmouth,
Lothrop,	Pickett,	True, N. Gloucester,
McCobb,	Pierce,	Underwood,
Meserve, Brownfield,	Pilsbury,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Mitchell,	Porter of Caribou,	Weed,
Moore of Thomaston,	Porter of Burlington,	Wilson of Raymond,
Moore of Biddeford,	Richardson,	Wilson of Bowdoin,
Morrill of Glenburn,	Simpson,	Woodcock.—55.
Moulton,		

“Resolve to revise and put in force a resolve, chapter 58, 1869, abating certain plantation taxes,” was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the Shapleigh and Acton Agricultural Society," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill "an act in regard to renewal of trial justice executions," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of Neal Dow and others, against the druggist bill; and

Remonstrance of Mrs. J. B. Kelley and 113 other ladies of West Waterville;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Albion W. Stratton, accepted in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted.

House receded and concurred.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of S. W. Stratton, accepted in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted.

House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to provide for the improvement of Souedehunk stream, for log driving," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and recommitted.

House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to insurance."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Henry C. Glidden.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of John and Edward H. Treat and other voters of Enfield.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, reporting same, on petition of Otis Reed and others of Upper Stillwater, for right to surrender their charter.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to extend the time for locating and constructing the Piscataquis Central Railroad," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 11 of the revised statutes, in relation to the right of plantations to receive their proportion of the State school fund," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read accepted in concurrence, and bill ordered printed under the Rule.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on order, "resolve relating to lands held under conditional grants," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules.

Report of same Committee, reporting, on order, "resolve in favor of George F. Foster of Portland."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned.

Remonstrance of G. E. Jenkins and 50 others of Glenwood;

Remonstrance of Daniel Bartlett and 68 others of Litchfield; and

47 other

Remonstrances against the druggist bill;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Alfred Hall and others of Shapleigh, for law creating County Board of Examiners of Teachers ;

Petition of G. Walton and others of Wayne ;

Petition of Julia Carpenter and others ;

Petition of Hugh F. Porter and 15 others of Pembroke, in aid of same ; and

Remonstrance of A. N. Jones, against the same ;

Were reported to the Committee on Education.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 200, public laws of 1877, relating to mischievous dogs," was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

"Resolve relating to military property," was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Nathaniel Meader, for an act preventing the throwing of refuse into Kennebec river and its tributaries ; and

Petition of A. E. Ellis and 10 others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Litchfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 16, chapter 90 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages on real estate, that the mortgager shall have a right to pay into the clerk of courts the sum due before commencement of foreclosure, as well as after.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston presented the following :

Ordered, That the several Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature be and are hereby directed to report finally on or before Friday, the 8th day of February, and that thereafter the House hold two sessions each day, the morning session to commence at 9 o'clock.

This order was tabled for the present.

Mr. BOWERS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition of Selectmen of Haynesville, "resolve abating a portion of State tax of Haynesville, for the year 1877, and assessing the same on No. 3, R. 2, Aroostook county."

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, "resolve in favor of Cyrus William King."

Mr. WEYMOUTH, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition of Rawson Lufkin and others, bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Field's pond in the town of Orrington, and from Brewer's pond in the towns of Orrington and Bucksport."

Bill "an act to amend and extend the acts in relation to the Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, the Messalonskeé and Kennebec Railroad Company, and the Somerset Railroad Company."

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of deer in the county of Waldo."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 95, revised statutes, relating to actions of trespass."

Printed bill "an act amendatory of an act to provide for the organization of business corporations."

Printed bill "an act to prevent frauds in commercial fertilizers."

Printed bill "an act to authorize reduction of capital stock of corporations."

"Resolve making appropriations for the the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

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

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company," was read the second time, and tabled, on motion of Mr. WEED of Veazie, and Wednesday next assigned.

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements by attorneys and others."

Mr. DRINKWATER, from same Committee, reported in new draft, bill "an act to amend section 26 of chapter 90 of the public laws of 1876, in relation to lime rock and slate," and that same ought to pass.

Mr. MURRAY, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to coroners."

Mr. BLISS, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act in relation to the duties of county attorneys, and additional to chapter 79 of the revised statutes."

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 60 of revised statutes, relating to actions for divorce."

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on "resolve in favor of Nathaniel Blake."

Mr. ORFF, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of George W. Black."

Mr. DORE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of township No. 3, R. 3, and township No. 4, R. 3, in Somerset county."

Mr. DICKEY, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend chapter 19, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to the law of roads."

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Withee's pond and its tributaries, in the town of Dover."

Mr. KIMBALL, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish."

Mr. BROWNE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on recommendation of Adjutant General, "resolve in favor of clothing the militia of Maine."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Reform School, reported, on report of the Managers of the Maine Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, "resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings.'"

Mr. PIPER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported, on Governor's Message, "resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians, for repairs on chapel on Oldtown island."

Mr. PILSBURY, from the Committee on County Estimates, reported, on estimates of the several counties of the State, for the current year, "resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. FARRELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the St. Croix Lake Dam Company," and on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, the same was laid on the table, and ordered printed.

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on Towns, reported statement of facts, on petition for division of city of Rockland, with a bill accompanying, and on motion of Mr. BLISS, the report was ordered printed with the bill.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Somerset County Delegation, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of F. B. Ward and others, for increase of compensation.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported same, on petition of Frank Sanborn, for amendment of special laws relating to fish in Machias river.

Mr. BOWKER, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of Otis Fernald, for amendment of law relating to ways.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of Selectmen and Agent of the town of Roxbury, for reimbursement of tax over-paid.

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on petition of C. F. Jones, for repeal of act granting certain rights to C. A. J. Farrar.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Somerset County Delegation, reported same, on petition of Isaac Dyer and others.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of section 10 of an act to revise and consolidate laws relating to savings banks.

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on order relating to recording deeds of gift.

Mr. FULLER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of Horace Cole.

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Major Kelley and Clarence Kelley of Washington plantation.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition and remonstrance of Castle Hill plantation, for incorporation.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on petition of Peter Murphy of Jackson Brook plantation.

Mr. LARY, from the Committee on Towns, reported reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of John C. Burr and others.

Mr. CROSBY, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the city of Bath and the several towns in the county of Sagadahoc, to aid in the construction of the Merrymeeting bridge."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act for the protection and preservation of bass in the waters of Winnegance creek."

Bill "an act to change the names of Amelia and Adelia Bullock."

Bill "an act for the further protection and propagation of eels in Damariscotta river."

Bill "an act to protect the breeding of trout in Perkins brook, so-called, in the towns of North Berwick, Wells and Sanford, in the county of York."

Bill "an act to amend section 66, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to juries."

Bill "an act in relation to disorganized towns."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, the last in concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing the Bates Manufacturing Company to reduce the par value of its stock, and to issue new shares," was presented by Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, and on his motion, the rules were suspended, the bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 371 of the private and special laws of 1877, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the town of Barnard.'"

Bill "an to authorize the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company to issue preferred stock, and for other purposes."

Bill "an act additional relating to the Portland and Deering Railroad Company."

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

"Resolve relating to temperance."

These bills having had three readings, and the resolves two, and passed to be engrossed, were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Baring and Houlton road, across Indian township and Grand Lake Stream road, in Washington county," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. WOODCOCK of Princeton, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the amendment of chapter 82, section 87, revised statutes, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. WEEKS, and accepted and sent to the Senate.

The vote of the House accepting the report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the raising of school money in towns, was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. WEED of Veazie, and laid on the table.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. NEWCOMBE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Noah Barker and 41 others, for repeal of the dog law, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill "an act concerning itinerant physicians," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The order of the House relating to sale of public lots in the French settlement, passed in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and refused a passage.

The House receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes," accepted in the House, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

House receded and concurred.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Board of Trade."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought not to pass, on bill entitled "an act to amend section 15, chapter 49 of the private and special laws of 1872."

Report of Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting reference to the next Legislature, with order of notice, on petition of E. G. Harlow and others, for aid on bridge across the Androscoggin river at Dixfield."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Ellsworth."

Report of the Waldo County Delegation, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to the police court for the city of Belfast."

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

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and Monday assigned for their third reading, save the last, which was passed to be engrossed, under suspension of the rules.

Petition of A. N. Jones and others of Jackson, for increased penalties for intoxicated persons;

Remonstrance of H. H. Burbank and others of Saco, against the passage of the proposed druggist bill;

Remonstrance of Francis Loring and 36 others of Portland;

Remonstrance C. O. Blaisdell and others of Otis;

Remonstrance of Frank I. Wilson and others of Belmont and Lincolnville; and

Remonstrance of Newell Bagley and others of Troy;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. STARBIRD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to prevent the throwing of edgings, saw-dust and other refuse, into the waters of the harbor of Wiscasset."

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Limestone, in the county of Aroostook."

Printed bill "an act to abolish the office of crier in the various courts of the State."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 185, public laws of 1877, relating to life insurance."

"Resolve in favor of compiling and printing school laws."

"Resolve in favor of Jeremiah Crouse."

"Resolve in favor of William Reed."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 50, chapter 40, revised statutes, relating to migratory fishes in Damariscotta river."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Maysville."

"Resolve in favor of John S. Arnold."

"Resolve in favor of L. D. and H. P. Todd."

"Resolve in favor of town of Mayfield."

“Resolve in favor of James E. Holmes.”

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and Monday assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week assigned for second reading of the resolves.

Mr. BROWNE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported ought to pass, on bill “an act for the better protection of the rights of towns”

The report was read and accepted, and bill ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, presented “resolve to purchase certain farms on settlers’ lots in township No. 17, R. 7, and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

Printed bill “an act to vest the franchise and property of the proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge, in the inhabitants of the county of Sagadahoc,” was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for further consideration, on motion of Mr. BROWNE of Bowdoinham.

“Resolve abating a portion of the State tax of Haynesville, for the year 1877, and assessing the same on No. 3, R. 2, Aroostook county.”

“Resolve in favor of Cyrus William King.”

Bill “an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Field’s pond in the town of Orrington, and from Brewer’s pond in the towns of Orrington and Bucksport.”

Bill “an act to amend section 11, chapter 95, revised statutes, relating to actions of trespass.”

Bill “an act amendatory of an act to provide for the organization of business corporations.”

Bill “an act to prevent frauds in commercial fertilizers.”

Bill “an act to prevent the killing of deer in the county of Waldo.”

Bill “an act to amend and extend the acts in relation to the Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, the Messalonskee and Kennebec Railroad Company, and the Somerset Railroad Company.”

Bill "an act to authorize reduction of capital stock of of corporations."

The foregoing bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves the second time, and passed to be engrossed, save the last, which was tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed, and Monday at 4 o'clock assigned.

Bill "an act relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Bill "an act authorizing Frank Sawtelle to dredge bars, remove boulders and navigate Snow's pond by steam."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 192 of the public laws of the year 1877, providing for bridge guards on railroads."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks."

Bill "an act to amend section 56 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the weight of corn and grain, meal, vegetables and hair."

Bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 133 of the public laws of 1873, relating to the jail system of the State."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pythian Hall Association of Portland."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 68 of the revised statutes, relating to the appointment of trustees."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, relating to levy of executions upon estates held in joint tenancy or in common."

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 223 of the public laws of 1871, relating to fares on railroads."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs."

"Resolve in favor of Lincoln E. Sprague."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

The order relating to reception of bills and resolves for reference, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. SEIDERS of North Yarmouth, and passed and sent to the Senate.

The order relating to final reports of Committees, was taken from the table and passed, on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the Speaker, Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, presented the following order :

Ordered, That in the absence of the Speaker, S. J. Young, Esq., of Brunswick, be Speaker *pro tem*.

The Speaker *pro tem* was conducted to the Chair by Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CORTES of Gardiner.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson,

That gentleman conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch of the election of S. J. Young, Esq., of Brunswick, as Speaker *pro tem*.

The same information was conveyed to the Governor by Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Remonstrance of George Blake and others of New Gloucester, against the druggist bill ; and

Remonstrance of 6 others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Remonstrance of C. C. Humphrey and others of Brunswick, against the proposed amendment to the fish laws, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act relating to testimony of persons accused of crime," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of James F. Kimball and 45 others, against diverting the savings bank tax from the school fund; also

Remonstrance of Benjamin Robinson and 42 others, against County Board of Examiners; and

Remonstrance of Lewis C. Whitten and 60 others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of Reuben Richmond and 21 others, against the Selectmen of Bryon being permitted to build dams to control Swift river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. LARY, from the Committee on Towns, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to abolish the organization of plantation No. 6, in the county of Franklin."

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to building and maintaining the lock in the dam across the Kennebec river at Augusta."

"Resolve in aid of township No. 3, R. 3, township No. 4, R. 3, in Somerset county."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 60, revised statutes, relating to actions of divorce."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 19, section 10, revised statutes, relating to the law of roads."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Withee's pond and its tributaries, in the town of Dover."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 11, revised statutes, in relation to the right of plantations to receive their proportion of the State school fund."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the St. Croix Lake Dam Company."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 218, public laws of 1877, entitled an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings."

Printed bill "an act relating to coroners."

Printed bill "an act in relation to the duties of county attorneys, and additional to chapter 79 of revised statutes."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 122, revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements by attorneys and others."

Bill "an act to amend section 26, chapter 90, public laws of 1876, in relation to lime rock and slate."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and for repairs on chapel on Oldtown island."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell."

"Resolve in favor of George W. Black."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday of next week assigned for the second reading of the resolves.

Printed bill "an act for the better protection of the rights of towns."

Printed bill "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish."

These bills were read twice, and tabled, on motion of Mr. BLISS of Washington.

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Mr. STIMPSON, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of John Carver and George S. Ames."

The report was read and accepted, and resolve ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act to amend section 50 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes, relating to migratory fishes in Damariscotta river."

Bill "an act to abolish the office of crier in the various courts of the State."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 185, public laws of 1875, relating to life insurance."

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of edgings, grindings, saw-dust and other refuse, into the water of the harbor of Wiscasset."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Limestone."

Bill "an act to extend the time for locating and constructing the Piscataquis Central Railroad."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Ellsworth."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate, the last two in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to the Boston and Maine Railroad," pending passage to be engrossed, tabled, on motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor.

Bill "an act granting the towns surrounding Toddy pond, in Hancock county, the right to build and maintain a bridge across said pond."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 346 of the special laws of 1877, entitled an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Portland."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 75 of the special laws of 1866, entitled an act creating the South Paris Village Corporation."

Bill "an act to abolish the August term of the Supreme Judicial Court, in the county of Kennebec."

Bill "an act to confirm and make valid the doings of Union School District, composed of District No. 1 in the town of Carthage, District No. 19 in the town of Wilton, in the county of Franklin, and District No. 1 in the town of Dixfield, in the county of Oxford."

Bill "an act in relation to disorganized towns."

Bill "an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in the county of Kennebec."

Bill "an act additional to an act to establish the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company."

"Resolve in favor of William Conary."

"Resolve in favor of Joseph M. Soccalexis."

"Resolve relating to the purchase of Maine Reports."

"Resolve to transfer certain records pertaining to the soldiers of the war of 1861 from the office of the Secretary of State to that of the Adjutant General."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings and passed to be engrossed, were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to authorize reduction of capital stock of corporations," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the Railroad Commissioners, for the year 1877, came from the Senate read, and was read in concurrence, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Remonstrance of R. M. Ingalls and 42 others, against the pharmacy bill, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

Bill "an act entitled an act to incorporate the Machiasport and Machias Telegraph Company;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 41, chapter 113, revised statutes, relating to arrest for taxes;" and

Bill "an act to provide stenographic reporters for the grand jury;"

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the amendment of chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877, relating to guardians; and

Report of the Committee on Temperance, reporting leave to withdraw on various petitions for further suppression of the liquor traffic;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting on various petitions referred from the last Legislature, bill "an act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Kennebec river and its tributaries," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read once and recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting, on order relating to chapter 267, acts of 1873, bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 267 of the public laws of 1873."

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to life insurance."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read once and recommitted, and were recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on various petitions, "resolve authorizing the conveyance of certain lots of land in the east half of township No. 2, R. 5, west from the east line of the State, in the county of Aroostook."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of Elbridge D. Crouse."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

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

Remonstrance of Sidney Wakely and 36 others of Lisbon; and

Remonstrance of 6 others, against the druggist bill;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Remonstrance of Albert Faught and others, against the bill to prevent throwing of slabs and other refuse into Kennebec river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BODWELL of Hallowell, laid on the table to be printed, memorial of the Executive Committee of the Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, representing the condition of the school, and

that without an appropriation of \$6,000 the school will have to be closed.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs are requested to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Insurance Commissioner, and transferring the duties of that office to the State Treasurer and Secretary of State.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. FULLER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Selectmen of Byron, for right to control the waters of Swift river.

This report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to encourage the planting of trees."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act to amend section 26, chapter 90, public laws of 1876, in relation to lime rock and slate."

Bill "an act to abolish the organization of plantation No. 6, in the county of Franklin."

Bill "an act relating to building and maintaining the lock in the dam across the Kennebec river at Augusta."

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 60 of revised statutes, relating to actions of divorce."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 19, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to the law of roads."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Withee's pond and its tributaries, in the town of Dover."

Bill "an act to incorporate the St. Croix Lake Dam Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 122, revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements of attorneys and others."

Bill "an act in relation to the duties of county attorneys, and additional to chapter 79 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act relating to coroners."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 11 of the revised statutes, in relation to the right of plantations to receive their proportion of the state school fund."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings,'" was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read third time, and tomorrow assigned for further consideration, on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston.

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State," was reported from the same Committee, read the second time, pending passage to be engrossed, recommitted on motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston.

Bill "an act in relation to the police court for the city of Belfast," was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of a road leading from Kingfield to Eustis," was taken from the table by Mr. WEEKS of Augusta, and Friday next assigned, on motion of Mr. MOULTON of Scarboro'.

"Resolve in favor of repairing bridge across the Aroostook river, in the town of Ashland," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta, and Friday next assigned, on motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting on the division of the city of Rockland, with bill, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. BIRD of Rockland, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to establish a bounty on bears," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. WINSLOW of Portland.

Bill "an act to vest the franchise and property of the proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge in the inhabitants of the county of Sagadahoc," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. BROWNE of

Bowdoinham, amended per sheets "A" and "B," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WEYMOUTH of Oldtown,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PREBLE of Bangor.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Deering," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Library, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of Attorney General Emery, upon claims of settlers under Treaty of Washington, pursuant to a resolve of the Legislature, approved February 9, 1877, came from the Senate read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Board of Trade," which was accepted in concurrence in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to encourage the development of mining interests of the State."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting, on petition of William M. Perkins, for protection of smelts, bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Bagaduce river and its tributaries, in the county of Hancock."

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition of Jonas Ripley and others, bill "an act to create a lien on hemlock bark."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on order, bill "an act to promote the settlement of the public lands."

Report of Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting, on petition of James H. Kellerhan and others, bill "an act authorizing the location and establishment of a highway over the tide water of Georges river at Thomaston."

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

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

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting reference to Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of Wm. M. Cyr.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of towns of Blanchard and Shirley," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of A. W. Silsby and 58 others of Amherst, against the druggist bill; and

Remonstrance of 5 others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Bill "an act to provide for the more efficient management of the public schools," was referred to the Committee on Education.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to restrict fishing in Sanborn Brothers' pond in Baldwin."

Mr. NORRIS, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to regulate the shad and alewife fishery in the town of Warren, in the county of Lincoln, passed March 6, 1802.'"

Mr. SEIDERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Rifle Club."

Mr. DRINKWATER, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to ratify, confirm and make valid, the action of the city of Ellsworth, providing for the funding of its city debt."

Mr. CURRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to extend the time for organization of the Calais Railroad Company."

Mr. MOULTON, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve legalizing the records of the First Christian Society of Saco."

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

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of W. J. Corthell, for reimbursement.

Mr. SMITH, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of John P. Peterson, for pay for lumber.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of citizens of Presque Isle, that H. J. C. Jenkins may be paid for hauling lumber.

Mr. WEBB, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Hannah Lamson.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on petition of S. W. Springer, for aid in building mills.

Mr. CUTLER, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Levi Sears and others.

Mr. HAM, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Levi Sears, for aid on road from Caribou to Fort Kent, taken from files of last Legislature.

Mr. SMITH, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of John F. Sprague, for aid on road in town of Mayfield.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of J. E. Estes, for aid on Macwahoc stream in Macwahoc plantation.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Education, reported

same, on petition of town officers of Gouldsboro', for reimbursement of certain school money.

Mr. MAYO, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of W. W. Hamblett, to be set off from District No. 3 in Concord, and be annexed to School District No. 4 in Embden.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on petition of W. W. Bolster and others of Auburn, for amendment of city charter of Auburn.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported same, on petition of William Swett and others of South Paris, for aid to Maine Dairymen's Association.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on petition of Daniel Field and others, for amendment to city charter of Auburn.

Mr. CURRAN, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to town agents for the sale of liquor.

Mr. DRINKWATER, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to biennial elections of Governor and State officers.

Mr. BLISS, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to building of line fences.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on order relating to amending of revised statutes, in regard to appeal from decisions of clerk on taxation of costs.

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on order relating to granting land to Vetal Daigle.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on order relating to granting funds to certain schools in unorganized plantations.

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported same, on order relating to pound keepers.

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Education, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to provide for the better preservation of the funds of educational institutions."

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act to limit actions for recovery of real estate."

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference

to the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of town of Bradford for reimbursement.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Selectmen of Milford for reimbursement.

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve in favor of the town of Frenchville."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on "resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent;" also

Reported same, on "resolve to revive and put in force a resolve, chapter 58, 1869, abating certain plantation taxes."

The foregoing reports were tabled, pending acceptance, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to damages on ways.

The report was read and accepted, subsequently the vote was reconsidered, and report tabled, on motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston.

"Resolve in favor of John Carver and George S. Ames," was read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for the second reading.

Mr. KIMBALL of Bath, presented bill "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish."

Mr. ADAMS of Perkins plantation, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, "resolve to abate the State tax of Washington plantation, in Franklin county, for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877."

Mr. CURRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers."

Mr. PIERCE, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act relating to taxation of railroad corporations.'"

Mr. DRINKWATER, from same Committee, reported in new draft, on various petitions, bill "an act to prevent vexatious law suits."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of William D. Orr."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported in new draft, "resolve granting two lots of land to William Brown of Eagle Lake plantation, under certain conditions."

Mr. CUTLER, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Albion W. Stratton."

Mr. PHINNEY, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of building a bridge in Mapleton plantation:"

Mr. HAM, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Ida Brown."

Mr. WOODBURY, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of building a bridge in the town of Caribou."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under the Rule.

Minority report from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 206 of the public laws of 1877," pending acceptance, on motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston, report tabled, and bill ordered printed.

Printed "resolve in favor of Shepard I. Higgins."

"Resolve in favor of Freeman Hayden."

"Resolve authorizing the conveyance of a lot of land in Crystal plantation."

"Resolve in favor of Fred Barker."

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Maysville."

"Resolve in favor of Mrs. Ellebert Michaud."

"Resolve providing for payment for additional services and expenses imposed upon the Bank Examiner by the savings bank act, approved February 9, 1877."

"Resolve in favor of William Reed."

"Resolve in favor of Ezekiel Levasseur."

"Resolve in favor of John S. Arnold."

"Resolve in favor of Cyrus T. Daniels."

"Resolve in favor of Charles C. Libby."

"Resolve to carry into effect the provisions of chapter 49 of the resolves of 1869."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

"Resolve in favor of Charles F. Collins."

"Resolve in favor of Lydia A. Daniels."

"Resolve in favor of L. D. and H. P. Todd."

"Resolve in favor of James E. Holmes."

"Resolve in favor of Jeremiah Crouse."

"Resolve in favor of compiling and printing school laws."

"Resolve in favor of Henry C. Spooner."

"Resolve in favor of George F. Foster of Portland."

These resolves were read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, the last one in concurrence, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of O. W. Davis, Jr.," was read the second time, and tabled, on motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston, and Friday assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Hurricane Isle."

Bill "an act authorizing the Bates Manufacturing Company to reduce the par value of its stock, and to issue new shares."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Ellsworth."

Bill "an act to extend the time for locating and constructing the Piscataquis Central Railroad."

"Resolve in favor of Cyrus William King."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

"Resolve relating to lands held under conditional grants."

These bills having had three and the resolves two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. LORD of Kennebunk, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to regulate and protect fisheries, and the propagation of fish," was taken from the table, when Mr. KIMBALL presented a bill which he proposed to substitute for the foregoing.

The bill was ordered printed, and the report laid on the table.

Bill "an act authorizing the location of a highway over tide waters of Georges river in Thomaston," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston.

On motion of Mr. NOWLAND of Ashland,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. THOMAS of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

The order of the House relating to the abolition of the office of Insurance Commissioner, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was tabled, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the amount of money to be raised for support of schools.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting same, on order relating to claim of John S. Arnold to a lot of land in town of Limestone.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to reimbursement of money received for stumpage of timber cut on lot No. 52, in Township 5, Range 3, W. E. L. S.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, reporting same, on petition of O. B. Chadbourne and others, for further suppression of liquor traffic.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to the appointment of a commission to revise the valuation and taxation of the State.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting

same, on order relating to townships 18, R. 4, 18, R. 5, 18, R. 6, and 18, R. 7.

Report of same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of inhabitants of Madawaska, for the purchase of proprietors' lands in said town.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of the town officers of Andover.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of G. W. Hows, for reimbursement of money for treaty lots in the town of Ashland.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on Printing and Binding, reporting contract with Sprague, Owen and Nash, for doing State printing, and with E. H. W. Smith and H. E. Smith, for State binding.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and contracts approved.

The report was read and accepted, and the contracts approved in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 218, public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and tabled, on motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais.

"Resolve in favor of Portland Public Library," was referred to the Committee on Library.

Remonstrance of citizens of Andover, against giving any one right to control the waters of Ellis river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act to amend section 14, revised statutes, relating to an alphabet in Register of Deed's office," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of V. J. Stanhope and 65 others of Marion; and Remonstrance of 4 others, against the druggist bill;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of a public meeting in Portland, for suppression of the liquor traffic, was referred to the next Legislature.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition of J. D. Teague, bill "an act to make valid the acts of the Lyndon Union Meeting House Association of Caribou "

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition of Thomas Edes, bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Parkman, in the county of Piscataquis, and annex the same to the town of Guilford, in said county."

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on petition of Seth T. Holbrook, bill "an act to set off certain property from Oxford Fire Engine Corporation."

Mr. COOMBS, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Steam Ferry Company."

Printed bill "an act to encourage the planting of trees."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, the last amended per sheet "A," and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to monthly reports of sheriffs.

Mr. FAUGHT, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported same, on order relating to thoroughbred horses.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to thoroughbred herd book stock."

Mr. WEYMOUTH, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported same, on order relating to weirs.

Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of W. A. Potter and 190 others, for transfer of franchise of People's Ferry.

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Temperance, reported same, on petition of Frederic Stores and others, for right to sell beer and cider.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of Alexander Montieth, for division of Isle au Haut.

Mr. JACKSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State

Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of George A. Saunders, for pay for stumpage.

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of Selectmen and inhabitants of South Thomaston, that Dix island and other islands may be annexed to said town.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 151 of the public laws of 1876, in relation to Superior Court in Cumberland county."

Mr. WEBB, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 109, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the collection of taxes."

Mr. NORRIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported reference to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act authorizing George M. Miles to extend his wharf and erect wharves in the tide waters at Rutherford's island, in the town of Bristol, county of Lincoln."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. BROWNE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of building a bridge in Township 17, Range 8, in Aroostook county."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill in new draft, bill "an act to amend section 39 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes."

Mr. VICKERY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 218 of the acts of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws, relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings.'"

Mr. PARKHURST, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on Governor's Message, "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts."

Mr. JACKSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve in favor of Township 12, Range 5, west from the east line of the State, known as Sheridan plantation."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on "resolve in favor of township No. 13, R. 6, west from the east line of the State, known as Portage Lake plantation."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "resolve in favor of Jeanne M. Strickland."

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act in relation to the attachment of property on writs after service completed."

Mr. WEBB, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill in new draft, entitled "an act to amend section 7, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to voting lists."

Mr. MOORE, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act giving county commissioners jurisdiction over the repairs of ways."

Mr. BRIGGS, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to apprenticing of boys in Reform School."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed.

Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, presented proposed amendment to House Doc. No. 94, entitled "an act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings,'" and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

"Resolve in favor of Joint Standing Committee on Financial Affairs," was presented by Mr. SMITH of Waterville, and on his motion the resolve was read twice, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to regulate the shad and alewife fishery in the town of Warren, in the county of Lincoln, passed March 6, 1802.'" "

Bill "an act to restrict fishing in Sanborn Brothers' pond in Baldwin."

Bill "an act to extend the time for organization of the Calais Railroad Company, incorporated by chapter 532, private laws of 1874."

Bill "an act to ratify, confirm and make valid the action of the city of Ellsworth, providing for the funding of its city debt."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Rifle Club."

"Resolve making valid the records of the First Christian Society of Saco."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 141, public acts of 1876, relating to the settlement of the public lands."

Bill "an act to encourage the development of the mining interests of the State."

Bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Bagaduce river and its tributaries, in the county of Hancock."

Bill "an act to create a lien on hemlock bark."

The foregoing bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 11 of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of plantations to receive their proportion of the State school fund."

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of deer in the county of Waldo."

Bill "an act to prevent fraud in commercial fertilizers."

Bill "an act to amend and extend the acts in relation to the Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, the Messalonskee and Kennebec Railroad Company, and the Somerset Railroad Company."

Bill "an act for the further protection and propagation of eels in Damariscotta river and pond."

Bill "an act amendatory of an act to provide for the organization of business corporations."

Bill "an act to amend section 11 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes, relating to actions of trespass."

Bill "an act to protect the breeding of trout in Perkins' brook, so-called, in the towns of North Berwick, Wells and Sanford, in the county of York."

Bill "an act to authorize reduction of capital stock of corporations."

"Resolve abating a portion of the State tax of Haynesville for the year 1877, and assessing the same on No. 3, R. 2, Aroostook county."

"Resolve in favor of Baring and Houlton road across Indian township and Grand Lake Stream road in Washington county."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Madawaska," was taken from the table, read the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act for the better protection of the rights of towns," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. CORNISH of Winslow, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act additional relative to the Boston and Maine Railroad," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, and pending passage to be enacted, referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings,'" was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, when he presented amendment "A," and on his motion the same was ordered printed.

The order relating to mileage of members was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish," was taken from the table, the new draft substituted, on motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Bath, read the third time, amended per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Frenchville," was taken from the table, when the yeas and nays were ordered on passage of the resolve, and the House refused it a passage, by yeas 71, nays 73.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	Bliss,	Burgess,
Adams of Perkins pl.,	Boody,	Cain,
Allen,	Bradbury,	Chapman,
Andrews,	Browne,	Coburn,
Bearce,	Buck,	Coffin of Shapleigh,

Cole,	Knight, No. Berwick,	Porter of Burlington,
Crosby,	Lincoln,	Pratt,
Curran,	Lord of Bangor,	Reynolds,
Davis of Freeport,	Lord of Charleston,	Robie,
Dickey,	Mayo,	Simpson,
Dore,	Meserve of Hollis,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Dyer of New Sharon,	Moody,	Smith of Hanover,
Dyer of Strong,	Moore of Biddeford,	Starbird,
Fisher,	Morrill of Glenburn,	Strickland,
Friend,	Morrill of Sebec,	True of Falmouth,
Flynn,	Murray,	True of Paris,
Farrell,	Norris,	Underwood,
Gerrish,	Nowland,	Vickery,
Hall,	Parkhurst,	Weeks,
Hill of Bucksport,	Phinney,	White,
Hill of Exeter,	Pickett,	Woodbury,
Kimball of Bath,	Pilsbury,	Williams,
Knight of Sweden,	Piper,	York.—71.
• Knight, Lincolnville,	Porter of Caribou,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Austin,	Faught,	Meserve, Brownfield,
Bird,	Fuller,	Mitchell,
Blunt,	Garcelon,	Moore of Thomaston,
Boothby,	Hanson,	Moulton,
Bowers,	Hatch,	Norwood,
Bowker,	Higgins,	Orff,
Brackett,	Hinckley,	Otis,
Briggs,	Howland,	Parlin,
Caswell,	Jackson,	Partridge,
Clay,	Jones,	Pierce,
Coffin of Harrington,	Keating,	Plummer,
Coombs,	Kimball of Waterford,	Purington,
Cornish,	Lancaster,	Robbins,
Crandon,	Lary,	Sawyer,
Cutler,	Leighton,	Seiders,
Dana,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Shapleigh,
Davis of Jackson,	Lothrop,	Sherman,
Drinkwater,	McCobb,	Smith of Litchfield,
Dyer of Palmyra,	McLaughlin,	Smith of Waterville,

Smith of Waterboro',	Wadsworth,	Wilson, Bowdoin,
Stimpson,	Webb of Windham,	Winslow,
Talbot,	Webb of Deer Isle,	Woods,
Taylor of Bridgton,	Weymouth,	Woodcock,
Taylor of Biddeford,	Wilson of Raymond,	Young.—73.
True, N. Gloucester,		

On motion of Mr. AUSTIN of Milford,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CORTES of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Hallowell Boom Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Remonstrance of School Board of Portland, against diverting the savings bank tax from public schools; and

Remonstrance of Daniel M. Young and others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Final reports of the Committees on Fisheries, Commerce, Manufactures, Railroads, State Lands and State Roads, Towns, Temperance and Ways and Bridges, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Selectmen of Monson.

Report of Committee on Towns, reporting same, on petition of inhabitants of Ward plantation to be set off from proprietors' lands.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act concerning itinerant physicians."

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of section 9 of chapter 32, revised statutes.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting reference to the Governor and Council, on order relating to claims of settlers on certain townships.

Report of Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Martin Savage, John A. Nadeau, O. R. Sevois and others.

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, reporting on Annual Report of Trustees and Superintendent of Reform School, "resolve in favor of State Reform School," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 267, public laws of 1873, relating to island shores."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Library, reporting, on petition, "resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, under suspension of rules.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Farmington."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to facilitate the transfer to the United States of the title to the Antietam National Cemetery, in the State of Maryland."

The foregoing report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 122, revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements," passed to be engrossed by the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an amend section 66, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to juries," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and recommitted to Committee on Legal Affairs. House receded and concurred.

Petition of David Steward and others of Corinna, for change of law relating to divorce; also of same for abolition of imprisonment for debt, were referred to next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. ADAMS of Deering,

Ordered, That George W. Coffin be excused from further service as a member of this House, and that the Clerk be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. BODWELL of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted for an exhibition of the Maine Industrial School, Monday evening, the 11th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M., the exhibition to consist of recitations and singing by the children.

The House, on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson, reconsidered the vote whereby it accepted report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to raising of school money. The report was then recommitted.

Mr. PIPER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on memorials of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Mr. CRANDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of John T. Hoskins, for wire ferry between Bangor and Veazie.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of John Allen, for payment of certain claims.

Mr. CURRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on petition of J. F. Davis and others.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Claims, reported a resolve authorizing the Governor and Council, on petition of Peter Murphy and Thomas Kennedy, to award such sums as they think proper.

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the Committee on Agriculture, on order relating to tax on dogs.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act in relation to the rights of action between husband and wife."

Mr. PARLIN presented minority report from same Committee, on same bill, reporting ought to pass, on bill in new draft, entitled "an act in relation to husband and wife."

Both reports were laid on the table, pending acceptance, and the new draft ordered printed.

Mr. PILSBURY, from the Committee on Temperance, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 204, public laws of 1877," and that the petitioners for passage of same, have leave to withdraw.

Mr. DICKEY, as a minority of the same Committee, reported on same petitions, bill "an act to amend section 204, public laws of 1877."

Both reports were laid on the table, and the last bill ordered printed, and Tuesday next assigned.

Mr. FULLER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of George Underwood and 13 others, reported bill "an act to authorize Abial D. Knapp and Woodbury S. Knapp to navigate Androscoggin pond and Dead river in the towns of Wayne and Leeds, Wing's pond in Wayne, Lovejoy's pond in Wayne, Readfield and Fayette, Crotched pond in Readfield, Fayette and Mt. Vernon, by steam."

Mr. NORRIS, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of sturgeon in the waters of the Kennebec river and its tributaries."

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported

ought to pass, on bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse lumber into the Patten's Pond stream in Surry, Hancock county."

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on State Prison, reported on Governor's Address, "resolve authorizing the appointment of a delegate to the International Prison Congress."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 23, chapter 24, revised statutes, relating to paupers."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 258, public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act relating to taxation of railroad companies.'"

Bill "an act to provide for the improvement of the navigation of Souedehunk stream for log driving."

Printed bill "an act to prevent vexatious law-suits."

"Resolve relating to military property."

Printed "resolve in aid of building a bridge in Mapleton plantation."

"Resolve in favor of A. W. Stratton."

"Resolve in favor of Ida Brown."

"Resolve granting two lots of land to William Brown of Eagle Lake plantation, under certain conditions."

"Resolve in favor of William D. Orr."

"Resolve to abate the State tax in Washington plantation in Franklin county, for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877."

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

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes."

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to provide schools for the Madawaska territory."

Mr. DRINKWATER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 30 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of corporate property."

Mr. CURRAN, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Calais.'"

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 8 of chapter 120 of the revised statutes, relating to larceny."

Mr. SEIDERS, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill in new draft, entitled "an act to encourage the provisions of means for the extinguishment of fires."

Mr. COFFIN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland."

Mr. PORTER, from same Committee, reported "resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported on credentials of Peter Selmore, "resolve in favor of Peter Selmore."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolves ordered printed under Rule.

Mr. WEED, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse into the tributaries of Wilson pond."

Report accepted, bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, ordered printed.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 380 of the private and special laws of 1873."

Report read and accepted, and on motion of same gentleman, bill ordered printed.

Mr. PILSBURY, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act to establish an additional normal school."

Report read and accepted, and on motion of same gentleman, bill ordered printed, and Tuesday next assigned for consideration.

Bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Parkman, in the county of Piscataquis, and annex the same to the town of Guilford in said county."

Bill "an act to make valid the acts of the Lyndon Union Meeting House Association of Caribou."

Bill "an act to set off certain property from Oxford Village Fire Engine Corporation."

Bill "an act to encourage the planting of trees."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed,

save the last, which was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. SMITH of Litchfield.

“Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State,” was amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. PARKHURST, from the Committee on Agriculture, presented a “resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,” and on his motion, the same was read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

Bill “an act to make valid the doings of the town of Limestone, in the county of Aroostook.”

Bill “an act to change the name of Rufus Edwin Bubier.”

Bill “an act to change the names of Amelia and Adelia Bullock.”

Bill “an act to amend chapter 185 of the public laws of 1877, relating to life insurance.”

Bill “an act to amend section 50 of chapter 40 of revised statutes, relating to migratory fishes in Damariscotta river.”

“Resolve in aid of the towns of Blanchard and Shirley.”

“Resolve in favor of George F. Foster of Portland.”

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

The order relating to the abolition of the office of Insurance Commissioner, was taken from the table.

The House refused to recede and insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed Messrs. Woodbury of Houlton, Young of Brunswick, and Smith of Waterville.

“Resolve in favor of a road leading from Kingfield to Eustis,” was taken from the table, and refused a passage, on motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta.

“Resolve in favor of repairing bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Ashland,” was taken from the table, and refused a passage, by yeas 29, nays 105.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Browne,	Kimball of Bath,	Porter of Burlington,
Crosby,	Lincoln,	Pratt,
Cutler,	Moody,	Reynolds,
Dana,	Morrill of Glenburn,	Robie,
Dickey,	Nowland,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Dore,	Parkhurst,	Underwood,
Dyer of Strong,	Phinney,	Vickery,
Fisher,	Pickett,	White,
Flynn,	Pierce,	Woodbury—29.
Farrell,	Porter of Caribou,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	Dyer of Palmyra,	Lothrop,
Allen,	Faught,	Mayo,
Austin,	Feyler,	McCobb,
Bearce,	Friend,	McLaughlin,
Bird,	Fuller,	Meserve, Brownfield,
Blunt,	Garcelon,	Meserve of Hollis,
Bodwell,	Gerrish,	Mitchell,
Boody,	Hall,	Moore of Biddeford,
Boothby,	Ham,	Morrill of Sebec,
Bowker,	Hanson,	Moulton,
Brackett,	Higgins,	Norwood,
Bradbury,	Hill of Bucksport,	Orff,
Briggs,	Hill of Exeter,	Otis,
Buck,	Hinckley,	Parlin,
Burgess,	Howland,	Partridge,
Cain,	Jackson,	Pilsbury,
Caswell,	Jones,	Piper,
Chapman,	Keating,	Plummer,
Clay,	Kimball of Waterford,	Purington,
Coburn,	Knight of Sweden,	Richardson,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Knight, Lincolnville,	Robbins,
Coombs,	Knight, N. Berwick,	Sawyer,
Cornish,	Lancaster,	Seiders,
Curran,	Lary,	Shapleigh,
Davis of Jackson,	Leighton,	Sherman,
Drinkwater,	Lord of Charleston,	Simpson,
Dyer of N. Sharon,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Smith of Auburn,

Smith of Litchfield,	Taylor of Biddeford,	Weeks,
Smith of Waterville,	True of Falmouth,	Weymouth,
Smith of Hanover,	True, N. Gloucester,	Wilson of Raymond,
Smith of Waterboro',	True of Paris,	Woods,
Starbird,	Wadsworth,	Woodcock,
Stimpson,	Webb of Windham,	Williams,
Strickland,	Webb of Deer Isle,	York,
Talbot,	Weed,	Young—105.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Governor, informing the Legislature of the resignation of J. L. Chamberlain as Major General of the Militia, and that a vacancy accordingly exists, came from the Senate read, and was read in concurrence.

Bill "an act to change the name of the Malachite Mining Company," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Clerk of Courts for the county of Penobscot," was referred in concurrence to the Penobscot County Delegation.

Final reports of Committees on Education, on Federal Relations, on Indian Affairs, on Interior Waters, on Pensions, on State Reform School, on State Prison, on Counties, and on Claims, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Benjamin Smith for pension, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was tabled, on motion of Mr. BLISS of Washington.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, reporting same, on petition of Charles Sweron and others, in favor of reciprocity trade between the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on bill "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Water Power Company."

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting same, on order relating to claims of William N. Quinn, for reimbursement of money expended during the war of the rebellion.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to amend chapter 120 of special laws of 1872, entitled an act to incorporate the Penobscot Central Railroad Company."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass in new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Board of Trade."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Dexter pond, in the county of Penobscot, for the term of three years."

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

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

"Resolve in favor of furnishing the town of Hurricane Isle with reports and other official documents," came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed, and was read once, and Tuesday next assigned.

"Resolve requesting the Attorney General to inquire into the management of the Maine Industrial School for Girls," was tabled on motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of George Cary, Theodore Cary and

Jefferson Cary," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve in favor of Mrs. Ellebert Michaud," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, read twice, and indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, read twice, and indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Yacht Club," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

"Resolve in favor of a commission to revise the militia laws," was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be to Monday, February 11, at 4 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Business of the House, be and are hereby requested, on Monday next, and each day afterwards, to prepare and have printed a calendar, which shall give a statement of all matters before the House and the status of each question.

Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpient, on order relating to lien on cord wood.

Mr. SEIDERS, from same Committee, reported same, on order amending section 65, chapter 206 of the laws of 1877, relating to notice.

Mr. PIERCE, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to amendment of section 56 of chapter 113, revised statutes.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to loaning money to administrators and executors as such.

Mr. MURRAY, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of B. F. Pease and others, for incorporation of the Ossipee River Agricultural Society.

Mr. BLISS, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Ephraim Witham.

Mr. MURRAY, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Selectmen of Byron, relating to persons imprisoned for non-payment of taxes.

Mr. MOULTON, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act additional to chapter 31, revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehousemen.'"

Mr. DRINKWATER, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 4, chapter 124, revised statutes, relating to polygamy."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. FARRELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to extend the charter of the Aroostook Steamboat Company."

Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought to pass, on recommitted bill "an act additional to chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to life insurance."

Printed bill "an act in relation to the attachment of property on writs after service completed."

"Resolve in favor of building a bridge in Township 17, Range 8, in Aroostook county."

"Resolve in favor of Township No. 12, Range 5, west from the east line of the State, known as Sheridan plantation."

"Resolve in favor of Township No. 13, Range 6, west from the east line of the State, known as Portage Lake plantation."

"Resolve in favor of Jeanne M. Strickland."

"Resolve in aid of building bridge in the town of Caribou."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, Monday assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next assigned for the second reading of the resolves.

Mr. DRINKWATER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petitions for change of shire town of Oxford county.

Pending acceptance of report, tabled on motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Waterford.

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 149 of the public laws of 1877."

Mr. SEIDERS, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 78 of the public laws of 1876, relating to the erection of fish weirs and wharves in tide waters."

Mr. DRINKWATER, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to provide additional remedies for the enforcement of judgments."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, relating to reviews."

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to extend the jurisdiction and authority of county commissioners."

Mr. BOWERS, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under Rule.

Bill "act to provide for the improvement of the Souedehunk stream for log driving."

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse lumber into Patten's Pond stream in Surry, Hancock county."

Bill "an act to authorize Abial D. Knapp and Woodbury S. Knapp to navigate Androscoggin pond and Dead river in the towns of Wayne and Leeds, Wing's pond in Wayne, Lovejoy's pond in Wayne, Readfield and Fayette, Crotched pond in Readfield, Fayette and Mt. Vernon, by steam."

Bill "an act amend chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act relating to taxation of railroad companies.'"

Bill "an act for the protection of sturgeon in the waters of the Kennebec river and its tributaries."

"Resolve relating to military property."

"Resolve authorizing the appointment of a delegate to the International Prison Congress."

"Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to examine the claims of Peter Murphy and Thomas Kennedy, and adjust them as they may think equitable."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed, the last under suspension of rules, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 267, public laws of 1873."

Bill "an act to facilitate the transfer to the United States of the title to the Antietam National Cemetery in the State of Maryland."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent vexatious law-suits ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 23, chapter 24, revised statutes, relating to paupers ;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and both tabled, on motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham, and Tuesday next assigned for the consideration of the first.

Bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Bagaduce river and tributaries in the county of Hancock."

Bill "an act relating to coroners."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 60 of revised statutes, relating to actions of divorce."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Withee's pond and its tributaries in the town of Dover."

Bill "an act to amend section 26 of chapter 90 of the public laws of 1876, in relation to lime rock and slate."

Bill "an act for the protection and preservation of bass in the waters of Winnegance creek."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 19, section 10 of revised statutes, relating to the law of roads."

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 58 of the public laws of 1876, relating to auctioneers."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 141 of the public laws of 1876, relating to the settlement of the public lands."

Bill "an act to encourage the development of the mining interests of the State."

Bill "an act to vest the franchise and property of the proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge in the inhabitants of the county of Sagadahoc."

Bill "an act to create a lien on hemlock bark."

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 363 of the special laws of 1877, relating to the throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river," pending passage to be engrossed, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PRATT of Guildford, and ordered printed.

Mr. SMITH of Waterville, was excused from service on the Conference Committee on the order relating to abolition of office of Insurance Commissioner, and Mr. PIERCE of Portland, substituted.

On motion of Mr. FAUGHT of Belgrade,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. QUINBY of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 60, laws of 1872," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GERRISH of Lebanon,

Ordered, That this House, the Senate concurring, adjourn on Friday, the 15th inst., without day.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on order, "resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish."

Mr. PARKHURST, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on Governor's Address, "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts."

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported, on order, "resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and resolves ordered printed under Rule.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Library, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Portland Public Library."

Mr. STARBIRD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Company."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 39, chapter 18, revised statutes."

Printed bill "an act to encourage the provisions of means for the extinguishment of fires."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 30, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to taxation of corporate property."

Printed bill "an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 120, revised statutes, relating to larceny."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 218 of the acts of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings.'"

Printed bill "an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Calais."

Printed bill "an act relating to apprenticing of boys in Reform School."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 116, revised statutes."

Printed bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse into the tributaries of Wilson pond."

Printed bill "an act giving county commissioners jurisdiction over the repairs of ways."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 380 of the private and special laws of 1873 "

"Resolve in favor of Female Orphan Asylum of Portland."

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to voting lists."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of the bills and second reading of resolves. The last bill amended per sheet "A."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts."

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

"Resolve in favor of Peter Selmore."

"Resolve in favor of clothing the Militia of Maine."

These resolves were read once and Thursday next assigned, on motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham, under suspension of rules.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 120, special laws of 1872, entitled an act to incorporate the Penobscot Central Railroad."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Dexter pond in the county of Penobscot, for the term of three years."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Board of Trade."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to life insurance."

Bill "an act to extend the charter of the Aroostook Steamboat Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Steam Ferry Company."

Bill "an act in relation to the attachment of property on writs after service completed."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, save the last, which was tabled on motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham, and to-morrow assigned.

The votes whereby the House receded and concurred with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud and resolve in favor of Mrs. Ellebert Michaud, were reconsidered, and the resolves laid on the table, on motion of Mr. DUCKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act to abolish the organization of Plantation No. 6, in the county of Franklin."

"Resolve in favor of Shepherd I. Higgins."

"Resolve in favor of William Reed."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot Indians."

"Resolve in favor of Cyrus T. Daniels."

"Resolves in favor of James E. Holmes."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Financial Affairs."

"Resolve in favor of Freeman Hayden."

"Resolve in favor of Charles G. Libby."

"Resolve in favor of Ezekiel Levasseur."

"Resolve in favor of Lydia A. Daniels."

"Resolve in favor of Jeremiah Crouse."

"Resolve in favor of Charles F. Collins."

"Resolve in favor of John S. Arnold."

"Resolve in favor of Fred Barker."

"Resolve in favor of Henry C. Spooner."

"Resolve in favor of L. D. and H. P. Todd."

"Resolve in relation to the documentary history of Maine."

"Resolve in favor of town of Maysville."

"Resolve authorizing the conveyance of a lot of land in Crystal plantation."

The foregoing bill and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bill passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of O. W. Davis, Jr.," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MOULTON of Scarboro,'

The vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 122, revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements by attorneys and others," was reconsidered, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, and that two sessions be held each day thereafter, until final adjournment.

On motion of Mr. WINSLOW of Portland,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ADAMS of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Final report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 25, chapter 65, revised statutes, relating to allowances to minor children."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act relating to testimony of persons accused of crime."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act to provide stenographic reports for the grand jury."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of the Shapleigh and Acton Agricultural Society," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and Thursday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to amend the city charter of the city of Augusta."

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Presumpscot Water Power Company."

Report read and accepted in concurrence, and bill tabled.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Machiasport and Machias Telegraph Company.'"

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting on petition of Elias Goff, bill "an act providing for a canal at the head waters of Presumpscot river."

The report was accepted in concurrence, and the bill ordered printed.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to locate, erect and carry on a new hospital for the insane," came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Madawaska," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed. The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of pickerel in Torsey and Lovejoy ponds," was referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of Oliver B. Trott as a justice of the peace and quorum," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on Railroads, reported on petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Bath, bill "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue a portion of its track."

Mr. BROWNE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported ought to pass, on "resolve for the appointment of a commission to revise the Militia Laws."

These reports were read and accepted, bill read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bill and second reading of resolve.

Mr. SEIDERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act amendatory of section 2, chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, relating to free high schools."

Mr. PIERCE, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of corporations."

Mr. BLISS, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 234 of the public laws of 1874, concerning tax titles."

Mr. PARLIN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported

ought to pass, on bill in new draft, entitled bill "an act for the protection of game and birds."

Mr. BOWERS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolve ordered printed under Rule.

Mr. KIMBALL of Bath, presented proposed amendment to bill "an act for the protection of game and birds," which on his motion was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Bill "an act to amend section 8 of chapter 120 of the revised statutes, relating to larceny," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to voting lists," was reported from same Committee, read three times, and tabled on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act giving county commissioners jurisdiction over the repairs of ways," was reported from same Committee, and read the third time. Mr. SMITH of Litchfield, offered amendment "A," when the bill and amendment were tabled, on motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation."

Bill "an act to amend section 39, chapter 18, revised statutes."

Bill "an act to encourage the provisions of means for the extinguishment of fires."

Bill "an act relating to apprenticing of boys in Reform School."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 218 of the acts of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings.'"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Calais.'"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 380 of the private and special laws of 1873."

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse into the tributaries of Wilson pond."

Bill "an act to provide for the training of teachers in Mada-waska territory."

Bill "an act to amend section 30 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of corporate property."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 363 of the special laws of 1877, relating to the throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river."

"Resolve in favor of Portland Public Library."

These bills and resolve were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve the second time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 116, revised statutes," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland.

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 267 of the public laws of 1873, relating to rents of island shores."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company."

Bill "an act to facilitate the transfer to the United States of the title to the Antietam National Cemetery, in the State of Maryland."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Fisheries, were taken from the table and re-tabled, on motion of Mr. MOULTON of Scarboro'.

Bill "an act to establish an additional normal school," was taken from the table, when Mr. KIMBALL of Waterford, moved and the House ordered, the yeas and nays, on the passage of the bill to be engrossed. The question being so taken, the bill was passed, by yeas 101, nays 34.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	Bird,	Boothby,
Allen,	Bliss,	Bowers,
Andrews,	Blunt,	Bowker,
Austin,	Bodwell,	Brackett,
Bearce,	Boody,	Briggs,

Browne,	Lincoln,	Robbins,
Buck,	Lord of Charleston,	Robie,
Burgess,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Sawyer,
Chapman,	Mayo,	Seiders,
Clay,	McCobb,	Shapleigh,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	McLaughlin,	Sherman,
Cole,	Meserve, Brownfield,	Smith of Auburn,
Coombs,	Meserve of Hollis,	Smith of Litchfield,
Crandon,	Moody,	Smith of Waterville,
Crosby,	Moore of Thomaston,	Smith of Waterboro',
Curran,	Moore of Biddeford,	Strickland,
Cutler,	Morrill of Glenburn,	Taylor of Bridgton,
Dana,	Morrill of Sebec,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Dickey,	Moulton,	True of Falmouth,
Drinkwater,	Murray,	True of Paris,
Dyer of Strong,	Norris,	Vickery,
Friend,	Nowland,	Wadsworth,
Fuller,	Orff,	Webb of Windham,
Garcelon,	Otis,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Gerrish,	Parkhurst,	Weeks,
Hall,	Pickett,	Weymouth,
Hatch,	Pierce,	Wilson of Raymond,
Higgins,	Pilsbury,	Winslow,
Hill of Exeter,	Plummer,	Woods,
Jackson,	Porter of Caribou,	Woodbury,
Jones,	Pratt,	Williams,
Kimball of Bath,	Purinton,	York,
Knight, Lincolnville,	Reynolds,	Young—101.
Leighton,	Richardson,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Bradbury,	Faught,	Lancaster,
Cain,	Feyler,	Lary,
Caswell,	Fisher,	Lothrop,
Coburn,	Farrell,	Mitchell,
Cornish,	Ham,	Parlin,
Davis of Jackson,	Hanson,	Partridge,
Dore,	Howland,	Phinney,
Dyer of New Sharon,	Keating,	Piper,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Kimball of Waterford,	Porter of Burlington,

Starbird,
Talbot,
Underwood,

Weed,
White,

Wilson of Bowdoin,
Woodcock—34.

On motion of Mr. WINSLOW of Portland,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Final report of the Committee on Library.

Final report of the Committee on Agriculture.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting on report of Attorney General on claims of settlers under the Treaty of Washington, bill "an act to more fully carry out the proviso of section 10 of the act of Congress, chapter 177 of the acts of 1868, making making compensation for the lands assigned by Maine to settlers."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 214, public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act relating to ways across railroads.'"

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act additional to chapter 19, public laws of the year 1875, relating to the taxation of railroad companies."

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river, in Eagle Lake plantation."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of S. W. Stratton."

Report of same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve authorizing the location of a land certificate."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, "resolve relating to Perham plantation."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of repairing bridge over Molunkus stream, in Macwahoc plantation."

Report of the Committee on Library, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of the town of Deering."

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

"Resolve relating to military property," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

Report of Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18, revised statutes, relating to highway taxes," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read once, and indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

On motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, and that a second session of the House be held each secular day at the same hour, until final adjournment.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham,

Ordered, That Mr. Taylor of Bridgton, be excused from attendance on and after Friday, Feb. 15th, and the Clerk make up his pay and travel to the end of the session.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act authorizing George W. Mills to extend his wharf into the tide waters at Ruthersford's island in the town of Bristol, county of Lincoln."

Mr. PILSBURY, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on bill "an act to provide for the more efficient management of the public schools."

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act in relation to actions by or against administrators."

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the next Legislature, on "resolve in favor of the St. Croix and Penobscot Railway."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SEIDERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Sandy River Valley Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to extend the jurisdiction and authority of county commissioners."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 149, public laws of 1877."

"Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 78 of the public laws of 1876, relating to the erection of fish weirs and wharves in tide waters."

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 89, revised statutes, relating to reviews."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act to provide additional remedies for the enforcement of judgments."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of resolve.

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Blake."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts."

"Resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital."

These resolves were read once, and to-morrow assigned, under suspension of rules.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 234, public laws of 1874, concerning tax titles," was read the second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act relating to malicious mischief."

Mr. SEIDERS, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill in new draft, entitled "an act to amend section 40 of the revised statutes, relating to term of imprisonment of convicts in the State Prison."

Mr. CURRAN, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence."

Mr. PIERCE, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 97 of the revised statutes, relating to bastard children and their maintenance."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill in new draft, entitled "an act in relation to the Insolvent Laws of Maine."

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, on petition, bill "an act to consolidate, revise and amend the various acts which constitute the charter of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company."

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported "resolve authorizing appointment of State Geologist."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolve ordered printed under Rule.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Presumpscot Water Power Company."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta."

"Resolve in favor of Elbridge D. Crouse."

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Machiasport and Machias Telegraph Company."

"Resolve authorizing the conveyance of certain lots of land in the east half of Township No. 2, Range 5, west from the east line of the State, in the county of Aroostock."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve to abate the State tax in Washington plantation, Franklin county, for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877."

"Resolve in favor of Jeanne M. Strickland."

"Resolve in favor of Ida Brown."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for repairs on chapel on Oldtown island."

"Resolve in favor of Albion W. Stratton."

"Resolve in favor of Township No. 12, Range 5, W. E. L. S., known as Sheridan plantation."

"Resolve in favor of Township No. 13, Range 6, W. E. L. S., known as Portage Lake plantation."

Bill "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue a portion of its track."

"Resolve granting two lots of land to William Brown of Eagle Lake plantation, under certain conditions."

"Resolve in favor of bridge in Township No. 17."

"Resolve in favor of John Carver and George S. Ames."

"Resolve in favor of George W. Black."

"Resolve in favor of William D. Orr."

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge in Mapleton plantation."

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge in the town of Caribou."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

The foregoing bill and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bill read the third time, resolves the second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate. The last two amended each per sheet "A."

"Resolve in aid of Township No. 3, Range 3, Township No. 4, Range 3, in Somerset county."

"Resolve for the appointment of a commission to revise the Militia Laws."

The foregoing were reported from the same Committee, read twice, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Dexter pond in the county of Penobscot, for the term of three years."

Bill "an act to extend the time for organization of the Calais Railroad Company, incorporated by chapter 532 of the private laws of 1874."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 120 of the special laws of 1872, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot Central Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Board of Trade."

Bill "an act to ratify, confirm and make valid the action of the city of Ellsworth, providing for the funding of its city debt."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to regulate the shad and alewife fishery in the town of Warren, in the county of Lincoln, passed March 6, 1802.'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Rifle Club."

Bill "an act to restrict fishing in Sanborn Brothers' pond in Baidwin."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture."

"Resolve making valid the records of the First Christian Society of Saco."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to voting lists," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

The majority and minority reports from the Committee on Fisheries, the first reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas B. Storer and others, and the latter reporting a bill, were taken from the table, when Mr. KIMBALL of Bath, moved to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Pending consideration, on motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Consideration of the question pending at adjournment, was resumed, when Mr. WEEKS of Augusta, moved and the House ordered, the previous question. And upon the main question the yeas and nays were ordered, and being so taken, the minority report was substituted for the majority, and the bill read three times, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	Bowker,	Caswell,
Andrew,	Brackett,	Chapman,
Bodwell,	Bradbury,	Coombs,
Boody,	Browne,	Crosby,
Bowers,	Cain,	Cutler,

Davis of Freeport,	Jones,	Seiders,
Davis of Jackson,	Keating,	Shapleigh,
Dyer of Strong,	Kimball of Bath,	Simpson,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Knight, Lincolnville,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Feyler,	Knight, N. Berwick,	Smith of Litchfield,
Fisher,	Leighton,	Smith of Waterville,
Friend,	McLaughlin,	Smith of Hanover,
Fuller,	Mitchell,	Strickland,
Garcelon,	Morrill of Glenburn,	Talbot,
Gerrish,	Moulton,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Hall,	Otis,	True of Falmouth,
Ham,	Phinney,	True of Paris,
Hanson,	Pickett,	Underwood,
Higgins,	Pierce,	Vickery,
Hill of Bucksport,	Pilsbury,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Hill of Exeter,	Plummer,	Weeks,
Hinckley,	Porter of Caribou,	Wilson of Bowdoin,
Howland,	Pratt,	Woods,
Jackson,	Sawyer,	Young—72.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Adams of Perkins pl.	Dyer of New Sharon,	Murray,
Allen,	Eaton,	Norris,
Austin,	Faught,	Norwood,
Bearce,	Flynn,	Nowland,
Bird,	Farrell,	Orff,
Bliss,	Hatch,	Partridge,
Blunt,	Knight of Sweden,	Piper,
Boothby,	Lancaster,	Porter of Burlington,
Buck,	Lary,	Reynolds,
Burgess,	Lord of Charleston,	Richardson,
Clay,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Robbins,
Coburn,	Lothrop,	Robie,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Mayo,	Sherman,
Cornish,	McCobb,	Smith of Auburn,
Crandon,	Meserve of Hollis,	Smith of Waterboro',
Curran,	Moody,	Stimpson,
Dana,	Moore of Thomaston,	Taylor of Bridgton,
Dore,	Moore of Biddeford,	True, N. Gloucester,
Drinkwater,	Morrill of Sebec,	Wadsworth,

Webb of Windham,	Winslow,	Williams,
Weymouth,	Woodcock,	York—64.
Wilson of Raymond,		

Bill "an act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings,'" was taken from the table, and to-morrow assigned.

"Resolve in favor of clothing the militia of Maine," was taken from the table, when Mr. BIRD of Rockland, offered an amendment as a substitute for one formerly offered by him.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ECHO of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, came from the Senate read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and was read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Final report of the Committee on Military Affairs, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Company," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was tabled, on motion of Mr. STARBIRD of Fairfield.

On motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais, Mr. Leighton of Deblois was excused from further attendance on this session of the House after Friday, the 15th inst

On motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, Mr. Eaton of East Livermore was excused from further attendance.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bucksport, Mr. Coombs of Gouldsboro' was excused from further attendance after Saturday, the 16th inst.

On motion of Mr. SEIDERS of North Yarmouth,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of W. W. Thomas and others, for the establishment of a State Board of Health, pending acceptance of report tabled, on motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham.

Bill "an act amendatory of section second, chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, relating to free high schools."

Printed bill "an act relating to malicious mischief."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 140, revised statutes, relating to term of imprisonment of convicts in State Prison."

Printed bill "an act providing for a canal at the head waters of Presumpscot river."

Printed bill "an act for the protection of game and birds."

Printed bill "an act in addition to chapter 51, revised statutes, relating to mortgages of corporations."

These bills were read twice, the last one amended per sheet "A," and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought to pass, on bill in new draft, entitled bill "an act in addition to chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to life insurance."

The report was read and accepted, and the bill ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. NOWLAND of Ashland moved, and the House voted to reconsider, the vote whereby it refused to pass "resolve for the appointment of a commission to revise the militia laws of the State."

The paper not being in possession of the House, a message was sent to the Senate requesting a return of the resolve, which subsequently was returned, when on motion of Mr. NOWLAND, the resolve was laid on the table and ordered printed.

“Resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish.”

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 149, public laws of 1877.”

Bill “an act to amend an act entitled ‘an act to incorporate the Sandy River Valley Railroad Company.’”

Bill “an act to amend section 2, chapter 89, revised statutes, relating to reviews.”

Printed bill “an act to amend chapter 234 of the public laws of 1874, concerning tax titles.”

“Resolve in favor of Peter Selmore.”

“Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Blake.”

The foregoing bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read three times, resolves the second time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill “an act additional to chapter 19 of the public laws of the year 1875, relating to the taxation of railroad companies.”

Printed bill “an act to amend chapter 214 of the public laws of the year 1874, entitled ‘an act relating to ways across railroads.’”

“Resolve in favor of S. W. Stratton.”

“Resolve in favor of authorizing the location of a land certificate.”

“Resolve in favor of the Shapleigh and Acton Agricultural Society.”

“Resolve in favor of the town of Deering.”

“Resolve relating to Perham plantation.”

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to provide additional remedies for the enforcement of judgments;” also

Bill “an act to more fully carry out the proviso of section 10 of the act of Congress, chapter 177, acts of 1868, making compensation for the lands assigned by Maine to settlers;” and

“Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital;”

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve the second time, amendment proposed to the last, and all tabled, on motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais.

“Resolve for repairing bridge over Molunkus stream, in Macwahoc plantation;” and

“Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river, in Eagle Lake plantation;”

Were reported from same Committee, read twice, and tabled, on motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor.

“Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children’s Home,” was reported from the same Committee, read twice, amendment “A” offered by Mr. McLAUGHLIN of Portland, pending acceptance of which the resolve and amendment were tabled, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Bill “an act to extend the jurisdiction and authority of county commissioners,” was reported from same Committee, read the third time, and tabled, on motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta.

“Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,” was reported from same Committee, read the second time, and tabled, on motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville, and to-morrow assigned.

“Resolve in favor of a workshop for the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts,” was reported from same Committee, read the second time, and tabled, on motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 78, public laws of 1876, relating to the erection of fish weirs and wharves in tide waters,” was reported from same Committee, read the third time, when Mr. MOORE of Thomaston, moved indefinite postponement. Pending that question, the bill was tabled on motion of same gentleman.

“Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians,” was reported from same Committee, read twice, and recommitted, on motion of Mr. MURRAY of Pembroke.

Bill "an act to make valid the acts of the Lyndon Union Meeting House Association of Caribou."

Bill "an act for the protection of sturgeon in the waters of the Kennebec river and its tributaries."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, entitled 'an act relating to taxation of railroad companies.'"

Bill "an act to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the Souedehunk stream for log driving."

Bill "an act to set off certain property from the Oxford Village Fire Engine Corporation."

Bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Parkman, in the county of Piscataquis, and annex the same to the town of Guilford, in same county."

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse lumber into the Patten's pond stream, in Surry, Hancock county."

Bill "an act authorizing Abial D. Knapp and Woodbury S. Knapp to navigate Androscoggin pond and Dead river, in the towns of Wayne and Leeds, Wing's pond in Wayne, Lovejoy's pond in Wayne, Readfield and Fayette, Crotched pond in Readfield, Fayette and Mount Vernon, by steam."

"Resolve authorizing the appointment of a delegate to the International Prison Congress."

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State."

"Resolve relating to the claims of Peter Murphy and Thomas Kennedy."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of Theodore Cary, George Cary and Jefferson Cary," was taken from the table, read once, and to-morrow assigned, under suspension of rules.

Bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the town of Farmington," was taken from the table, and retabled, on motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Final reports of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and Public Buildings, came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the law relating to arrest of poor debtors, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 71, chapter 51, revised statutes, relating to Railroad Commissioners," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on Governor's Message, bill "an act to amend chapter 48 of the public laws of 1875, relating to the public debt;"

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 141, public laws of 1873, relating to the Industrial School for Girls;"

Were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 106 of the public laws of 1876, relating to deer."

The report was accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to evidence," was read twice, and tabled, on motion of Mr. WEEKS of Augusta.

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Yacht Club."

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

"Resolve in favor of George Cary, Theodore Cary and Jefferson Cary."

Bill "an act providing for a canal at the head waters of Presumpscot river."

Bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 140 of the revised statutes, relating to term of imprisonment of convicts in the state prison."

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of corporations."

Bill "an act relating to malicious mischief."

Bill "an act amendatory of section 2, chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, relating to free high schools."

These bills and resolve were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, resolve the second time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate, the first in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the protection of game and birds," was reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled, on motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Bath.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was reported from same Committee, read three times, and tabled, on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to encourage the provision of means for the extinguishment of fires," was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Consideration of the majority and minority reports from the Committee on Temperance was resumed, when the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of substituting the minority report for the majority, and the question being so taken, was decided in the negative, nays 117, yeas 25.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	McLaughlin,	Talbot,
Bliss,	Meserve, Brownfield,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Brackett,	Moore of Thomaston,	True of Falmouth,
Dana,	Pickett,	Vickery,
Dickey,	Pierce,	Weed,
Flynn,	Porter of Burlington,	Weeks,
Farrell,	Richardson,	Winslow,
Kimball of Waterford, Sherman,		Young—25.
McCobb,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Adams of Perkins pl.,	Fisher,	Orff,
Allen,	Friend,	Otis,
Andrews,	Fuller,	Parkhurst,
Austin,	Garcelon,	Partridge,
Bearce,	Gerrish,	Phinney,
Bird,	Hall,	Pilsbury,
Blunt,	Ham,	Plummer,
Bodwell,	Hanson,	Porter of Caribou,
Boody,	Hatch,	Pratt,
Boothby,	Higgins,	Purington,
Bowers,	Hill of Bucksport,	Reynolds,
Bowker,	Hill of Exeter,	Robbins,
Bradbury,	Hinckley,	Robie,
Briggs,	Howland,	Sawyer,
Browne,	Jackson,	Seiders,
Buck,	Jones,	Shapleigh,
Burgess,	Keating,	Simpson,
Cain,	Kimball of Bath,	Smith of Auburn,
Caswell,	Knight of Sweden,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Chapman,	Knight, Lincolnville,	Smith of Litchfield,
Clay,	Knight, N. Berwick,	Smith of Waterville,
Coburn,	Lancaster,	Smith of Hanover,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Lary,	Smith of Waterboro',
Cole,	Leighton,	Starbird,
Coombs,	Lincoln,	Stimpson,
Cornish,	Lord of Bangor,	Strickland,
Crosby,	Lord of Charleston,	Taylor of Bridgton,
Curran,	Lord of Kennebunk,	True, N. Gloucester,
Cutler,	Lothrop,	True of Paris,
Davis of Freeport,	Mayo,	Underwood,
Davis of Jackson,	Meserve of Hollis,	Wadsworth,
Dore,	Mitchell,	Webb of Windham,
Drinkwater,	Moody,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Dyer of New Sharon,	Moore of Biddeford,	White,
Dyer of Strong,	Morrill of Glenburn,	Wilson of Raymond,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Morrill of Sebec,	Wilson of Bowdoin,
Eaton,	Murray,	Woodcock,
Faught,	Norwood,	Williams,
Feyler,	Nowland,	York—117.

So the majority report was accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings,'" was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, when that gentleman offered amendment "A," which he subsequently withdrew by consent of the House, when the bill was indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the St. Croix Lake Dam Company," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton, and passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

Bill "an act additional to an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in Kennebec county."

These bills came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and were read twice, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of the last, while the first was passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Springvale Aqueduct Company."

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act amending chapter 124, public laws of the year 1876, relating to warehouses."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on petition, "resolve for the purchase and distribution of Plaisted's and Appleton's digest of the Maine Reports."

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting on Governor's Message, "resolve in favor of the Naval Military Asylum at Bath."

Report of the Penobscot Delegation, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to establish the salary of the Clerk of Courts for the county of Penobscot."

These reports came from the Senate accepted, bills and resolves read twice, and passed to be engrossed, were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned.

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge in Mapleton plantation," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 39, chapter 18, revised statutes;" and

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse into the tributaries of Wilson's pond," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred in the adoption of amendments "A," and passed the bills to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. PIERCE of Portland, presented the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Means be directed to assess a State tax for this year of four mills on a dollar, and that the previous order of the House, for the assessment of a tax of five mills, be hereby rescinded.

The yeas and nays were ordered and taken on the passage of the order, the result being in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Adams of Perkins pl.,	Bearce,	Brackett,
Allen,	Bliss,	Bradbury,
Andrews,	Boothby,	Briggs,

Browne,	Hill of Exeter,	Pilsbury,
Buck,	Hinckley,	Piper,
Burgess,	Howland,	Plummer,
Cain,	Jackson,	Porter of Caribou,
Caswell,	Jones,	Porter of Burlington,
Chapman,	Keating,	Pratt,
Clay,	Kimball, Waterford,	Purington,
Coburn,	Kimball of Bath,	Reynolds,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Knight of Sweden,	Richardson,
Cole,	Knight, Lincolnville,	Robbins,
Coombs,	Knight, N. Berwick,	Seiders,
Crandon,	Lancaster,	Shapleigh,
Crosby,	Lary,	Sherman,
Curran,	Leighton,	Simpson,
Dana,	Lincoln,	Smith of Auburn,
Davis of Freeport,	Lord of Charleston,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Davis of Jackson,	Lothrop,	Smith of Litchfield,
Dickey,	Mayo,	Starbird,
Dore,	McCobb,	Stimpson,
Drinkwater,	McLaughlin,	Talbot,
Dyer of New Sharon,	Mitchell,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Dyer of Strong,	Moody,	True of Falmouth,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Moore of Biddeford,	True of N. Gloucester,
Eaton,	Morrill of Glenburn,	True of Paris,
Faught,	Morrill of Sebec,	Vickery,
Feyler,	Moulton,	Wadsworth,
Fisher,	Murray,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Friend,	Norwood,	Weed,
Fuller,	Nowland,	Weeks,
Flynn,	Orff,	White,
Farrell,	Otis,	Wilson of Raymond,
Gerrish,	Parkhurst,	Wilson of Bowdoin,
Ham,	Parlin,	Woods,
Hanson,	Partridge,	Woodbury,
Hatch,	Phinney,	Woodcock,
Higgins,	Pickett,	York—119.
Hill of Bucksport,	Pierce,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Adams of Deering, Bird, Blunt,

Bodwell,	Hall,	Webb of Windham,
Boody,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Weymouth,
Bowers,	Meserve of Hollis,	Winslow,
Bowker,	Robie,	Williams,
Cornish,	Smith of Waterville,	Young—20.
Cutler,	Strickland,	

So the order received a passage.

On motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland, Mr. Sawyer of Baldwin was excused from further attendance on this session of the House.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham, Mr. Dyer of Palmyra was excused from further attendance on the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend chapter 91, revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots."

Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 3, section 10, revised statutes.

Mr. MOULTON, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to court stenographer.

Mr. DRINKWATER, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 90, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to evidence."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CURRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 261, private laws of 1869." Pending acceptance, tabled, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported for the minority, on petition, bill "an act to establish a State Board of Health." Pending acceptance, tabled, on motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland.

Printed bill "an act to consolidate, revise and amend the

various acts which constitute the charter of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company."

Printed bill "an act in addition to chapter 49, revised statutes, in relation to life insurance."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 97 of the revised statutes, relating to bastard children and their maintenance."

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

Mr. SEIDERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of Oliver B. Trott as a Justice of the Peace and Quorum," was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Printed "resolve authorizing appointment of State Geologist," was read once, and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. MURRAY, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported ought to pass, a resolve, in new draft, entitled "resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Mr. CURRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to towns."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act concerning tramps."

Mr. MOULTON, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend sections 21 and 28 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to relief of poor debtors."

Mr. MURRAY, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements by attorneys and others."

Mr. SEIDERS, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Association for the Protection of Fish and Game."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under the Rule.

Report of the minority of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to establish a State Board of Health," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham, and bill ordered printed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Yacht Club," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Presumpscot Water Power Company;"

Bill "an act to extend the charter of the Aroostook Steamboat Company;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to life insurance;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Steam Ferry Company;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Machiasport and Machias Telegraph Company;"

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School;"

"Resolve in favor of O. W. Davis, Jr.;"

"Resolve in favor of Elbridge D. Crouse;" and

"Resolve authorizing the conveyance of certain lots of land in the east half of township No. 2, R. 5, west from the east line of the State, in the county of Aroostook;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Farmington," was taken from the table, read three times, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 218, public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act giving county commissioners jurisdiction over the repairs of ways," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. CURRAN, and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve in favor of clothing the militia of Maine;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 78 of the public laws of 1876,

relating to the erection of fish weirs and wharves in tide waters ;" and

Bill "an act to prevent vexatious law suits ;"

Were taken from the table, indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act for the protection of game and birds," was taken from the table, amended per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on various petitions for change of shire town of Oxford county, was taken from the table.

Pending acceptance of report, it was indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

• Met according to adjournment.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 71, chapter 51, revised statutes, relating to Railroad Commissioners."

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 48 of the public laws of 1875, relating to the public debt."

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 141 of public laws of 1873, relating to the Industrial Schools for Girls."

Bill "an act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine."

These bills were read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Springvale Aqueduct Company."

Bill "an act amending chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1876, relating to warehouses."

Bill "an act additional to an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in Kennebec county."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 97 of the revised statutes, relating to bastard children and their maintenance."

Bill "an act to consolidate, revise, and amend the various acts which constitute the charter of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to life insurance," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, and tabled, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton.

"Resolve providing for the purchase and distribution of Plaisted's and Appleton's digest of the Maine Reports," was reported from the same Committee, read the second time, and tabled, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to evidence," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, having been read three times.

"Resolve in favor of furnishing the town of Hurricane Isle with reports and other official documents," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve in favor of Mrs. Ellebert Michaud;" and

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud;"

Were taken from the table, when on motion of Mr. DICKEY, the House voted to insist, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent,

White of Levant,

Robie of Gorham,

Conferees on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. WINSLOW of Portland,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. NEWCOMBE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 14, chapter 7, revised statutes, relating to the making of an alphabet in the Register of Deeds' office;" and

Report of same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of John J. Perry;

Were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 10 of chapter 120 of the public laws of the year 1876, entitled 'an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations,'" came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed.

House concurred in acceptance of report, read the bill three times, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Blake," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House insisted and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Nowland of Ashland,

Austin of Milford,

Webb of Deer Isle,

on part of the House.

Report of Committee on Railroads, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 120, laws of 1876, entitled 'an act authorizing the formation of railroad corporations,'" came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended per sheets "B" and "C," and passed to be engrossed, and was

read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, Senate amendments "B" and "C" adopted, and Monday assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act repealing the several acts establishing the school mill fund for the support of common schools," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and indefinitely postponed, and was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 363 of the special laws of 1877, relating to the throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A."

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate and protect shore fisheries," passed to be engrossed in the House, amended per sheet "C," came back from the Senate further amended.

The House insisted and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Simpson of Searsport,

Kimball of Bath,

Browne of Bowdoinham,

Conferees on part of the House, by yeas 76, nays 59, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Cornish,	Hanson,
Bodwell,	Crosby,	Higgins,
Boody,	Cutler,	Hill of Bucksport,
Bowker,	Davis of Jackson,	Hill of Exeter,
Brackett,	Drinkwater,	Hinckley,
Bradbury,	Dyer of Strong,	Howland,
Briggs,	Feyler,	Jackson,
Browne,	Fisher,	Jones,
Burgess,	Fuller,	Keating,
Cain,	Flynn,	Kimball of Bath,
Caswell,	Garcelon,	Knight, Lincolnville,
Chapman,	Gerrish,	Lary,
Coombs,	Ham,	Lincoln,

Lothrop,	Pierce,	Strickland,
McLaughlin,	Pilsbury,	Talbot,
Meserve, Brownfield,	Plummer,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Meserve of Hollis,	Porter of Caribou,	True of Falmouth,
Mitchell,	Pratt,	True of Paris,
Morrill of Glenburn,	Purinton,	Underwood,
Morrill of Sebec,	Shapleigh,	Vickery,
Moulton,	Sherman,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Murray,	Simpson,	Weeks,
Otis,	Smith of Litchfield,	Wilson of Bowdoin,
Parlin,	Smith of Waterville,	Woods,
Phinney,	Smith of Hanover,	Young—76.
Pickett,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Allen,	Hatch,	Reynolds,
Austin,	Kimball of Waterford,	Richardson,
Bird,	Knight of Sweden,	Robbins,
Bliss,	Knight, N. Berwick,	Robie,
Blunt,	Lancaster,	Seiders,
Boothby,	Lord of Charleston,	Smith of Auburn,
Buck,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Clay,	Mayo,	True, N. Gloucester,
Coburn,	McCobb,	Wadsworth,
Coffin of Shapleigh,	Moody,	Webb of Windham,
Crandon,	Moore of Thomaston,	Weed,
Curran,	Moore of Biddeford,	Weymouth,
Dana,	Norris,	White,
Dore,	Norwood,	Wilson of Raymond,
Dyer of New Sharon,	Nowland,	Winslow,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Orff,	Woodbury,
Faught,	Parkhurst,	Woodcock,
Friend,	Partridge,	Williams,
Farrell,	Piper,	York—59.
Hall,	Porter of Burlington,	

Bill "an act additional to chapter 5, revised statutes, relating to the public lands," came from the Senate read twice, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and Monday next assigned for third reading.

Bill "an act authorizing the location of a highway over the tide waters of Georges river in Thomaston," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred, amended and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendments, and amended the bill per sheet "C," and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish," amended per sheets "A" and "B" by the House, and passed to be engrossed, came back from the Senate with House amendments adopted, and further amended per sheets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, and on motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Bath, the bill was tabled, and amendments ordered printed.

Mr. SEIDERS presented bill "an act to regulate the disbursement of public funds by the Treasurer in Cumberland county," and on his motion the bill was read twice, under suspension of rules, and Monday assigned for its third reading.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 60, laws of 1872."

Mr. MOULTON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act for the further protection of rope used in lumbering."

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition of John H. Burr and others, bill "an act additional to chapter 136, special laws of 1872, entitled 'an act authorizing the citizens of Isle au Haut to allow their cattle to run at large on that island.'"

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and tabled, on motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham.

Mr. MOORE, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on recommitted bill "an act to amend section 66, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to jurors."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules.

Bill "an act to amend sections 21 and 28 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to relief of poor debtors."

Printed bill "an act concerning tramps."

Bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements by attorneys and others."

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

Mr. BOWERS of Saco, presented "resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash," which, on his motion, was read twice, and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 48 of the public laws of 1875, relating to the public debt," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 141 of public laws of 1873, relating to the Industrial School for Girls," was reported from same Committee, read three times, and tabled, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Bill "an act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine," was reported from same Committee, read three times, amended per sheet "A," proposed by Mr. McLAUGHLIN of Portland.

The bill and amendment was tabled, on motion of Mr. PARLIN of Anson.

Bill "an act to establish an additional Normal School."

Bill "an act providing for a canal at the head waters of Presumpscot river."

Bill "an act to amend an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Calais.'"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 19 of the public laws of the year 1875, relating to the taxation of railroad companies."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 214 of the public laws of the year 1874, entitled 'an act relating to ways across railroads.'"

Bill "an act relating to apprenticing of boys in Reform School."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 380 of the private and special laws of 1873, relating to schools in Madawaska territory."

Bill "an act to amend section 30 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of corporate property."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 218 of the acts of 1877, entitled 'an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings.'"

"Resolve in favor of Portland Public Library."

"Resolve in favor of John Carver and George S. Ames."

"Resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians, for repairs on chapel on Oldtown island."

"Resolve in favor of Jeanne M. Strickland."

"Resolve granting two lots of land to William Brown of Eagle Lake plantation under certain conditions."

"Resolve in favor of William D. Orr."

"Resolve in favor of S. W. Stratton."

"Resolve in favor of township No. 13, R. 6, W. E. L. S., known as Portage Lake plantation."

"Resolve relating to Perham plantation."

"Resolve in favor of George W. Black."

"Resolve in favor of Ida Brown."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Deering."

"Resolve in favor of Albion W. Stratton."

"Resolve authorizing the location of a land certificate."

"Resolve to abate the State tax in Washington plantation, in Franklin county, for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877."

"Resolve in favor of the Shapleigh and Acton Agricultural Society."

The foregoing bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that there be a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature, on Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of considering a proposition to resolve the Convention into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of listening to remarks from the Rev. Nathaniel Butler, D. D., of Bangor, on the importance of building a new insane hospital.

"Resolve in favor of Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 49, revised statutes, in relation to life insurance," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend section 8 of chapter 120 of the revised statutes, relating to larceny," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting resolutions adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, upon the occasion of the presentation to Congress by the State of Maine of the statue of William King, to be deposited in the National Statuary Hall in the Capitol of the United States, came from the Senate, was read, the resolve ordered printed, and also spread upon the records of the House.

Mr. BIRD of Rockland, raised the point that a quorum was not present, and upon his motion, a call of the House was ordered, the result showing the presence of a quorum, as follows :

The members present were Messrs.

Adams of Perkins pl.,	Cain,	Davis of Jackson,
Allen,	Caswell,	Dickey,
Andrews,	Chapman,	Dyer of Strong,
Bearce,	Coburn,	Faught,
Bird,	Coffin of Shapleigh,	Fisher,
Bodwell,	Cole,	Fuller,
Boothby,	Coombs,	Farrell,
Bradbury,	Crosby,	Garcelon,
Buck,	Curran,	Gerrish,
Burgess,	Cutler,	Hall,

Ham,	McCobb,	Purington,
Hanson,	Meserve, Brownfield,	Robbins,
Higgins,	Meserve of Hollis,	Shapleigh,
Hill of Exeter,	Mitchell,	Simpson,
Hinckley,	Morrill of Glenburn,	Smith of Hodgdon,
Howland,	Morrill of Sebec,	Smith of Hanover,
Jackson,	Nowland,	Strickland,
Keating,	Orff,	True of N. Gloucester,
Kimball, Waterford,	Otis,	True of Paris,
Knight of Sweden,	Parkhurst,	Underwood,
Knight, Lincolnville,	Parlin,	Vickery,
Knight, N. Berwick,	Phinney,	Webb of Deer Isle,
Lary,	Plummer,	Weed,
Lord of Bangor,	Porter of Caribou,	White,
Lord of Charleston,	Porter of Burlington,	Woods,
Lothrop,	Pratt,	Woodcock.
Mayo,		

The members absent were Messrs.

Adams of Deering,	Friend,	Pilsbury,
Austin,	Flynn,	Piper,
Bliss,	Hatch,	Reynolds,
Blunt,	Hill of Bucksport,	Richardson,
Bowers,	Jones,	Robie,
Bowker,	Kimball of Bath,	Sawyer,
Brackett,	Lancaster,	Seiders,
Briggs,	Leighton,	Sherman,
Browne,	Lincoln,	Smith of Auburn,
Clay,	Lord of Kennebunk,	Smith of Litchfield,
Coffin of Harrington,	McLaughlin,	Smith of Waterville,
Cornish,	Moody,	Smith of Waterboro',
Crandon,	Moore of Thomaston,	Starbird,
Dana,	Moore of Biddeford,	Stimpson,
Davis of Freeport,	Moulton,	Talbot,
Dore,	Murray,	Taylor of Bridgton,
Drinkwater,	Norris,	Taylor of Biddeford,
Dyer of New Sharon,	Norwood,	True of Falmouth,
Dyer of Palmyra,	Partridge,	Wadsworth,
Eaton,	Pickett,	Weeks,
Feyler,	Pierce,	Weymouth,

Wilson of Raymond, Woodbury,	York,
Wilson of Bowdoin, Williams,	Young.
Winslow,	

Bill "an act to amend an act relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice and Monday assigned.

"Resolve authorizing appointment of a State Geologist," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred, read twice, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

House insisted and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Curran of Calais,
Woods of Belfast,
Weed of Veazie,

on its part.

"Resolve to carry into effect the provisions of chapter 49, resolves of 1869," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House insisted and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Farrell of Van Buren,
Bodwell of Hallowell,
Vickery of Augusta,

on its part.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act for a uniform rule in the scale of logs and timber," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice under suspension of rules, amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and tabled, on motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to change the name of the Malachite Mining Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the better protection of the rights of towns," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the protection of game and birds," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate further amended per sheet "C," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "C," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Association for the Protection of Fish and Game," was read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians," was read once, and Monday assigned for further consideration.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 3, revised statutes, relating to towns," was read twice, and Tuesday next assigned for its third reading, on motion of Mr. WEYMOUTH of Oldtown.

Bill "an act concerning tramps."

Bill "an act to amend sections 21 and 28 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to relief of poor debtors."

Bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements by attorneys and others."

Bill "an act to regulate the disbursement of public funds by the Treasurer in Cumberland county."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 5, revised statutes, relating to the public lands ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 120, public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations ;'"

Were reported from same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 261, private acts of 1869," was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature, on motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais.

Bill "an act to provide additional remedies for the enforcement of judgments," taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais, and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of Nathan Perry," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PARKHURST of Maysville, read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

"Resolve providing for the purchase and distribution of Plaisted's and Appleton's Digest," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to attachment of property on writs after service completed," taken from the table, on motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Waterford, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to more fully carry out the proviso of section 10 of the act of Congress, chapter 177 of the acts of 1868, making compensation for the lands assigned by Maine to settlers," taken from the table, on motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, moved that the vote whereby House Document No. 131, entitled "resolve in favor of clothing the militia of Maine," was indefinitely postponed, be reconsidered, and that motion was laid on the table, and Monday next, at 10 o'clock A. M., assigned for consideration.

Information was received from the Senate, informing the House of the concurrence of that branch in the proposition for a Committee of Conference, on disagreeing votes upon resolves in favor of Eugene Michaud and Mrs. Ellebert Michaud, and that

Messrs. Bragdon of Hancock,
Boardman of Waldo,
Martin of Knox,

had been joined as Conferees on its part.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SAWYER of Hallowell.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting leave to withdraw, on various petitions for removal of shire town of Oxford county from Paris to Norway," pending acceptance in the House indefinitely postponed, came back from the Senate non-concurred and report accepted.

House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act additional to an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta," came from the Senate read twice, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. JONES presented bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 386, acts and resolves of 1873, entitled 'an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water,'" and on his motion the bill was read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor,

Ordered, That on and after Wednesday next, after the morning business shall have been disposed of, the House shall proceed to take up and dispose of all bills and resolves appropriating land or money which may be before it, and no other business shall be in order until the purpose of this order shall have been accomplished.

Mr. WEYMOUTH of Oldtown submitted the following, which was tabled, on motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham :

Ordered, That no order to excuse the attendance of members shall be received.

Mr. SEIDERS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in regard to the renewal of trial justice executions."

The report was read and accepted, and bill ordered printed under the Rule.

"Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians;" and

Bill "an act relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the resolve read the second time and passed to be engrossed, the bill was read three times, and tabled, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Bill "an act additional to an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in Kennebec county."

Bill "an act to consolidate, revise and amend the various acts which constitute the charter of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company."

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Kennebec river and its tributaries."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 97 of the revised statutes, relating to bastard children and their maintenance."

Bill "an act to prohibit the throwing of edgings, saw-dust and other refuse into the waters of the harbor of Wiscasset."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Springvale Aqueduct Company."

Bill "an act relating to malicious mischief."

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Clerk of Courts for the county of Penobscot."

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of corporations."

Bill "an act to amend section 10 of chapter 120 of the public laws of the year 1876, entitled 'an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations.'"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Sandy River Railroad Company.'"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 234 of the public laws of 1874, concerning tax titles."

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, relating to reviews."

Bill "an act for the better protection of the rights of towns."

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Field's pond in the town of Orrington, and from Brewer's pond in the towns of Orrington and Bucksport."

Bill "an act amending chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1876, relating to warehouses."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Yacht Club."

Bill "an act to prevent the throwing of refuse into the tributaries of Wilson's pond."

"Resolve in favor of Peter Selmore."

"Resolve in favor of township No. 12, R. 5, W. E. L. S., known as Sheridan plantation."

"Resolve in favor of George Cary, Theodore Cary and Jefferson Cary."

"Resolve in favor of furnishing the town of Hurricane Isle with reports and official documents."

"Resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

"Resolve relating to the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

"Resolve in favor of compiling and printing school laws."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 39, chapter 18, revised statutes, relating to ways," on its passage to be enacted, vote passing the bill to be engrossed reconsidered, amended per sheets "A" and "B," and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks;" and

"Resolve providing for payment for additional services and expenses imposed upon the Bank Examiner by the savings bank act, approved February 9, 1877;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, pending their passage to be enacted tabled, on motion of Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to statutes for recovery of damages

from defective highways, was taken from the table and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river, in Eagle Lake plantation," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was taken from the table non-concurred, and refused a passage.

Bill "an act for a uniform rule in the scale of logs and timber," passed to be engrossed in the Senate as amended, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. CURRAN of Calais.

"Resolve requesting the Attorney General to inquire into the management of the Maine Industrial School for Girls," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. WOOD of Belfast.

Bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers," was taken from the table, and pending passage to be engrossed, indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on "resolve to revive and put in force a resolve, chapter 58, 1869, abating certain plantation taxes," was taken from the table, accepted and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve to purchase certain farms on settlers' lots in township No. 17, R. 7," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 136, special laws 1872, entitled 'an act authorizing the citizens of the Isle au Haut to allow their cattle to run at large on that island,'" was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to extend the jurisdiction and authority of county commissioners," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish," was taken from the table, Senate amendments 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 adopted, when Mr. VICKERY of Augusta offered

amendment to Senate amendment 1, pending consideration of which the bill was tabled, and to-morrow at 10 o'clock assigned, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Mr. HILL of Exeter, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed the report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting bill "an act to lay out and establish a highway over the tide waters of Georges river, at Thomaston," and the motion was laid on the table, and Tuesday assigned.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 178 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to demurrers," accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, rules being suspended.

Report of Committee on State Prison, reporting "resolve in favor of the State Prison," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and was tabled.

Bill "an act to prevent vexatious law suits," indefinitely postponed in the House, came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Waterford.

House voted to adhere.

Bill "an act giving county commissioners jurisdiction over the repairs of ways," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred, amended per sheets "C," "D" and "E," and passed to be engrossed.

House adhered.

Bill "an act to abolish the crier in the various courts of the State," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

House concurred in the adoption of the amendment, and passed the bill in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 4 of revised statutes, relating to voting lists," passed to be engrossed in the House,

came from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House concurred, adopted the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of building a bridge in township No. 17, R. 8, in Aroostook county," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

The order relating to the Joint Convention, on Tuesday, for the purposes of hearing an argument in favor of a new insane asylum, passed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed the House concurred.

Majority report from the Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to repeal chapter 200, laws of 1877, entitled 'an act additional to chapter 30, revised statutes, relating to mischievous dogs;'" and

Minority report of same Committee, upon same matter, reporting bill "an act to amend chapter 200, public laws of 1877, relating to mischievous dogs;"

Came from the Senate, minority report substituted for the majority report, bill read twice, amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

The House refused to substitute the minority report, and accepted majority, read the bill three times, and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules.

Mr. HILL of Exeter, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House amended Senate Document No. 20 per sheet "A," and that this motion lie on the table, and the House so ordered.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 363 of the special laws of 1877, relating to the throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river."

Pending final passage, vote passing the same to be engrossed reconsidered, and bill tabled.

Bill "an act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Farmington;" and

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta,' approved February 15, 1878;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 41, public laws, 1873, relating to the Industrial School for Girls," was taken from the table, indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend an act relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to legalize the organization of certain plantations in Aroostook county," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to county attorneys, and additional to chapter 79, revised statutes," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act concerning tramps," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

The bill was tabled, pending motion to recede, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 107 of the public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections.'" came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read three times, rules being suspended, and tabled, on motion of Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston.

Bill "an act relating to building and maintaining the lock in the dam across the Kennebec river at Augusta," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

In House tabled, on motion of Mr. VICKERY of Augusta.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to establish a State Board of Examiners of Teachers for the Public Schools," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and referred to the next Legislature, and was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath," read once, accepted in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick presented bill "an act to authorize the town of Brunswick to fund its debt and issue bonds therefor."

Mr. ROBIE of Gorham presented bill "an act to authorize the town of Gorham or any of its school districts to raise money for providing buildings for the normal school established in said town."

Bill "an act to authorize the Trustees of Gorham Seminary to convey the property of said corporation for the use and purpose of the normal school established at Gorham."

The foregoing bills were read three times, rules being suspended, passed to engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote, on "resolve in favor of Nathaniel Blake," reported that the Senate ought to recede and concur in the passage of the resolve.

Mr. BODWELL, from the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote, on "resolve to carry into effect the provisions of chapter 42, resolves of 1869," reported that the Senate should recede and concur with the House in passing the resolve to be engrossed.

These reports were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. KIMBALL, from the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote, on bill "an act to regulate and protect the shore fisheries," reported that the House should concur in the amendments of the Senate.

The report was read and accepted, Senate amendments "B" and "C" adopted, and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in regard to the renewal of trial justice executions," was read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. STRICKLAND, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act in relation to the salary of Insurance Commissioner."

The report was read and accepted, and bill ordered printed under the Rule.

Bill "an act to more fully carry out the proviso of section 10 of the act of Congress, chapter 177 of the acts of 1868, making compensation for the lands assigned by Maine to settlers."

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to life insurance "

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act to change the name of the Malachite Mining Company."

Bill "an act amendatory of section 2 of chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1873, as amended by the acts of 1874 and 1876, relating to free high schools."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 5 of the revised statutes, relating to the public lands."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of Oliver B. Trott as a Justice of the Peace and Quorum."

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 386 of the special

laws of the year 1873, entitled 'an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water.'"

Bill "an act for the protection of game and birds."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield."

The foregoing bills and resolve were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve providing for the purchase and distribution of Plaisted's and Appleton's digest of the Maine Reports."

Pending final passage, tabled, on motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter.

Mr. HILL of Exeter moved reconsideration, and the House so ordered, of its vote on indefinite postponement of the report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting bill "an act authorizing the location of a highway over tide waters of Georges river, in the town of Thomaston."

Mr. PHINNEY of Jay moved that the matter be referred to the next Legislature.

Pending consideration of the matter, on motion of Mr. ROBIE of Gorham,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, That the House concurring, this Legislature adjourn without day, on Thursday the 21st inst., which came from the Senate read and passed, and was read and passed to concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 200, public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act additional to chapter 30, revised statutes, relating to mischievous dogs,'" passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 232, public laws of 1874, relating to the collection of taxes."

Report of same Committee, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend section 25 of chapter 6 of revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes."

These reports were read and accepted in the Senate, bills read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and bills ordered printed.

Final report of Committee on Legal Affairs was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of L. F. Stratton, for uniform scale of logs; and

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to survey of logs on Penobscot river;

Came from the Senate read and accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate," came down from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules, and was read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent vexatious law suits," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate that branch insisting upon its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference.

The House voted to adhere, and refused to concur in the proposition for a Conference.

Bill "an act giving county commissioners jurisdiction over the repairs of ways," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate that branch insisting upon its vote passing the same to be engrossed, and proposed a Committee of Conference.

The House still adhered, and refused to concur in the proposition for a Conference.

Bill "an act additional to an act in aid of free high schools, approved February 24, 1873," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice in the House, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. CURRAN, Mr. Farrell of Van Buren was excused from further attendance after Wednesday, February 20.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, Mr. Smith of Hanover was excused from further attendance after Wednesday, February 20.

Mr. BRIGGS of Auburn presented the following, which he moved be referred to a Committee of five members of the House :

Ordered, That on and after the first day of January, 1879, the officers of the House not provided for by law, shall be —, and their compensation shall be as follows : —.

The order was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Waterford.

Mr. MAYO of Eden submitted the following :

Ordered, That no member shall hereafter speak more than five minutes upon any question, unless by consent of the House.

Mr. SMITH of Hanover presented “ resolve to make valid the survey of Letter E plantation, in Franklin county,” which was referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. BOWERS, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported bill “ an act for the assessment of a State tax, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, amounting to the sum of eight hundred ninety-nine thousand seven hundred twelve dollars and seventy cents.”

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. CURRAN, from the Committee of Conference, on resolve entitled a “ resolve for the appointment of a State Geologist,” reported that the Committee were unable to agree, and the report was read and accepted.

Mr. BLISS presented report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on recommitted bill “ an act additional to incorporate the city of Bath.”

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules.

Consideration of the question pending at adjournment was resumed, at close of morning hour, when the House reconsidered its

vote adopting House amendment "C," on motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on "resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent;" and

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on "resolve in favor of the town of Frenchville, formerly town of Dickeyville;"

Were taken from the table, on motion of Mr. SMITH of Waterville, and recommitted to the same Committee.

"Resolve for the appointment of a commission to revise the militia laws," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Company," was taken from the table, when on motion of Mr. STARBIRD of Fairfield, the House voted to insist, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Starbird of Fairfield,
Strickland of Bangor,
Smith of Waterville,

on part of the House.

The hour fixed by order of the Legislature for a Joint Convention having arrived, the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

On motion of Mr. HAYNES of Kennebec,

The Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Mr. Haynes in the Chair, when Rev. Mr. Butler was invited to address the Committee upon the subject of a new insane hospital.

Subsequent to the address, Mr. VINTON of Cumberland, submitted the following resolution, which the Committee adopted.

WHEREAS, The Committee of the Whole of the Legislature have had under consideration the subject of a new insane hospital, and having listened with deep interest to the able arguments therefor, are fully impressed with the importance of the subject and the necessity of immediate action thereon; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee recommend the subject matter to the most favorable consideration of the Legislature.

The Committee then rose and reported through its Chairman the resolution, which was passed by the Convention.

The purpose of the Convention having been accomplished, it was dissolved, and the Senate retired.

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER, and immediately

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LALACHEUR of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish blanks to the municipal officers of the different cities, towns and plantations in this State, requiring them to make returns to him on or before the first day of September next, giving the name, number, age, sex, pecuniary circumstances and degree of insanity of all insane people within their limits, and report the same to the next Legislature.

This order was amended per sheet "A," and passed in concurrence.

Final report of the Committee on the Judiciary, came from the Senate, and was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to define the qualification of town officers," came from the Senate read twice, rules being suspended, amended per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, rules being suspended, and tabled, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act additional to an act in aid of free high schools," was read three times and indefinitely postponed, having been amended per sheet "A."

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Clerk of Courts for the county of Penobscot," passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded from its votes passing the bill to be enacted and engrossed, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Farmington," passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded from its votes passing the same to be enacted and engrossed, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal an act in aid of free high schools," presented by Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, was read once, and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan," presented by same gentleman, was read twice, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. ROBIE of Gorham presented bill "an act to amend chapter 202 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act relating to normal schools,'" and the rules were suspended, and bill passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act in relation to the salary of Insurance Commissioner," was read once and tabled, on motion of Mr. MURRAY of Pembroke.

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time and tabled, on motion of Mr. KIMBALL of Bath.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, in new draft, bill "an act to provide suitable means of egress from buildings used for assemblages of citizens."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements by attorneys and others."

Bill "an act to abolish the office of crier in the various courts in the State."

Bill "an act to regulate the disbursement of public funds by the Treasurer of Cumberland county."

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 4 of revised statutes, relating to voting lists."

Bill "an act to amend section 8 of chapter 120 of the revised statutes, relating to larceny."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 48 of the public laws of 1875, relating to the public debt."

Bill "an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Association for the Protection of Fish and Game."

Bill "an act to amend sections 21 and 28 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to relief of poor debtors."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 178 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to demurrers"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

"Resolve in favor of Nathan Perry."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve providing for payment for additional services and expenses imposed upon the Bank Examiner by the savings bank act, approved February 9, 1877," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 218, public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks," was taken from the table and passed to be enacted.

"Resolve providing for the purchase and distribution of Plaisted's and Appleton's digest of the Maine Reports," was taken from the table and finally passed.

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison," was taken from the table, amended per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve in favor of Female Orphan Asylum of Portland," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

"Resolve for repairing bridge over Molunkus stream, in Macwahoc plantation," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the protection and propagation of fish," was taken from the table.

House receded, Senate amendments 2, 4, 5 and 6 adopted, Senate No. 1 amended as per sheet "C," and adopted, Senate No. 3 amended per sheet "D," and adopted, non-concurred in No. 7, bill further amended per sheets "E," "F" and "G," and passed to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 140, revised statutes, relating to term of imprisonment of convicts in the State Prison," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to evidence," came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House concurred.

Bill "an act to authorize Abial D. Knapp and Woodbury S. Knapp to navigate Androscoggin pond and Dead river, in the towns of Wayne and Leeds, Wing's pond in Wayne, Lovejoy's pond in Wayne, Readfield and Fayette, Crotched pond in Readfield, Fayette and Mt. Vernon, by steam," passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 232 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the collection of taxes," was read twice, tabled, and to-morrow assigned, on motion of Mr. MOULTON of Scarborough.

Bill "an act to amend section 25 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes," was read twice, and tabled, on motion of same gentleman.

Bill "an act relating to qualification of town officers," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

The majority and minority reports of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act in relation to rights of action between husband and wife," were taken from the table, when Mr. MOORE of Thomaston moved to substitute the minority report for the majority.

The House refused, and accepted the majority report.

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 116, revised statutes," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. PIERCE of Portland.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 107 of the public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act additional to chapter four of the revised statutes, relating to elections,'" was taken from the table, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of W. W. Thomas and others, for State Board of Health, was taken from the table, accepted and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath," was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to building and maintaining the lock in the dam across the Kennebec river at Augusta," was taken from the table, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to the salary of Insurance Commissioner," was taken from the table, when Mr. BLISS presented amendment "A."

Pending adoption, the House, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY of Houlton,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. EMMONS of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Final report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 41, chapter 113, revised statutes, in regard to arrests for taxes," came from the Senate accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, tabled on motion of Mr. JONES of Lewiston, and afternoon assigned.

"Resolve for an investigation relating to elections in certain towns and plantations," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was read twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of State Prison," passed to be engrossed in the House, as amended per sheets "A" and "B," came back from

the Senate, House amendment "A" rejected, House amendment "B" amended per sheet "C," resolve further amended per sheet "D," and passed to be engrossed.

The House adhered to its former vote.

Bill "an act for a uniform rule in the scale of logs and timber," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate amendment "A" rejected, and further amended per sheet "B."

The House adhered.

"Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland," indefinitely postponed in the House, came from the Senate non-concurred, and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of Bangor Children's Home," amended per sheet "A," and indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred, amendment "A" rejected, read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth's Orphan Asylum of Portland," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. STARBIRD, from the Committee of Conference, on bill "an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Company," reported that the Senate ought to recede and concur with the House.

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

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on recommitted resolves in favor of Fort Kent and Frenchville, formerly Dickeyville.

The report was recommitted.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 136 of the special laws of 1872, entitled 'an act authorizing the citizens of the Isle au Haut to allow their cattle to run at large on that island.'"

Bill "an act to amend an act relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

Bill "an act to authorize the Trustees of Gorham Seminary to convey the property of said corporation for the use of and purposes of the Normal School established at Gorham."

Bill "an act to legalize the organization of certain plantations in Aroostook county."

Bill "an act to provide suitable means of egress from buildings used for assemblages of citizens."

Bill "an act to provide additional remedies for the enforcement of judgments."

Bill "an act in relation to the duties of county attorneys, and additional to chapter 79 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act in regard to the renewal of trial justice executions."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Gorham or any of its school districts to raise money for providing buildings for the Normal School established in said town."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 202 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act relating to Normal Schools.'"

Bill "an act to regulate and protect the shore fisheries."

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath."

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Brunswick to fund its debt and issue its bonds therefor."

Bill "an act to extend the jurisdiction and authority of county commissioners."

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge in the town of Caribou."

"Resolve to carry into effect the provisions of chapter 149 of the resolves of 1869."

"Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians."

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate."

"Resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash."

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Blake."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 363, special laws of 1877, relating to the throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river," was taken from the table, vote passing the same to be engrossed reconsidered, amended per sheet "A," and engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 232 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the collection of taxes," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. MOULTON of Scarboro'.

Report of Committee on Insane Hospital, reporting on Governor's Message, relating to a new insane hospital, bill "an act to locate, erect and carry on a new hospital for the insane," came from the Senate amended per sheets "A," "B," "C" and "D."

House non-concurred, and substituted bill "an act for the appointment of a Commission to consider the propriety of locating, erecting and carrying on a new insane hospital."

The bill was then amended per sheet "A," and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act concerning tramps," was taken from the table, Senate amendments "A" and "B" adopted, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 25, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to towns," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to amend section 41, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to arrests for taxes," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, "resolve in favor of the town of Alexander and other towns," came from the Senate referred as by resolve relating to the town of Alexander and 18 other towns.

The report was not read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice, under suspension of rules, and engrossed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to raising of school money, came from the Senate, and was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 66, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to juries," passed to be engrossed, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House receded and concurred.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on recommitted resolves in favor of towns of Fort Kent and Frenchville, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

The resolves passed to be engrossed.

Report of Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to school money, was taken from the table and accepted.

Bill "an act in relation to the salary of Insurance Commissioner," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 25 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to locate, erect and carry on a new hospital for the insane," came from the Senate non-concurred, and referred to the next Legislature.

House receded from its former vote, and referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 149 of the public laws of 1877, relating to executions," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and the House receded and concurred.

Mr. ROBIE, from the Committee of Conference, to which was referred "resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud and Mrs. Ellebert Michaud," reported that the Committee were unable to agree.

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Thomaston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Bill "an act in relation to insolvent laws of Maine."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 363 of the special laws of 1877, relating to the throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river."

Bill "an act authorizing the location of a way over the tide waters of Georges river, in Thomaston."

Bill "an act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Farmington."

Bill "an act relating to building and maintaining the lock on the dam across the Kennebec river at Augusta."

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Clerk of Courts for the county of Penobscot."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 200 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act additional to chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to mischievous dogs.'"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 107 of the public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections.'"

Bill "an act authorizing Abial D. Knapp and Woodbury S. Knapp to navigate Androscoggin pond and Dead river, in the towns of Wayne and Leeds, Wing's pond in Wayne, Lovejoy's pond in Wayne, Readfield and Fayette, Crotched pond in Readfield, Fayette and Mt. Vernon, by steam."

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

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was presented by Mr. BOWERS of Saco, and on his motion read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve on pay roll of the Senate," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, was read twice, rules being suspended, and engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve on pay roll of the House," was read twice, rules being suspended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to board of prisoners in jails."

Bill "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation."

Bill "an act concerning tramps."

"Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath."

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison."

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan."

"Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth's Orphan Asylum of Portland."

"Resolve for repairing bridge over Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Alexander and eighteen other towns."

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital."

"Resolve for an investigation relating to elections in certain towns and plantations."

"Resolve in favor of the towns of Fort Kent and Frenchville."

"Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate."

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House."

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1878, amounting to the sum of eight hundred ninety-nine thousand seven hundred twelve dollars and seventy cents."

"Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home."

"Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland."

Bill "an act to amend section 41, chapter 113, revised statutes, relating to arrests for taxes."

Bill "an act to amend section 25, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills past to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Report of Committee on Pensions, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Benjamin Smith of Appleton, for pension, was taken from the table, and pending acceptance, referred to the Governor and Council.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Windham, 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, and was ready to adjourn without day.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, informing the House that that branch had disposed of all business before it, and was ready to adjourn without day.

The following gentlemen were joined by the SPEAKER to the Committee on the part of the Senate to wait on the Governor and inform him that both branches of the Legislature having acted on all matters before them, were ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make :

Messrs. Murray of Pembroke,
Smith of Waterville,
Pilsbury of Lewiston,
Richardson of Portland,
Young of Brunswick,
Weymouth of Oldtown,
Simpson of Searsport. .

Subsequently, Mr. MURRAY reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and the Governor was pleased to say that 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 178 acts and 99 resolves, and stating that he had no further communication to make.

Mr. CORNISH of Winslow, rose and said :

The Fifty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Maine is about to close. Day after day, for seven consecutive weeks, we have met here together ; have deliberated together ; have worked together. Our deeds have now passed into history. And to-night we

assemble here as a legislative body for the last time. For the last time the Speaker's gavel has called us together ; and ere long, when we shall hear it again, it will dismiss us into our various paths in life. As I look over the members here and see those with whom I have been so intimately associated,—when I see those whom I have come to regard and to esteem as my friends, the thought involuntarily comes to me that we shall never meet again in this capacity. We may meet in other capacities ; but as a Legislature we cannot. This thought brings with it a shade of sadness. And it is well for us in this closing hour of the session to pause a moment in our work to reflect upon what we have done ; to give each other a friendly grasp of the hand and a hearty "God-speed" for the future, ere we separate forever. Mr. Speaker, there are times when language seems but idle mockery, and the human tongue fails utterly to express the emotions of the heart. This is such an occasion ; and I would that more eloquent lips than mine could express to you the emotions and the feelings that now come crowding upon me. But this is like life. Life is but a series of meetings and partings ; our earthly existence is one of continued change, until that last final farewell, when the parting from this world is transformed into the greeting of the next.

Gentlemen, a few weeks ago I came to you as an utter stranger ; and being the youngest member of this House, it was with some diffidence that I came to occupy a place here in a body of men composed as is this body, which has men of acknowledged talent, of acknowledged worth, a body of great legislative experience. But I am proud to say at this time that notwithstanding the inexperience that I have labored to overcome, you in your kindness have spread over my imperfections the mantle of charity, so that this session has been one of pleasure and of profit. Throughout all my life I shall look back upon these days as the halcyon days of my youth, and around them will be clustered the fondest associations of my whole life.

Gentlemen, for this kindness and this courtesy, I now thank you, realizing that however strongly my language could express my thoughts, still my feelings could not be wholly expressed. And to you, Mr. Speaker, do I also extend my thanks and my congratulations ; my thanks, because of the uniform kindness and courtesy, because of the words of cheer that you have ever given me. And at this time, it is with pleasure that I extend to you

my earnest, my heartfelt gratitude. I would also extend to you, sir, my congratulations, because being chosen to preside over this honorable body, you have fulfilled the duty with such ability, with such impartiality, that you have won the hearts of all the members of this House. And, sir, I trust that the honor which you so ably yet so modestly have borne, is but a prophecy of far richer gifts from the hands of the people in the future. Gentlemen, allow me to introduce a resolution which I know will meet the approbation of all members present; because the officers herein mentioned have performed their duties with a fidelity and with a will that cannot be excelled :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this House are due and are hereby tendered to John R. Prescott, Messenger, Charles H. Gatchell, 1st Assistant Messenger, Asbury F. Haynes, 2d Assistant Messenger, Lyman S. Fogler, Folder, George S. Brooks and Fred Furbush, Pages, for the faithful and impartial performance of their duties during the present session.

I move that when the vote be taken it be by rising.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, submitted the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this House are hereby tendered to Oramandal Smith, Clerk, and Edwin C. Burleigh, Assistant Clerk, for the courteous and able manner in which they have discharged the arduous and responsible duties of their respective stations.

Mr. Young said :

I will merely add, Mr. Speaker, that I do not offer this resolution as an idle and empty courtesy. Customary as we are to see these officers at the desk in the discharge of their daily duties, we do not fully realize how much of the success of our legislation depends upon the promptness and fidelity with which these duties are performed. It would perhaps seem ungracious to wish that these gentlemen might retain these places forever. But I can safely say in behalf of this House, that our best wishes attend them in whatever stations they may be called upon to fill. I ask that the vote on this resolution may be taken by rising.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. PARLIN of Anson, rose and said :

Mr. Clerk and Gentlemen of the House: The time has now arrived when the Fifty-Seventh Legislature of Maine will adjourn without day. Scarcely two months have passed away since we met here as strangers. We came, the most of us, unacquainted with legislative duties. Our debates and our deliberations have been often earnest, and sometimes strong language may have been used by gentleman upon the floor. But yet, during the entire session, I have heard no discourteous or ungentlemanly remark from any member of this House. We are about to part, and in our parting we have this to comfort us—that death has not entered our doors to cast its sad pall over the scene. We have been spared, and I trust may be spared to return to our homes and our friends.

While we have been careful that none of the money of the State should be uselessly expended, the great interests of education, morality and public charities, have been well cared for. While our associations have been pleasant, the able and dignified manner of our beloved presiding officer has done much to enhance the pleasure of those associations. One of the youngest gentlemen that ever occupied that distinguished position, there is no man upon this floor who can say that at any time he has not been treated as a peer of the House. The poorest and the wealthiest, the most intellectual, the most eloquent and gifted, have been treated alike. And it seems to me, gentlemen, that a stranger witnessing our deliberations here from day to day, could scarcely realize that the two great political parties were represented upon this floor. No single distinction to my mind has been made. And when our presiding officer goes to his home and his friends, he takes with him the kindest wishes of every gentleman upon this floor. We bring no garlands to deck his brow, gathered from classic fields; but we tender him our sincere and heartfelt thanks. And let me assure you, Mr. Clerk and gentlemen, that he will be held in grateful remembrance by every member of this House in the future, and that he has our kindest wishes for his success in life, and our earnest desire that his brightest and fondest expectations may reach a rich fruition in the future. In view of these facts, Mr. Clerk, I desire to send to your desk the following resolution, and I ask that when the vote is taken it may be

by rising. And I further ask that the resolution be spread upon the records of this House :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are hereby tendered to Hon. Henry Lord, for the impartial, dignified and courteous manner in which he has discharged his duties as Speaker of this House.

Mr. CURRAN of Calais, said :

Mr. Clerk and Gentlemen of the House : I rise to second the motion of the gentleman from Anson, and briefly to express my hearty concurrence in the sentiment which he has so fully expressed. Although our session has not been one embracing any exciting event, I feel that we are entitled to some credit for what we have done, and that we are entitled to a great deal more credit for the vast amount which we have refused to do. However this may be, I feel that the House will agree with me entirely in the sentiment that our presiding officer has promoted at all times harmony among the members of this House, and has contributed largely to forward the business of the session. And, gentlemen, the rest and happiness which I trust awaits each of us in the homes to which we are so anxious to return, will be all the more enjoyable because of our pleasant associations here during the weeks that are past. And especially, because of the place which each one of us will give in his memory to our presiding officer. At this late hour, I do not propose to add more than my hearty concurrence in the sentiment contained in the resolution, and to second the motion. And I feel that I express the sentiment of this House towards the Speaker, in the old wish that he " May live long and prosper."

Mr. MOULTON of Scarboro', said :

Mr. Clerk : I rise with pleasure to support the resolution which has been offered. The work which we came here to do is now accomplished, and the closing hours of the session have come. To-morrow we shall turn our faces homeward, and the Fifty-Seventh Legislature of Maine will be a thing of the past. It is with a feeling of relief that we consider that our work is ended, but with that feeling of relief comes a deeper feeling of sadness at the breaking up of the pleasant associations of this session. We

came here for the most part as strangers. Only a few of us had ever met before. We part, I trust, as friends. The pleasant acquaintance of this winter, I for one, shall never forget. We have had a very harmonious session. I do not mean that we have not differed in opinion on the matters that have come before us for consideration. We have differed, and widely. We have seen the members of this House ranged on opposite sides of most important questions: Positions have been taken and supported with keenness and ability, but when the subjects have been presented, and the House passed judgment upon them, by the decision of the majority, we have been content to abide. There has been no private wrangling nor personal bitterness. Our contests have only served to increase the respect that we mutually feel for each others' honest opinions.

In the words of respect for our Speaker and the officers of the House, that have been uttered, I heartily concur. I am especially glad of an opportunity to express publicly my appreciation of the uniform courtesy and straightforward impartiality of our honored Speaker. Not once this session have we dissented from his ruling. No man on this floor, I believe, feels that he has ever received from the Chair other treatment than that which one gentleman should receive from another. It is but just and right that we put upon our records this testimonial to his ability, politeness and integrity. To the officers of the House, I am glad to offer thanks for the favors so freely received at their hands. To my fellow members, and to all, I feel that I may offer congratulations on the general character of the session now closing, and will only add my best wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

Mr. MOORE of Thomaston, said :

Mr. Clerk: I had not intended when coming in this evening to say anything upon this or any other subject. But I should feel that I was derelict to duty, and was doing violence to my own feelings, if I allowed this occasion to pass without expressing my gratitude thus publicly for the kindness and courtesy which our Speaker has shown me during this session. I came here a new member, wholly inexperienced in legislative and parliamentary affairs, but notwithstanding my ignorance, I found in our presiding officer a gentleman who, instead of giving a strong ruling

and leaving us to take care of ourselves, in the fullness of his heart would give us a kindly suggestion, aid us, and aid this House in the performance of its business. As I said before, I did not intend to express publicly, but rather to express to him privately, my thanks. And I desire also to bear testimony to the impartiality with which he has presided over the deliberations of this assembly. Old members or new, one political party or the other, did not appear to be in his mind, and I think was not; but all were treated alike, all recognized upon an equal footing. And I cordially congratulate him upon the success with which he has presided over the deliberations of this assembly. And while I knew him never until the beginning of this session, I feel as though he had so endeared himself to me and to each one of the members of this House that our acquaintance has been long and intimate. And I trust, so far as I am concerned, that I shall have the honor of an intimate acquaintance with him in the future. I express my thanks also to every officer of this House for the kindness and courtesy with which they have treated me. And with the members personally with whom I have formed such pleasant associations do my best wishes go. I was reminded of a passage from Virgil's *Æneid*, which expresses my sentiments in reference to the Speaker, and my strong, earnest wishes for his future prosperity. And I would say to the Speaker, in the language of that passage:

“ While the waters of the rivers
Flow in channels deep and wide,
While the clouds from heaven descending
Hover round the mountain side;
While the stars are fed by heaven,
Dear to me, whate’r befall,
Be your honor, name and praises,
Whatsoever land shall call.”

Mr. BROWNE of Bowdoinham, said:

Mr. Clerk: “Rarely nor oftentimes truly doth man pass judgment on his brother.” “For he seeth not the springs of the heart, nor heareth the reasons of the mind.” Thus saith the poet, and thus I feel, we were as members of this House situated at the opening of this session. Strangers for the most part, coming from the extremes of our widely extended commonwealth, men of every shade of political ideas, of every form of religious dogma,

men from the various walks of life. As professions and its trades, who can wonder that as thoughts and ideas were given form in expression, that they may have grated harshly upon the sensibilities, that they may have given rise to hastily formed conclusions as to the character of individuals. But after organization was effected, duties which concerned the general welfare of the people, threw the members into constant contact with each other, and we began to estimate the character of our co-laborers by a truer instinct. And albeit extremes would meet in opinion and ideas, there was an average action, as a neutral principle evolved out of the chaos of extremes, and I believe that average has been right. We have learned to estimate the character of our fellow-workers, not so much by their apparent method of working, as by the evident desire to do right, to bring about results prayed for by their constituencies through their representation.

The committee work, unpleasant as some parts of it, by its nature must be, has done much to break down the barriers of separation and bring us into closer relations of acquaintanceship, and so far as my experience has been, some of the friendships formed in the committee room, are among the most esteemed results of this session. And, here let me say, that notwithstanding some of the discussions in which I have engaged with members, have at times waxed warm, I shall bear away with me the kindest recollections of all, hoping that they too are ready to forgive, and remember only that if we differed in opinion, we differed honestly, and submitted gracefully to defeat at the hands of the majority.

But, Mr. Clerk, our labors as legislators are for this time done, and it cannot be hoped that we shall all meet again. There is a sadness in these parting scenes that tempers our joy for our labors closed. We shall go home, each to pursue his respective calling, and these halls will know many of us no more forever. I thought to-day as I went through the committee rooms, now so silent and empty, how short seemed the time since they were occupied by eager crowds of men, seeking to give such expression to their views as would be convincing to the minds of those to whom questions of such momentous interest were submitted for arbitration, and as I looked around

"I felt like one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted;
Whose lights are fled, whose garlands
Dead, and all but he departed."

Mr. Clerk, I tender to our Speaker my most earnest thanks for all the kindness and consideration which at his hands I have been the recipient of, hoping that a former acquaintance, though pleasant, has merged into one more valuable, one that will never die while we may live. For his impartial and honorable administration of the duties of his office, I doubt not he will carry with him the most cordial thanks of all.

And to the other officers of the House as well, let me express my sincere thanks for uniform kindness of treatment and consideration.

And now, Mr. Clerk, as we part, and as I take each one by the hand to say the parting good-bye, I believe I am better for having formed such associations; and as the eyes moisten, and I feel the swelling up of those emotions that will not still, I feel that it is indeed good to thus meet for a time my brothers from all over the State, albeit the parting is sad.

“ But soon, too soon, we're put in pain,
To go our several ways again.”

Mr. McLAUGHLIN of Portland, said :

A few times in my life have I seen the time when I wished that I possessed the power of eloquence. And on this occasion I sincerely wish it were in my power to thank our honored Speaker and all the other officers of this House, in words fitting to the occasion. I have wondered heretofore why men desired to go to the Legislature. This winter I have learned why. It is on account of the pleasant associations and the strong friendships formed. Is not that enough? Isn't that enough for any man to wish for? And I have wondered why men strive to obtain the Speaker's chair. I have learned why. It is the same spirit we manifest for our teachers in school, and which follows from childhood up. It follows us into manhood; and as we grow in age it still clings to us. Call it by whatever name you please. “A rose,” it is said, “by any other name will smell as sweet.” It is the same thing that follows us from childhood, *love* for our presiding officers. Is it not enough for a man to strive for,—the love of one hundred and fifty men? It seems to me it is enough. I wish I could say more. I wish I possessed eloquence. But what I lack in eloquence, I hope I make up in sincere and heartfelt thanks to all.

Mr. WOODS of Belfast, said :

Mr. Clerk: You know, and the Speaker knows, I have not taken much of the time of this Legislature in speaking; but I must beg permission to say a few words on this commendable resolution, before this pleasant session comes to a close, and would say it meets my hearty concurrence and approval. During the two sessions in which I have had the acquaintance of our Speaker, I have felt under many obligations to him; and to the other officers and members of this House, I wish to express my thanks for their uniform kindness to me during this session. And now we are about to return to our homes, which is always pleasant.

“ But when we come to say good-bye,
We can scarcely tell why
It brings moisture to the eye,
So I wish you all good-bye.”

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, said :

Mr. Clerk and Gentlemen: The labors of the Fifty-Seventh Legislature are over, and the minutes of the session are numbered. It gives me the utmost pleasure at this time to express my full approbation of the three resolutions that have been presented to us to-night. I fully coincide with the expressions each of those resolutions convey. And I here most heartily thank each and every member and officer of this House, for the uniform kindness and impartiality shown me as a member of this body. Happy friendships have been formed here. They will be as lasting as life. Our constituents have presented us with matters for legislation. Each and all of us have entered into those wants feelingly, with life and with spirit. Without that spirit we should be poor legislators. But to-night, sir, closes our labors, and as we review briefly the weeks that we have passed here, I think I express only the feeling of each and every member, when I say that the kindnesses and friendships that we have here cemented will follow us through life. Whenever or wherever I meet any members of this House, or any officer connected with its deliberations, I shall greet you most cheerfully as a friend.

Mr. WEEKS of Augusta, said :

I most cheerfully signify my approbation as to the manner in which my friend, the Speaker, has discharged his duties. I am satisfied he has served acceptably to every member of the House. Gentlemen, I thank you for the courtesy you have shown me, and trust the acquaintance I have made with you may be lasting.

Mr. BOWERS of Saco, said :

Mr. Clerk: I heartily concur in the resolutions offered here to-night. I presume I express the feelings of every member of this House, when I say, that for the last three or four weeks we have been looking forward with lively anticipation to the time when we shall close our labors here, and return to our homes, and once more sit by our own firesides. But as the hour of parting draws near, a feeling of sadness comes over us ; a feeling of sadness that we cannot, that we would not repress. A feeling of sadness that the pleasures, the joys that we have experienced, day by day, are soon to come to an end. And I may here say, that the pleasure of this session has in a large measure depended upon kindness and courtesy of each and every member of this House. And I assure each officer and member of this House, that the recollections of this session will be among the pleasantest memories of my life.

Mr. SEIDERS of North Yarmouth, said :

Mr. Clerk: At this hour when, as a legislative body, we are about to separate, not for to-night, no, nor for a week, but forever, I feel that I can most heartily concur in the resolve presented by the gentleman from Anson. I should not only do injustice to our most worthy and faithful Speaker, but I should likewise do violence to my own conscience, were I to permit this occasion to pass without adding a word to what has been said. To him who has presided over the deliberations of this House with so much wisdom and forbearance, I extend my most hearty congratulations ; and my deepest sympathy and heartfelt good wishes will go with him in all the walks of life. And, although called as he has been, not from the ranks of old legislators to serve in the honorable position of Speaker of this House, but from among those who have served but a single term in this House, yet he has shown such a

true devotion to duty, and has been himself so just and impartial toward all the members of this House, that we can but regard him with the highest respect, and with the kindest feelings.

Many of us have this winter for the first time in our lives, participated in the deliberations of this House, and, although we may have felt some hesitation at the opening of the session, in taking an active part in the debates and business of the House, yet we soon learned that we were all here for a common purpose,—the welfare of the State—and to subserve that interest, that we individually had an important part to perform. When, then, we have the good of the people, the good of the whole people at heart, we can not be idle spectators, and such I trust we have not been.

Again, I would congratulate our Speaker on his success as presiding officer of this House, and I wish also to express my thanks to every member of this body for the kindly feeling and courtesy which I have received at your hands. And now as a legislative body we are about to part, and as such never to meet again; and while this parting may cast a shadow over us, yet our calmer thoughts begit pleasure and joy, for we can but recall the many pleasant hours spent within these old legislative walls.

Again, let me say, that the resolve has my most cordial approval.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, said :

I most heartily endorse the resolve in regard to our faithful, able and impartial Speaker. I have witnessed some sad partings in this hall. But there must be and there will be with some of us the last. Although we met as strangers, party lines have been so obliterated that I have hardly heard it referred to during our intercourse, and during our legislative deliberations. And now, as pulse beats to pulse, perhaps for the last time, and as our hearts beat in unison of love towards each other, may we carry the pleasant and happy recollections and associations that we have formed to our graves.

Mr. BLISS of Washington, said :

Mr. Clerk: I have been a member of the Legislature for five years. I have witnessed the closing scenes of five different legislatures. But at no time has the ceremonies been so impressive as

the ceremonies of to-night. I had not intended to participate in the proceedings this evening. But I feel that I should say a few words expressive of my views at this time. The hour has come when we are about to say to each other, farewell. Most of us met as strangers, we part as friends. We may have differed, but we have striven to discharge our duties honestly, conscientiously. No fierce party spirit has engendered any ill feeling towards each other. Our labors in our respective committees have been performed faithfully, patiently, and with all good fidelity, and this will always carry with it its reward. Let us not forget what should be remembered with gratitude to the Great Giver of all good gifts, that the Angel of Death has not been permitted to visit our assembly. Our intercourse, so friendly, naturally makes the hour of parting one of sadness. May we so live and discharge our duties that when "the inevitable hour which all alike await" shall come to each of us, we may meet it "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Mr. ADAMS of Deering, said :

Mr. Clerk: Though my voice has not often been heard on this floor, I cannot allow the present occasion to pass, late as it is, without expressing my hearty concurrence in the resolutions presented, and the remarks made by those who have preceded me. They are just, and I have no doubt meet the entire approbation of this House. If I have not spoken much during the session, I have certainly been often a gratified listener, especially while younger members have taken an active part in discussions. My young friends, Curran of Calais, Moore of Thomaston, Moulton of Scarboro', Parlin of Anson, Kimball of Waterford, Webb of Windham, Cornish of Winslow, and several others with whom I have less personal acquaintance, have displayed a degree of ability and tact in debate, a candor and straight forwardness of purpose which give promise that they will be prominent, honorable and influential in the affairs of state, when those who are older shall have passed from the stage of active duty. They have, I doubt not, a useful and brilliant future before them. There is another thing that has been exceedingly gratifying—the invariable courtesy and good humor which have characterized our proceedings during the session. Our honored Speaker has been a

conspicuous example in this regard ; and every other officer of the House and all its members have manifested a consideration for each other, and for all, which could come only from native kindness of heart and regard for the feelings as well as the rights of others. It is thus that the session has been made the freest from acrimony, and I think I may safely say one of the most pleasant in personal intercourse ever held in this hall. And as it is one of the benign arrangements of Providence that memories which are pleasant shall endure, while those of an opposite character soon fade away, we may be sure our recollections of the time spent here will remain fresh and green while memory lasts. Life is a succession of meetings and partings. Our assembly here is soon to be dissolved. There is no probability that we shall all meet again—not in this world. But we can bear each other in kind remembrance as we return to our homes and usual avocations, and through the remainder of life ; and if we strive to do our duty as we know it, and strive to know it right, we can pursue the even tenor of our way sustained by a cheerful and abiding faith that the good Father, who has so beneficently and wisely provided for our well-being here, if we but improve our opportunities, has with equal wisdom and beneficence made provision for us in “ that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns.” And if we so live, so perform our allotted work, when the final summons comes, as it will come to us all sooner or later, it will have no terrors for us ; but on the contrary, with calm and unfaltering trust, we can “ wrap the drapery of our couch about us and lie down as to pleasant dreams.”

Mr. KIMBALL of Waterford, said :

Mr. Clerk and Gentlemen of the House: Yonder clock admonishes us that a new day is upon us ; that we are living on the 22d day of February, the anniversary of the birth of the Father of our Country. What time more appropriate could there be in which to end the Fifty-Seventh Legislature of Maine? What time more proper in which to extend these fraternal expressions of kindness and regard? In a few brief moments the gavel will fall, which will announce the dissolution of this body. We shall return to our families and friends, to those whom we hold most dear. A pleasing thought. But still, it is a thought blunted with

sadness, when we recollect that these ties which we have formed during the few brief weeks which have passed will to a great extent be severed, never more to be united.

I most heartily concur, Mr. Clerk, in the various resolutions which have been offered this evening. And to our honored Speaker, I desire to extend my sincere thanks, for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which I have been treated by him during the entire session. He leaves this House with my best wishes. I trust that his onward course in life may be cast in the pleasantest spots upon earth, and that he may always meet the hearty approbation of his fellow men as deservedly as at the present time. And to each of the officers of this House I desire to express my thanks for the uniform kindness with which I have been treated. Some of them I have known in years past. And I trust that they will concur with me when I say that as the period of our acquaintance has been constant, so has our friendship been strengthened. And to each and every member upon this floor, I desire to say that I hold them in the kindest regards. And I trust that no word has been uttered which has wounded any sensitive nature. I trust that we all, in parting and going to our respective homes, entertain for each other only feelings of the most kindly regards.

Mr. HILL of Exeter, said :

Mr. Clerk: I have no eloquence with which to address you and the members of this House at this time. But I do desire in a few plain, simple words, to give expression to the feelings of my heart. Permit me to say that I heartily concur in the resolutions which have been offered this evening. I wish to extend to our honored Speaker, a son of Penobscot county, my hearty thanks for the many courtesies received at his hands during this session. I wish also to tender my thanks to the officers of this House, one and all, for the many little kindnesses which I have received at their hands. And I would not be unmiudful of the other members of this body. I came among you a stranger to the most of you, entirely unused to legislative bodies. It has been my lot during the latter part of this session to enter somewhat into the discussion of the questions before us ; perhaps more so than modesty would require. But, gentlemen, I have endeavored to treat every man

as a gentleman; and I must say that I have received that treatment from each and every member of the House. And I desire to thank you all for the courtesy I have received at your hands. We came here strangers, representing different sections of the State, representing different political, religious and other opinions. But in all our deliberations nothing of this kind has been manifested. We have worked, as we should, for the interest of our sections, and for the interest of our State.

We are soon to take each other by the hand for the last time. The final adieus are soon to be spoken. It is beyond the range of possibility that all of us can ever meet again this side of the "dark gulf." But, my friends, one and all, let me say that if we never more meet on earth, when this earthly life is ended and this earthly mission done, may we meet beyond the shining river, in that land where legislation shall no more be needed, but where all laws, coming from the Eternal Throne, shall be holy, just and good.

Mr. FAUGHT of Belgrade, said :

Mr. Clerk: As the labors of the Fifty-Seventh Legislature are nearly closed, and we are about to go to our several homes, I thought it would not be inappropriate that I should offer a few remarks. Coming among you as I did, for the first time, I confess to a feeling of embarrassment. But the meeting with friends and the formation of new friendships soon dispelled that feeling of distrust. And now that we are about to take each other by the hand, many of us to part for the last time, a feeling of sadness comes over me, and the heart responds to the touch of our kindlier natures. I think it will be admitted, Mr. Clerk, that this has been a hard working Legislature. Yet it has been a pleasant one. True, we have differed at times. But that is to be expected in matters of so much importance. Upon the whole I think we need not be ashamed to go home to our constituents. Good feeling has not been lost sight of. The session has certainly been a pleasant one to me. The friendships I have formed can never be forgotten. Permit me in closing to tender to our honored Speaker, our Clerk, and all the officers connected with the House, my sincere thanks.

Mr. SIMPSON of Searsport, said :

Mr. Clerk: I heartily concur in the sentiment embodied in the resolutions offered. This is my first legislative experience. And I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our Speaker, and to every member and officer of this body, for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which I have been met on every occasion. The many friendships I have formed here will never fade from my memory.

Mr. PILSBURY of Lewiston, said :

Mr. Clerk and Gentlemen of the House: It seems to me but yesterday that we met as strangers to each other. But the hours have grown into days, and weeks have rolled into the past. And we stand upon the very threshold of separation. Kind words should be spoken which may be carried with us into the future, and cherished as pleasant memories in all our future lives. I had the pleasure last year of a few weeks' acquaintance with our Speaker. And it gives me pleasure to say to-night that a longer acquaintance during the present session has only added to the esteem I felt for him. I most cordially and heartily concur in all that has been said in support of the resolutions presented to-night. The session now so near its close has been one of great pleasure to me. As I look into the faces of members, thinking I may never see them more, I can say I have looked into them with pleasure during these few weeks that are past. In saying now good-bye, I wish to emphasize all that has been said in reference to the manner in which our Speaker has discharged the duties devolving upon him. I think all that has been said in that direction has been said from the heart. I hope we shall most cordially manifest our full belief of his worth by a unanimous vote. There are a thousand thoughts and feelings that come rising from our hearts that words cannot express. As we pass out from this hall silently, to go to our various homes, we shall remember, I trust, from the experience of these past weeks, that we have met as friends and as brothers, and parted as such.

Mr. WEBB of Windham, said :

I had not proposed to take up the time of the House to-night. But I feel that I cannot do my whole duty by simply voting upon

this resolution. When I remember the arduous duties which the Speaker of this House has been called upon to perform, and when I remember, too, his impartiality and unusual kindness and courtesy, I feel that I must in a few brief words express my feelings in regard to it. There can be but one feeling in this House in regard to this matter. There is but one feeling upon the subject. And we feel that we have been very fortunate in the choice of our Speaker. I wish to return to the members of this House my thanks for the universal kindness and courtesies with which they have treated me, a young member who came here, as some others have said, without friends, and without knowledge of legislative duties. You have treated me and my errors with kindness, and I thank you for it. And I sincerely hope and trust that the friendships I have made here will follow me, during the rest of my life.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Speaker LORD then responded, as follows :

Gentlemen: I thank you for the sentiments contained in the resolution adopted, and expressed in the remarks made in connection therewith. I feel that no merit of mine entitles me to such complimentary notice. Any success I may have attained in the position you gave me has been mainly due to the courtesy and good will you have always manifested towards your presiding officer, and toward each other. No difference of opinion, no excitement of debate, has caused any member of this House to deviate to any extent from a courteous and gentlemanly demeanor. In every way possible the Speaker's duties have been made easy for him, and the position, that under other circumstances would have been difficult and embarrassing, has been instead very pleasant and agreeable.

Our work is done, and whatever its value, I believe that the most of it has been honestly, carefully and conscientiously performed; the desire to faithfully serve the constituencies represented, and to promote the general interests of the State, has been apparently uppermost at all times. Few laws have been repealed, amended or enacted without sufficient cause, and a spirit of economy, wise and prudent, has generally prevailed. I think we shall not be ashamed of the result of our labors.

This House, in its daily sessions, has been a pleasant sight to me; it has presented a picture that I would my memory might ever retain. I would remember every individual face as it has appeared in its usual and rightful place; and this is our last session, very soon we shall separate and no one of us can expect to meet again a majority, a quorum of our body, but we can, and I trust we shall, keep alive the acquaintances and cherish the friendships here formed. May the associations and experiences of this winter, the knowledge gained of legislation and the general affairs of the State, tend to make us all hereafter better citizens, and more watchful of the many and important interests of our good old State.

Once again thanking you for your courtesy, good-will and friendship, and wishing you and yours prosperity and happiness, I bid you each and all good-bye; and the last official duty devolving upon me I now perform, and declare this House adjourned without day.

At a quarter to two o'clock, P. M., the Speaker's gavel fell, and the House was declared adjourned without day.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TITLES OF ACTS

Passed by the Legislature of 1878.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act additional to chapter 127 of the revised statutes, in relation to malicious mischief and trespasses on property.

An act to amend section 32, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 213 of the public laws of 1877, relating to elections.

An act to amend chapter 124, section 18, of the revised statutes, relating to camp-meetings.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 106 of the revised statutes, relating to the lists and qualifications of jurors.

An act to amend chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks.

An act to amend chapter 192 of the public laws of the year 1877, providing for bridge guards on railroads.

An act to amend section 56 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the weight of corn, and grain, meal, vegetables, and hair.

An act additional to chapter 68 of the revised statutes, relating to the appointment of trustees.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 223 of the public laws of 1871, relating to fares on railroads.

An act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in the county of Kennebec.

An act to amend section 12 of chapter 133 of the public laws of 1873, relating to the jail system of the State.

An act to abolish the August term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Kennebec.

An act in relation to disorganized towns.

An act to amend section 32 of chapter 65 of the revised statutes, granting to guardians and trustees power to assign mortgages and mortgage debts.

An act to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, relating to levy of executions upon estates held in joint tenancy or in common.

An act to authorize reduction of capital stock of corporations.

An act to prevent frauds in commercial fertilizers.

An act to amend section 11 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes, relating to actions of trespass.

An act amendatory of "an act to provide for the organization of business corporations."

An act to amend chapter 11 of the revised statutes, in relation to the right of plantations to receive their proportion of the State school fund.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 267 of the public laws of 1873, relating to rents of island shores.

An act to amend chapter 185 of the public laws of 1877, relating to life insurance.

An act to amend section 50 of chapter 40 of revised statutes, relating to migratory fishes in Damariscottâ river.

An act to amend chapter 19, section 10, of the revised statutes, relating to the law of roads.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 60 of revised statutes, relating to actions of divorce.

An act relating to coroners.

An act to amend section 26 of chapter 90 of the public laws of 1876, in relation to lime rock and slate.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 58 of the public laws of 1876, relating to auctioneers.

An act to encourage the development of the mining interests of the State.

An act to create a lien on hemlock bark.

An act to amend chapter 141 of the public acts of 1876, relating to the settlement of the public lands.

An act to amend chapter 258 of the public laws of 1874, entitled "an act relating to taxation of railroad companies."

An act to encourage the provision of means for the extinguishment of fires.

An act additional to chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to life insurance.

An act to amend chapter 234 of the public laws of 1874, concerning tax titles.

An act relating to malicious mischief.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, relating to reviews.

An act amending chapter 124 of the public laws of the year 1876, relating to warehouses.

An act additional to chapter 97 of the revised statutes, relating to bastard children and their maintenance.

An act to amend section 10 of chapter 120 of the public laws of the year 1876, entitled "an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations."

An act for the better protection of the rights of towns.

An act additional to chapter 19 of the public laws of the year 1875, relating to the taxation of railroad companies.

An act to amend chapter 214 of the public laws of the year 1874, entitled "an act relating to ways across railroads."

An act to establish an additional normal school.

An act additional to chapter 218 of the acts of 1877, entitled "an act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the government, powers, duties, privileges and liabilities of savings banks and institutions for savings."

An act relating to apprenticing of boys in Reform School.

An act to amend section 30 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of corporate property.

An act additional to "an act to facilitate the prompt administration of justice by establishing a Superior Court in Kennebec county."

An act to more fully carry out the proviso of section 10 of the act of Congress, chapter 177, of the acts of 1868, making compensation for the lands assigned by Maine to settlers.

An act for the protection of game and birds.

An act additional to chapter 5 of the revised statutes, relating to the public lands.

An act amendatory of section 2, chapter 124 of the public laws for the year 1873, as amended by the acts of 1874 and 1876, relating to free high schools.

An act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of corporations.

An act in addition to chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to life insurance.

An act to amend section 10 of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks.

An act to amend chapter 48 of the public laws of 1875, relating to the public debt.

An act to amend section 12 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to corrupt agreements by attorneys and others.

An act to amend section 8 of chapter 120 of the revised statutes, relating to larceny.

An act to amend sections 21 and 28 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to relief of poor debtors.

An act to provide for the office of crier in the various courts of the State.

An act to repeal chapter 178 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to demurrers.

An act to amend section 7, chapter 4 of revised statutes, relating to voting lists.

An act to amend "an act relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls."

An act to extend the jurisdiction and authority of county commissioners.

An act in relation to the duties of county attorneys and additional to chapter 79 of the revised statutes.

An act to regulate and protect the shore fisheries.

An act to provide additional remedies for the enforcement of judgments.

An act in regard to the renewal of trial justice executions.

An act to amend chapter 202 of the public laws of 1877, entitled "an act relating to normal schools."

An act to provide suitable means of egress from buildings used for assemblages of citizens.

An act to establish the salary of the clerk of courts for the county of Penobscot.

An act to repeal chapter 200 of the public laws of 1877, entitled "an act additional to chapter 30 of the revised statutes, relating to mischievous dogs."

An act to amend chapter 107 of the public laws of 1876, entitled "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections."

An act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine.

An act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish.

An act to amend section 9 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, relating to board of prisoners in jail.

An act to amend section 25 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes.

An act concerning tramps.

An act to amend section 41, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to arrests for taxes.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An act to authorize the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad Company to issue preferred stock, and for other purposes.

An act to increase the capital stock of the Augusta Water Company.

An act to incorporate the Crystal Dam Company.

An act providing for the payment of certain rents now in suit to the agent of the Penobscot Indians.

An act to amend section 7 of chapter 180 of the special laws of 1872, entitled "an act to authorize the city of Portland to aid the construction and western extensions of the Portland and Rochester Railroad."

An act to authorize the sale of the Union Meeting House at North Vassalborough, with furniture and fixtures therewith connected.

An act to make legal the doings of the North and West Auburn Cheese Company in the city of Auburn.

An act to change the name of Nancy S. Hubbard.

An act to amend an act granting to Ransom B. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock.

An act to make valid the doings of the assessors of No. 6 plantation for the years 1876 and 1877.

An act to authorize the town of Hampden to receive money to keep in repair any cemeteries in said town.

An act granting the towns surrounding Toddy pond, in Hancock county, the right to build and maintain a bridge across said pond.

An act to amend chapter 75 of the special laws of 1866, entitled "an act creating the South Paris Village Corporation."

An act to incorporate the Pythian Hall Association of Portland.

An act to make valid the doings of Benjamin True as a justice of the peace and quorum.

An act additional to chapter 371 of the private and special laws of 1877, entitled "an act to repeal an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the town of Barnard.' "

An act relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

An act to confirm and make valid the doings of Union School District, composed of district No. 1 in the town of Carthage, district No. 19 in the town of Wilton, in the county of Franklin, and district No. 12 in the town of Dixfield, in the county of Oxford.

An act to make valid the doings of school district 18 in the town of Gorham.

An act additional to "an act to establish the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company."

An act in relation to the police court for the city of Belfast.

An act authorizing the Bates Manufacturing Company to reduce the par value of its stock and to issue new shares.

An act to extend the time for locating and constructing the Piscataquis Central Railroad.

An act to amend the charter of the city of Ellsworth.

An act to incorporate the town of Hurricane Isle.

An act additional relating to the Portland and Deering Railroad Company.

An act to amend and extend the acts in relation to the Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, the Messalonskee and Kennebec Railroad Company, and the Somerset Railroad Company.

An act to prevent the killing of deer in the county of Waldo.

An act for the further protection and propagation of eels in Damariscotta river and pond.

An act to protect the breeding of trout in Perkins brook, so called, in the towns of North Berwick, Wells and Sanford, in the county of York.

An act to facilitate the transfer to the United States of the title to the Antietam National Cemetery, in the State of Maryland.

An act additional to "an act to incorporate the city of Bath."

An act to incorporate the Cumberland Club of Portland.

An act authorizing Frank Sawtelle to dredge bars, remove boulders and navigate Snow's pond by steam.

An act providing for a canal at the head waters of Presumpscot river.

An act to consolidate, revise, and amend the various acts which constitute the charter of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company.

An act to incorporate the St. Croix Lake Dam Company.

An act to prevent the throwing of edgings, sawdust and other refuse into the waters of the harbor of Wiscasset.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

An act to make valid the doings of Oliver B. Trott as a justice of the peace and quorum.

An act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Kennebec river and its tributaries.

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 386 of the special laws of the year 1873, entitled "an act to supply the cities of Lewiston and Auburn with pure water."

An act to change the name of the Malachite Mining Company.

An act to incorporate the Kennebec Association for the protection of fish and game.

An act to regulate the disbursement of public funds by the treasurer of Cumberland county.

An act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory.

An act additional to chapter 136 of the special laws of 1872, entitled "an act authorizing the citizens of the Isle au Haut to allow their cattle to run at large on that island."

An act to legalize the organizations of certain plantations in Aroostook county.

An act to authorize the town of Brunswick to fund its debt and issue bonds therefor.

An act to authorize the trustees of Gorham Seminary to convey the property of said corporation for the use and purposes of the normal school established at Gorham.

An act to authorize the town of Gorham, or any of its school districts, to raise money for providing buildings for the normal school established in said town.

An act to authorize Abial D. Knapp and Woodbury S. Knapp to navigate Androscoggin pond and Dead river, in the towns of Wayne and Leeds, Wing's pond in Wayne, Lovejoy's pond in Wayne, Readfield and Fayette, Crotched pond in Readfield, Fayette and Mount Vernon, by steam.

An act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Farmington.

An act to amend chapter 363 of the special laws of 1877, relating to the throwing of refuse into the Piscataquis river.

An act authorizing the location of a way over the tide waters of Georges river in Thomaston.

An act relating to building and maintaining the lock in the dam across the Kennebec river at Augusta.

An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1878, amounting to the sum of \$899,712.70.

An act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

An act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company.

An act to change the name of Rufus Edwin Bubier.

An act to change the names of Amelia and Adelia Bullock.

An act to make valid the doings of the town of Limestone, in the county of Aroostook.

An act to prohibit the taking of fish from Withee's pond and its tributaries, in the town of Dover.

An act to vest the franchise and property of the proprietors of Merrymeeting bridge in the inhabitants of the county of Sagadahoc.

An act for the protection and preservation of bass in the waters of Winnegance creek.

An act for the protection of smelts in Bagaduce river and tributaries, in the county of Hancock.

An act to abolish the organization of plantation No. 6, in the county of Franklin.

An act to restrict fishing in Sanborn Brothers' pond in Baldwin.

An act to ratify, confirm and make valid the action of the city of Ellsworth, providing for the funding of its city debt.

An act to incorporate the Maine Rifle Club.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to regulate the shad and alewife fishery in the town of Warren, in the county of Lincoln," passed March 6, 1802.

An act to incorporate the Springvale Aqueduct Company.

An act to extend the time for organization of the Calais Railroad Company, incorporated by chapter 532 of the private laws of 1874.

An act to incorporate the Bangor Board of Trade.

An act to amend chapter 120 of the special laws of 1872, entitled "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Central Railroad Company."

An act to make valid the acts of the Lyndon Union Meeting-house Association of Caribou.

An act to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the Souedehunk stream for log driving.

An act to prevent the throwing of refuse lumber into the Patens Pond stream, in Surry, Hancock county.

An act for the protection of sturgeon in the waters of the Kennebec river and its tributaries.

An act to set off a part of the town of Parkman, in the county of Piscataquis, and annex the same to the town of Guilford, in said county.

An act to set off certain property from Oxford Village Fire Engine Corporation.

An act to extend the charter of the Aroostook Steamboat Company.

An act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Sedgwick Steam Ferry Company.

An act to incorporate the Machiasport and Machias Telegraph Company.

An act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

An act to prohibit the taking of fish from Field's pond, in the town of Orrington, and from Brewer's pond, in the towns of Orrington and Bucksport.

An act to prevent the throwing of refuse into the tributaries of Wilson pond.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Sandy River Valley Railroad Company."

An act to incorporate the Portland Yacht Club.

An act to amend chapter 380 of the private and special laws of 1873, relating to schools in Madawaska territory.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the city of Calais."

An act to incorporate the Presumpscot Water Power Company.

An act to amend "an act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to discontinue the use of a portion of its track."

An act to prevent the taking of fish from Dexter pond, in the county of Penobscot, for the term of three years.

An act to amend chapter 346 of the special laws of 1877, entitled "an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Portland."

An act additional to an act entitled "an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta," approved February 15, 1878.

An act to amend chapter 391 of the laws of 1873, entitled "an act to incorporate the Evans Rifle Manufacturing Company."

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to authorize the building of a dyke or dam across Dyke Branch stream in the town of Columbia, county of Washington."

TITLES OF RESOLVES

Passed by the Legislature of 1878.

- Resolve relating to the currency.
- Resolve in favor of Franklin Simmons, sculptor.
- Resolve in favor of Benjamin F. Allen.
- Resolve in favor of William H. Scott.
- Resolve in favor of Nelson Turney.
- Resolve to amend chapter 133 of resolves of 1867.
- Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.
- Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education.
- Resolve relating to temperance.
- Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Reform School.
- Resolve in favor of Lincoln E. Sprague.
- Resolve in favor of William Conary.
- Resolve in favor of Joseph M. Soccalexis.
- Resolve to transfer certain records pertaining to the soldiers of the war of 1861 from the office of the Secretary of State to that of the Adjutant General.
- Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual.
- Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs.
- Resolve relating to the purchase of Maine Reports.
- Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.
- Resolve in favor of Cyrus William King.
- Resolve relating to lands held under conditional grants.
- Resolve in favor of Baring and Houlton road across Indian township and Grand Lake Stream road in Washington county.

Resolve abating a portion of the State tax of Haynesville for the year 1877, and assessing the same on No. 3, range 2, Aroostook county.

Resolve in favor of George F. Foster of Portland.

Resolve in aid of the towns of Blanchard and Shirley.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Financial Affairs.

Resolve in favor of Shepard I. Higgins.

Resolve in favor of Charles F. Collins.

Resolve in favor of Henry C. Spooner.

Resolve in favor of Charles C. Libby.

Resolve in favor of Cyrus T. Daniels.

Resolve in favor of James E. Holmes.

Resolve in favor of John S. Arnold.

Resolve in favor of Jeremiah Crouse.

Resolve in favor of Ezekiel Levasseur.

Resolve in favor of William Reed.

Resolve authorizing the conveyance of a lot of land in Crystal plantation.

Resolve in favor of Fred Barker.

Resolve in favor of L. D. and H. P. Todd.

Resolve in favor of Freeman Hayden.

Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolves in favor of the town of Maysville.

Resolve in favor of Lydia A. Daniels.

Resolve in relation to the Documentary History of the State of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Resolve making valid the records of the First Christian Society of Saco.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a delegate to the International Prison Congress.

Resolve relating to the claims of Peter Murphy and Thomas Kennedy.

Resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State.

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Resolve authorizing the conveyance of certain lots of land in the east half of township No. 2, range 5, west from the east line of the State, in the county of Aroostook.

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- Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.
- Resolve in favor of Elbridge D. Crouse.
- Resolve in favor of township No. 12, range 5, west from the east line of the State, known as Sheridan plantation.
- Resolve in favor of George Cary, Theodore Cary and Jefferson Cary.
- Resolve in favor of compiling and printing school laws.
- Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.
- Resolve relating to the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.
- Resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish.
- Resolve in favor of furnishing the town of Hurricane Isle with reports and other official documents.
- Resolve in favor of Peter Selmore.
- Resolve authorizing the location of a land certificate.
- Resolve in favor of the town of Deering.
- Resolve in favor of S. W. Stratton.
- Resolve relating to Perham plantation.
- Resolve in favor of the Shapleigh and Acton Agricultural Society.
- Resolve in favor of William D. Orr.
- Resolve in favor of John Carver and George S. Ames.
- Resolve to abate the State tax in Washington plantation, in Franklin county, for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877.
- Resolve in favor of George W. Black.
- Resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, for repairs on chapel on Oldtown island.
- Resolve in favor of Ida Brown.
- Resolve granting two lots of land to William Brown of Eagle Lake plantation under certain conditions.
- Resolve in favor of Jeanne M. Strickland.
- Resolve in favor of Portland Public Library.
- Resolve in favor of Albion W. Stratton.
- Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield.
- Resolve in favor of township No. 13, range 6, west from the east line of the State, known as Portage Lake plantation.
- Resolve providing for the purchase and distribution of Plaisted and Appleton's Digest of the Maine Reports.
- Resolve in favor of Nathan Perry.
- Resolve in favor of Sprague, Owen and Nash.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge in the town of Caribou.

Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Resolve to carry into effect the provisions of chapter 49 of the resolves of 1869.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Blake.

Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate.

Resolves authorizing a temporary loan.

Resolve for repairing bridge over Molunkus stream, in Macwahoc plantation.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Military and Naval Asylum at Bath.

Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland.

Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

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RULES.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SPEAKER.

1. It shall be the duty of the speaker to take the chair at the hour to which the house shall have adjourned, call the members to order, and after the appearance of a quorum, cause the journal of the preceding day to be read ;

To announce the business before the house in the order in which it is to be acted upon ;

To receive and submit to vote all motions and propositions regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of proceedings, and announce the result ;

To restrain the members, when engaged in debate, within the rules of order, and to enforce, on all occasions, the observance of order and decorum among the members ;

To decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house ;

To receive all messages and other communications and announce them to the house ;

To authenticate by his signature bills that have passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed ;

To name the members who are to serve on committees, unless the house otherwise direct ;

To appoint the member who shall take the chair when the house has determined to go into committee of the whole ;

And to name a member to perform his duties during his absence for a time not exceeding the remainder of the day.

2. The speaker may address the house on points of order, in preference to other members ; and may vote in all cases.

DUTIES OF THE CLERK.

3. The clerk shall keep a journal of what is done by the house ; read papers when required by the house or speaker ; call the roll alphabetically, and note the answers of members, when the house orders or when a question is taken by yeas and nays ; notify committees of their appointment and of the business referred to them ; authenticate by his signature all the orders and proceedings of the house not authenticated by the speaker ; have charge of all the documents and papers of every kind confided to the care of the house ; bear all messages and transmit all papers from the house to the governor or to the senate, unless the house shall otherwise order ; make up the pay roll of the members ; and in the absence of the speaker at the hour for meeting, shall preside until speaker *pro tem.* be chosen ; and at the close of the session shall file in an orderly manner all papers and documents in possession of the house, passed upon or received during the session ; and at the commencement of the next legislature, shall preside until the election of speaker ; and record the doings of the house until a new clerk shall be chosen and qualified ; and in the absence of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall be clerk *pro tempore*, with power to appoint an assistant.

CHAPLAINS.

4. Every morning, the house on assembling, shall join with the chaplains in religious service.

5. The chaplains may change duties with each other or with the chaplains of the senate.

MONITORS.

6. One monitor shall be appointed by the speaker for each division of the house, whose duty shall be to see to the observance of the rules of the house, and on demand of the speaker, to return the number of votes and members in his division.

7. If any member shall transgress any of the rules of the house, and persist therein, after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the house.

COMMITTEES.

8. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, whose duty shall be to consider all subjects referred to them and report thereon :

On ways and means,
On leave of absence,
On change of names,
On bills in the third reading,
On engrossed bills,
On elections,

To consist of seven members each.

On county estimates,

To consist of one member from each county.

On business of the house,

To consist of three members.

9. In all elections by ballot, of committees of the house, the person having the highest number of votes shall act as chairman. In case two or more persons receive the same number of votes, the committee by a majority of their number shall elect a chairman.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

10. The seat which a member draws at the commencement of the session, shall be his during the session, unless he shall have leave of the speaker to change it.

11. No member shall sit at the desk of the speaker or clerk, except by the permission of the speaker.

12. When two or more members rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the person to speak ; but in all cases the member who shall rise first and address the chair, shall speak first.

13. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except to call to order, or to correct a mistake.

14. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without first asking leave of the house.

15. No member shall speak out of his place without leave from the chair, nor without first rising and addressing the speaker ; and he shall sit down as soon as he has done speaking.

16. No member shall act as counsel for any party, before a joint committee of the legislature, or a committee of this house.

17. No member shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another, while any member is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the speaker of the house and the person speaking; or stand in an alley, or sit or stand covered, during the session of the house.

18. Every member shall make out and deliver to the clerk or to the committee on pay roll, a statement of the number of miles usually travelled in going from his residence to the seat of government.

19. Every member who shall neglect to give his attendance to the house for more than six days after the session commences, shall, on making his appearance therein, be held to render the reason for such neglect; and in case the reason assigned shall be deemed by the house sufficient, such member shall be entitled to receive pay for his travel, and not otherwise; and no member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the house; and no member shall have such leave, unless it be reported by the committee on leave of absence; and no leave of absence shall avail any member who retains his seat more than five days from the time the same was obtained.

20. Any member having obtained leave of absence, and having in his possession any papers relating to the business before the house, shall leave the same with the clerk.

21. When any member shall be guilty of a breach of any of the rules and orders of the house, and the house has determined he has so transgressed, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, unless by way of excuse for the same, until he has made satisfaction.

22. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the house, for special reason shall excuse him, and when the yeas and nays are ordered, no member shall leave his seat until the vote is declared. In all elections by the house, or in joint ballot of the two houses, no member shall leave his seat, after voting, before a return of the house is had.

23. When the galleries shall be ordered to be cleared or shut, the matter which may occasion such order, shall be kept secret by each member, until the house shall order such injunction of secrecy to be taken off.

24. No person not a member or officer of the house, except members of the senate, its secretary and assistants, the governor

and council, state treasurer, secretary of state, land agent, adjutant general, judges of the supreme judicial court, chaplains of the senate, and reporters of the proceedings and debates of the house, shall be admitted within the representatives' hall unless invited by some member of the house.

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES.

25. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business :

1st. Senate papers, and first reading of accompanying bills and resolves.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d. Reception of petitions, bills and resolves requiring reference to any committee.

4th. Orders.

5th. Reports of committees and first reading of bills or resolves.

6th. Bills and resolves reported by committee on bills in the third reading, and on their passage to be engrossed.

7th. Bills on their passage to be enacted.

8th. Orders of the day.

The speaker shall announce each item of business in its turn, and no paper shall be taken up out of its regular order, except by the unanimous consent of the house. The orders of the day shall take precedence of all other business at the expiration of the morning hour.

26. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make up daily a calendar of bills, resolves and other papers, assigned for that day's consideration, and also a calendar of bills and resolves which have had their first reading, and showing the disposition that has been made of each.

27. The unfinished business in which the house was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have preference in the orders of the day, and shall continue to be among the orders of the day for each succeeding day until disposed of, and no motion or other business shall be received, without special leave of the house until the former is disposed of.

28. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but—

1st. To adjourn ;

- 2d. To lay on the table ;
- 3d. For the previous question ;
- 4th. To commit ;
- 5th. To postpone to a day certain ;
- 6th. To amend ;
- 7th. To postpone indefinitely ;

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

Questions of concurrence or otherwise with the senate shall have precedence of each other in the following order :

- 1st. To recede.
- 2d. To concur.
- 3d. To insist.
- 4th. To adhere.

29. A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

30. A vote to lay a proposition on the table shall not preclude the further consideration of it on the same day.

31. When motion for the previous question is made, the consent of one-third of the members present shall be necessary to authorize the speaker to entertain it. No debate shall be allowed until the matter of consent is determined. The previous question shall be submitted in the following words: *Shall the main question be put now?* No member shall speak more than five minutes on the motion for the previous question, and while that question is pending a motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate. A call for the yeas and nays, or for division of a question, shall be in order after the main question has been ordered to be put. After the adoption of the previous question, the vote shall be taken forthwith upon amendments, and then upon the main question.

32. Propositions to amend by striking out and inserting dates, numbers and sums, are not divisible ; but all propositions, otherwise divisible, shall be divided at the request of any ten members. A motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendments, nor a motion to strike out and insert.

33. In filling blanks and assigning times for the consideration of business, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

34. When a proposition consists of several paragraphs or

sections, amendment of one of them shall not preclude amendment of a prior paragraph or section.

35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

36. After a motion or order is stated or read by the speaker, and seconded, it shall be regarded as in the possession of the house, and shall be disposed of by vote of the house. But any motion or order may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment, except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn except by consent of the house.

37. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if required by the speaker or by any member.

38. No member shall be permitted to lay a motion in writing on the table, until he shall have read the same in his place.

39. When a vote having been declared by the speaker, is doubted, the members for and against the question, when called on by the speaker, shall rise and stand till they are counted, and the vote made certain without further debate. But a call for the yeas and nays shall be in order at any time before such a vote is made certain and declared.

40. When a motion has once been made and carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall not be in order for any member who voted in the minority to move a reconsideration thereof; but any member who voted with the majority, or in the negative on a tie vote, may move to reconsider on the same or succeeding day. A motion to reconsider shall not be postponed nor laid on the table without a time certain assigned for its further consideration. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, the vote shall not be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider shall not be in order more than once on the same question.

41. When a member shall move, or give notice of his intention to move, a reconsideration of any vote, the papers to which the motion relates shall remain in possession of the clerk until the question of reconsideration shall have been decided, or the right to move such a question is lost.

42. In all elections by ballot, of the house, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

43. When a reading of a paper is called for which has been before read to the House, and the same is objected to by any

member, the question of reading shall be determined by a vote of the house.

44. Every question of order, which shall be decided on appeal shall be entered on the journal of the house, with the decision thereon.

45. A proposition to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme court, as provided by the constitution, shall not be acted upon until the next day after such proposition is made.

46. All petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the house, shall be presented by the speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be endorsed with the name of the person presenting it, and the subject matter of the same. They shall be read by the speaker, clerk, or such other person as the speaker may request, and shall be taken up in the order they were first presented, unless the house shall otherwise direct.

47. All bills in their third reading, and resolves in their second reading, shall be committed to the standing committee on bills in the third reading, to be by them examined and corrected.

48. All resolves appropriating money or land, shall have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following that of their first reading.

49. All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the standing committee on engrossed bills to be strictly examined; and if found by them to be truly and strictly engrossed, they shall so report to the house, and the question shall be taken without any further reading, unless on motion of any member, a majority of the house shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

50. Every bill or resolve, providing for the grant of money, land, or other public property, which may be laid on the table by leave, and any report of a committee upon any bill or resolve providing for such grant, shall be accompanied by a written statement of facts in each case; and no such bill or resolve shall be considered before such statement is made, or pass without being read on two several days.

51. No new bill or resolve of a public nature shall be received, except it be reported by a committee, unless the house otherwise order; and all bills and resolves not reported by a committee, shall be laid upon the table for one day, before further action thereon.

52. No act or resolve shall be passed affecting the rights of

individuals or corporations, without previous notice to such individuals or corporations.

53. No bill shall pass to be engrossed until it shall have had three several readings; the time for the second and third readings shall be assigned by the house; but if no objection is made, the second reading may be by the title, and at the time of the first. Every resolve which shall require the approval of the governor, shall have two several readings; the second reading shall be subject to the provisions of the third reading of bills.

54. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the senate, without notice thereof being given to the house by the speaker.

55. When a bill or resolve shall be returned by the governor with his objections, the question shall be stated by the chair, *Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the governor?* and the same in substance in case of a resolve; which question may be postponed to a day within the session, not exceeding one week, or may be committed. But no other question shall apply to bills and resolves originating in either branch.

56. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, excepting section 51, relating to the reception of petitions, shall govern the house in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house, and the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives.

57. No rule or order of the house shall be dispensed with, unless two-thirds of the members present shall consent thereto.

58. No rule or order of the house shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any new standing rule or order be adopted, unless one day's previous notice thereof be given in each case; and such notice shall be entered on the journal.

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JOINT RULES.

1. The following joint standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

- On the judiciary,
- On legal affairs,
- On financial affairs,
- On federal relations,
- On education,
- On railroads,
- On commerce,
- On mercantile affairs and insurance,
- On banks and banking,
- On manufactures,
- On agriculture,
- On military affairs,
- On interior waters,
- On state lands and state roads,
- On ways and bridges,
- On fisheries,
- On counties,
- On towns,
- On indian affairs,
- On claims,
- On pensions,
- On insane hospital,
- On reform school,
- On state prison,
- On public buildings,
- On library.

And each of said committees shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

2. Joint select committees shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, unless the order creating the same shall provide a different number.

3. Whenever a select committee shall be appointed by either house, and be joined by the other, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the senate, or the clerk of the house, as the case may

be, to transmit, one to the other, the names of the members so joined, in order that they may be entered upon the journal of each house.

4. In presenting a report upon any matter referred to a committee, such report shall set forth the subject referred, and the substance shall also be briefly endorsed on the back of the same.

5. Orders directing inquiry in relation to an existing statute shall state the subject matter of such statute—also the chapter and section to which the inquiry is directed.

6. The titles of all bills and resolves shall state, briefly, the subject matter of the same.

7. The enacting clause of every bill shall follow its title, in these words, viz :

“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :”

All bills and resolves reported by any joint committee shall be written in a fair legible hand, on not less than a sheet of paper. And in all bills having more than one section, the sections shall be consecutively numbered, beginning with “Section 1.”

Mistakes in bills and resolves, merely clerical, may be corrected upon suggestion, without a motion to amend.

8. When a bill, resolve, or order, which shall have passed one house, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which the same shall have passed, by the secretary or clerk as the case may be. And every bill that shall have passed both houses to be enacted, and all resolutions having the force of law, that shall have finally passed both houses, shall be presented by the secretary of the senate to the governor for his approval ; and the secretary of the senate shall enter on the journal of the senate the day on which such bills or resolutions are so presented to the governor.

9. All endorsements on papers, while on their passage between the two houses, shall be under the signature of the secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house, respectively ; but after the final passage of bills and resolves, they shall be signed by the presiding officer of each house.

10. Every bill or resolve of a public nature, and every bill or resolve appropriating money, or disposing of state lands or other state property, reported in either house by a committee, or laid upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in both

houses, before having its first reading. The printed copies shall show by what committee the bill or resolve was reported, or by what member laid upon the table.

11. Whenever any document shall be printed for the use of the legislature, the number of copies shall be three hundred and fifty, unless otherwise ordered. The copies printed shall be delivered to the messengers of the two houses in the proportion of one-fourth for the use of the senate and three-fourths for the use of the house, after reserving seventy-five copies for the departments and for binding.

12. No business shall be transacted in convention of the two houses, unless by unanimous consent, except such as may be agreed upon before the convention is formed.

13. Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each house representing its vote, and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through another committee of conference.

14. When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration; and no measure containing the same subject matter, shall be introduced during the session, unless three days' notice is given to the house of which the mover is a member.

15. Whenever a message shall be sent from the senate to the house, it shall be announced at the door by the messenger of the senate, and shall be communicated respectfully to the chair by the bearer of it. In like manner messages from the house shall be communicated to the senate—the messenger of the house announcing them at the door of the senate.

16. No joint rule or order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present in each house.

17. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in either branch of the legislature, nor in committee, whose private right, distinct from public interest, is immediately involved.

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RULES.

1. The President shall take the chair at the time to which the senate stands adjourned; but in case of his absence at such time, the secretary shall preside until a president *pro tempore* be chosen.

2. At the first session of each day, on the appearance of a quorum, the journal of the preceding day shall be read; and the President shall ascertain whether a quorum is present before such reading.

3. When the President speaks he shall address the senate; when a senator speaks he shall stand in his place and address the President.

4. The President, when he speaks to any member of the senate, and the members, when referring to each other in debate, shall use in their addresses the title of *senator*, and by way of distinction name the county in which he resides.

5. The President shall have the right to name a senator to perform the duties of the chair during his absence; but the substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

6. The President shall rise to put a question, and shall declare all votes, but if any senator doubt the vote, all those voting in the affirmative, when called upon by the President, shall rise and stand until they are counted, and also those in the negative, in like manner, to make the vote certain.

7. The President shall consider a motion to adjourn as always first in order, and it shall be decided without debate.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to reconsider, to lay on the table, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

9. A motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or any senator, and shall then be deemed to be in possession of the senate, to be disposed of by the senate; but the mover may withdraw it at any time before a decision, or any amendment be made to it.

10. No senator shall address the senate until recognized by the President, nor more than once to the exclusion of any other senator, without leave of the senate, if objection is made, unless he be the mover of the matter under debate, and not then more than three times without leave.

11. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment; nor shall an amendment proposing to ingraft a general provision of law upon a private bill, be in order; nor any amendment beyond the second degree.

12. An amendment proposed may be amended before it is adopted, but not afterwards, unless the vote adopting it be first reconsidered, and no senator shall be competent to move any reconsideration unless he voted with the majority and upon the same or a succeeding day; and a motion to reconsider any vote shall not be laid upon the table unless a time shall be specially assigned for its consideration.

13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn; but if made while another question is pending, it shall not be put until the other question is disposed of, but simply entered.

14. Questions of order shall be decided by the President without debate; but if an appeal is taken, the same may be debated like other questions, and the decision thereon shall be entered upon the journal.

15. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member.

16. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

17. Every paper shall be once read at the table before any senator shall be obliged to vote on it, but when the reading of a paper is called for, that has been before read to the senate, if any senator object, the question shall be determined by the senate.

18. All bills and resolves in the second reading shall be com-

mitted to the committee on bills in the second reading, to be by them examined, corrected, and so reported to the senate.

19. Upon the second reading of a bill or resolve, after the same shall be read through, and before the question is put on its passage, it shall be read and considered by paragraphs, at the request of any member of the senate; and no bill or resolve shall have a second reading unless a time (not less than one hour after the first reading) be assigned therefor.

20. No bill or resolve shall pass to be engrossed without being twice read; and all bills and resolves, immediately after the same shall have been engrossed, shall be committed to the committee on engrossed bills, whose duty shall be to examine the same, and to see that the same have been truly engrossed; and before any bill shall pass to be enacted, or any resolve be finally passed, it shall be reported by the committee for the examination of engrossed bills to be truly and strictly engrossed, and the title thereof be read by the President.

21. No resolve of any kind, or order making any grant of money, lands, or other public property, shall be passed without being read on two several days; the time for the second reading shall be assigned by the senate.

22. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business:

1st, House papers not acted on; and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

2d, Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d, The reception and reference of petitions and such other papers, except bills and resolves, as require action by a committee.

4th, Reports of committees, and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve. Bills, resolves, etc., offered by senators, and their reference or first reading.

5th, Bills and resolves reported by the committee on bills in the second reading.

6th, Bills on their passage to be enacted, and resolves on their final passage.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to number bills and resolves in the order in which they shall be reported by said committee, and enter them upon the calendar in such order. They shall be

taken up for their second reading and passage to be engrossed, or other disposition, in the order in which they stand upon the calendar. When a bill or resolve, after it is put on the calendar, is laid on the table, and no time assigned for its further consideration, it shall go to the foot of the calendar as it then stands. Papers from the house, concerning which there has been a disagreeing vote of the two houses, shall be disposed of before commencing with the calendar. This rule shall not apply to or interfere with motions to reconsider, or special assignments or other privileged questions.

23. When the yeas and nays are taken, the names of the senators shall be called alphabetically.

24. After a question is put to vote, no senator shall speak on it. Every senator who may be present shall vote unless excused by the senate, or excluded by interest.

25. The unfinished business, in which the senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have preference in the orders of the day.

26. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the house without notice thereof being given to the senate by the president.

27. Every member who shall present a petition, shall place his name thereon and a brief statement of its subject.

28. All confidential communications made by the governor to the senate, shall be by the members thereof kept inviolably sacred until the senate shall by their resolution take off the injunction of secrecy.

29. No rule shall be dispensed with, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

30. Any member of the senate may exchange seats on consulting the president and obtaining his permission.

31. No member shall absent himself from the senate without leave, unless there be a quorum left present.

32. All committees shall be nominated by the president (unless when it may be determined that the election shall be by ballot,) and appointed by the senate.

33. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

On bills in the second reading.

On engrossed bills.

To consist of twelve members each. Any one of the first, and any two of the second, shall constitute a quorum.

34. No member of the senate shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

35. All messages from the senate to the house, and to the governor, or governor and council, shall be carried by the secretary, unless the senate shall direct some other mode of transmission, and all papers shall be transmitted to the governor and council and the house by the secretary or his assistant.

36. The senate may at any time, upon motion, by a vote of a majority of the members present, resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering any subject named in the motion; and a chairman shall be appointed by the president. If a message is announced while the senate is in such committee, the president shall resume the chair for the purpose of receiving it; immediately after which the committee shall proceed, until dissolved in the usual manner.

37. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, and Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies, shall govern the senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules of the senate, or the joint rules of the two houses.

MEMORANDA.

1. Orders, motions in writing, and reports of committees, should never be presented on less than half a sheet of paper.
2. When a *report* of a committee is made to either house it should be accompanied by the *order* appointing said committee.
3. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances, from towns in their *corporate capacity*, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of town of ———,*" [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
4. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from individuals, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of ——— and others, of the town of ———,*" [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
5. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from corporations should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of ———,*" [naming the corporation and stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
6. The name of the member presenting petitions, memorials and remonstrances, should be endorsed on the back thereof, *near the bottom*, with the place of his residence.
7. The member presenting an *order* should put his name thereto on the inside, at the bottom of the page, on the left, with the place of his residence.
8. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances, on which *leave to withdraw* was ordered by a former legislature, cannot be recalled from the files with a view of being again referred. The *original*, however, may be taken from the files, and the subject presented *de novo*.
9. Bills and resolves *refused a passage, rejected or postponed indefinitely* by a former legislature, cannot be called from the files with a view of being considered by the present legislature.

10. The heading or caption of *bills* should be as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

An act ———

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

11. The caption of *resolves*, as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

[*Omitting* the year required in bills.]

Resolve ———

12. The caption of *orders*, as follows :

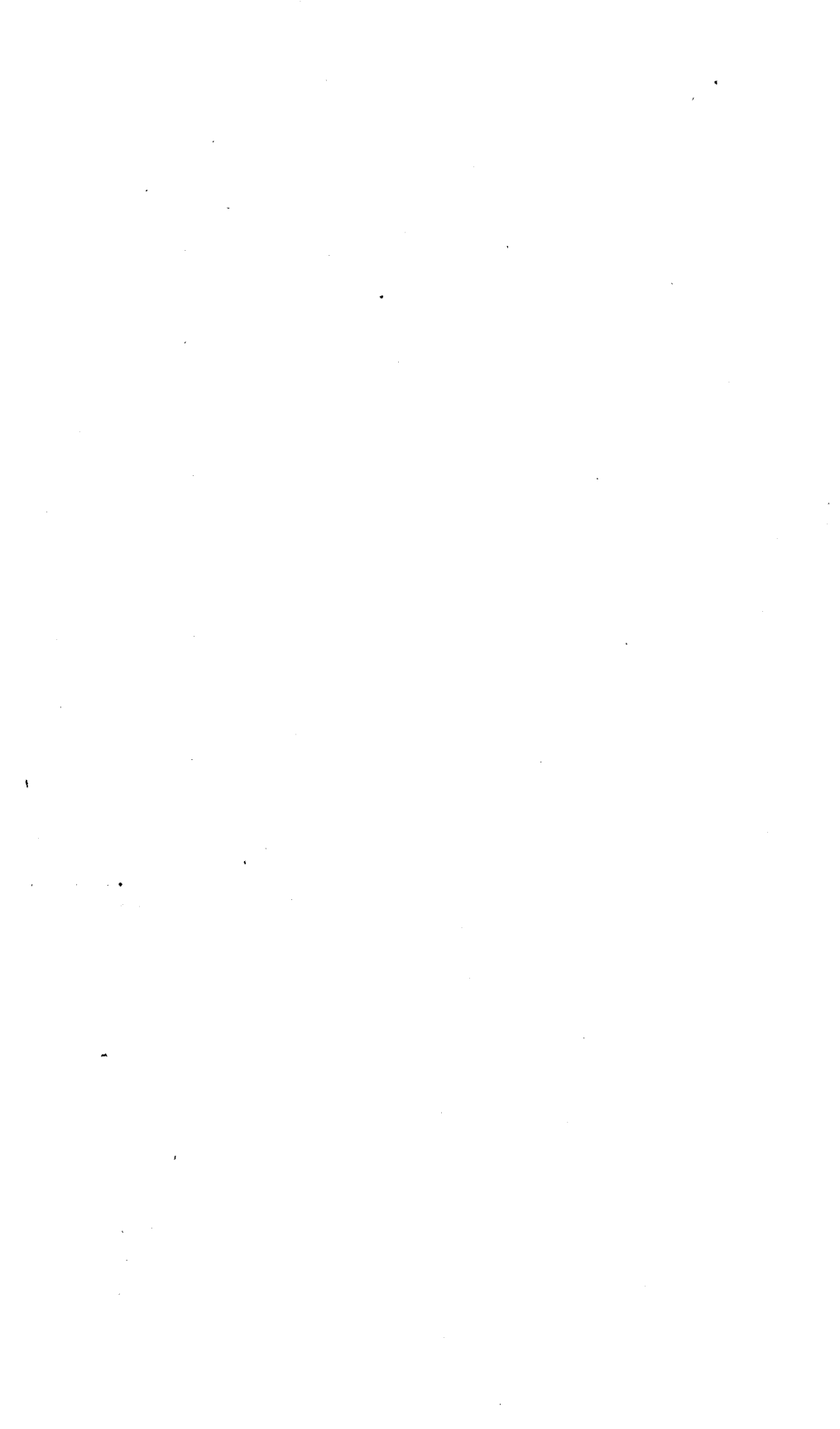
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